

Colca Canyon Tour

About Arequipa: Arequipa is the capital of the colonial era of the Arequipa region of Peru. It is surrounded by 3 volcanoes and has baroque buildings built of sillar, a white volcanic stone. In its historical center, there is the Plaza de Armas, an imposing main square, and to the north of it is the Neoclassical Cathedral Basilica of the 17th century, which houses a museum exhibiting works of art and religious objects.

This trek is more recommended because you have more time to enjoy the views and going slow taking pictures. The level of this hiking is easy. The first day trek is around 3 ½ hours, second day trek is 4 ½ hours and the last day 3 hours. The trail is down hill-flat and up hill altitudes from 3300 till 1900 m.a.s.l. No acclimatization is necessary when you are coming from Arequipa , Puno, Cusco even lower altitudes.

- 03 Days/02 Nights
- May to November
- Moderate

Difficulty Condition

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Travel Program

[Day 01:First Day](#)

We will begin with a transfer from your hotel from the 07:30 a.m. and depart from Arequipa to 8:30 a.m. we will go by the road track Yura and subsequently we will pass near to the Chachani volcano to then pass through Pampa Cañahuas, a place where you can find the National Reserve Salinas and acute Blanca and pause for a time of 10 to 15 minutes where our passengers can appreciate the vicunas that are in their natural environment.

At this point we will be about 3400 masl in Pata Wasi, a small Andean community at the opposite border of the reserve. Here you might enjoy the natural rock formation and the view to the backside of the main Volcanoes (Misti and Chachani). To prevent altitude sickness, we will have an original Andean “coca tea” drink, on a rustic restaurant on the road.

Continuing we will reach Patapampa 4500 masl, good point for lookout of volcanoes. After the spectacular view we will begin the descent to the town of Chivay where we will arrive after approximately 45 minutes.

When we are getting close to Chivay we will start to wonder at the spectacular multicolor view of the terraces of the Colca valley; we will keep our drive to the lodge called “LA CASA DE MAMAYACHHI” where we will have our buffet lunch (included on first day only)

After lunch your guide will invite you to a short walk through Coporaque and its surroundings (this walk takes around 1h and is optional), then we will go to “hot natural springs”, where we will enjoy a relaxing bath (entrances fees, personal towels, or sandals are not included)

After this, we will back to the hotel
End of first day.

07:30 a.m. Transfer from centrally located hotels
08:30 a.m. Departure Bus from Arequipa to Chivay

10:00 a.m. Stop in the "Mirador de los volcanes"
12:00 a.m. Arrival to the entrance fee checkpoint store (here you can buy your colca entrances fees)
12:40 p.m. Arrival to Chivay
01:00 p.m. Departure to lodge "La Casa de Mamayacchi" for lunch
01:15 p.m. Lunch buffet (included)
02:20 p.m. Walking to small Inca ruins
03.30 p.m. End of walking and departure towards hot springs
03:50 p.m. Arrival to hot springs and 1 hour for enjoying bath
05:00 p.m. Departure to Chivay 05.30 p.m. Arrival to Chivay hotels and end of first day

Overnight

Hotel

Drive

5 Hours approx

Hiking/Tour

5 Hour approx.

Meals

B/L/-

[Day 02: From Chivay / Colca Canyon / Cruz Del Condor / Chivay](#)

After our continental breakfast at 5:30 am, we will leave our trip to one of the deepest canyons in the world THE COLCA CANYON, where is located the MIRADOR DE LA CRUZ DEL CONDOR, place of observation of the spectacular flight of the condor. Of return we stop at the peoples of Pinchollo, Maca and Yanque with beautiful colonial churches; as well as the viewpoints of Antahuilque and choquetico from where we can observe the tombs, models pre-Incas and the beautiful landscape of the Colca Valley with its impressive terraces. At approximately 12:00 pm we arrive to Chivay.

We will give an hour for you to get your lunch (this 2nd lunch is not included)
Return to lodge

Then, you'll have the rest of the day free for personal activities such as hiking, horse riding, or biking, they are not included in the program but on request they can be also organized.
End of second day.

05:30 a.m. Breakfast in hotel
06:00 -06.30 a.m. Pick up from hotels and depart to "lookout of Condors parade"
06:50am Arrival and visit Yanque
07:10am Departure to Yanque and stops on some lookouts
08:00 a.m. Arrival to the entrances fees checkpoint (you can use toilet)
08:20 a.m. Optional walk on the border of Canyon that take us to "Cruz del Condor" lookout (30min of walking)
08:50 a.m. Arrival to "Cruz del Condor" lookout and waiting time to see Condors flight.
09:30 a.m. Departure to Chivay, make some stop son small towns and lookouts before reaching Chivay.
12:00 p.m. Arrival to Chivay and we give you time for lunch (not included)
01:00 p.m. Return to lodge
Afternoon Free afternoon

Overnight

Hotel

Drive

5 Hours approx

Hiking/Tour

3 Hour approx.

Meals

B/L/-

Day 3: From Chivay / Coporaque / Chivay / Arequipa

After our breakfast, a local Villager will take you to his home and will plan together with you the work to be done this morning. We cannot exactly define what this day will look like as it depends on the season and weekday. However, the normal activities run - among others - from support in the fields, herding animals, the preparation of land for sowing or harvesting.

Around midday your host will accompany you on your way back to your hotel to pick up your luggage and then continue towards Chivay.

Please note: Local people do not speak English, so be prepared to use at least some Spanish words along with your hands

We will give an hour for you to get your lunch (this 3rd lunch is not included)

After lunch we return to the city of Arequipa, arriving to the city approximately at 5:00 pm. And so we end our adventure by the Colca Valley.

End of program.

07:00am-08:00am Breakfast in hotel

09:00 a.m. A local villager will take you to do extra cultural activities (Spanish only)

09:30 a.m. Start of extra activities

11:30 a.m. Arrival to Chivay and we give you time for lunch (not included)

01:00 p.m. Departure from Chivay to Arequipa

05:00 p.m.- 05:30p.m. Arrival to Arequipa and transfers to hotels in center of Arequipa

Overnight

Hotel

Drive

5 Hours approx

Hiking/Tour

4 Hour approx.

Meals

B/L/-

Included meals: B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner

What's Included

Services included in the prices:

- Shared bus from Arequipa to Chivay
- Tour Guide (Spanish / English)
- Buffet lunch on the first day on lodge MAMAYACCHI (keep in mind we include this first lunch for not missing the walking)
- Shared bus from Chivay to hot springs and return

- Lodging in Chivay
 - Hotels similar or the same category as Pozo de Cielo o Casa Andina Colca.
 - Comfortable rooms, private toilet, hot water, Wi-Fi and buffet breakfast.
- Breakfast in lodge
- Shared bus from Chivay to Mirador del condor lookout and back to Chivay
- Tourist guide (English/Spanish)
- Shared bus from Chivay to hot springs and return
- Lodging in Chivay
 - Hotels similar or the same category as Pozo de Cielo o Casa Andina Colca.
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- Breakfast in lodge
- Cultural activities in Coporaque leaded by a local villager
- Shared bus from Chivay to Arequipa

Not included:

- First breakfast on Arequipa.
- Entrances fees to hot springs
 - The regular entrances fee is S/15 Soles per person and allows you to enter up to 3 swimming pool (shared with others)
 - Is possible to rent a private cabin with Jacuzzi, S/70 soles per cabin (up to 2 people)
 - Is possible to rent a presidential cabin with Jacuzzi S/130 Soles per cabin (up to 6 people)
 - Is possible to rent towels and sandals on the same site.
- Colca tourist ticket (CTT)
 - S/70 Soles per person for foreigners
 - S/20 Soles per person for Peruvians
- Lunch on the second and third day in Chivay
 - There are a lot of restaurants in Chivay you can choose from
- Dinners on fist day and second day in Chivay
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- Others not mentioned in the programs
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What to Bring

What to Bring or take fo Day Hiking and Technical Equipment for Climbing Expedition

This equipment list is compiled to provide you with adequate help when choosing your equipment for a climb. Most items are required. Please consider each of them and make sure you understand the function and exclusive use for mountaineering, before substituting or removing items from this list. Please note that this list has been carefully annotated by the organizer. Remember that mountaineering, mountaineering or mountaineering is an extreme, risky sport, therefore everything related to it is of great attention.

These items should be on your hiking checklist:

Hiking backpack for hiking 30 to 40 liters

Light gloves for hiking or (Optional Mittens waterproof)

Medium weight socks

Sleeping bag (-10° to 15°C)

Small daypack for one day hiking 20 liters

Weather-appropriate clothing (think moisture-wicking and layers)

Hiking boots or shoes

Medium weight parka with fiber fill or down

Rain poncho (or rain gear)

Long-sleeved shirts

Fleece or Wool sweater and/or trousers

Lightweight pants

Cotton short-sleeved shirts or t-shirts

Water bottle for hiking or trekking

Strong waterproof duffel bag

Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb

Towel for personal hygiene each participant First-aid kit

Regular and long underwear

Knife or multi-tool

Light cap and wool hat

Sunglasses with UV certification, Sun block, lips

The rest of the list Essentials as appropriate for your hike

Grooming and personal hygiene kit

One Hiking Buff per person

Technical Equipment for High Altitude Expedition Mountains

3 Locking carabiners, we recommended per person

We recommend 2 ice screws for each client

1 Daisy Chain (Life Line) per each person

2 Ice axes (per person) technical, we recommended GRIVEL company

1 ATC descender (Rappel), this is very necessary for technical mountains

2 Cords for prusik, very important (Size Cord 6 mm x 10 m. long)

Gloves(Good gloves) for expeditions over 6000meters

Harness, we recommended GRIVEL company

Sleeping pad / Mattress, we recommend with air or inflatable mattress

Crampons, we recommended GRIVEL company

Walking sticks (optional), a pair per person, we recommended GRIVEL company

Down Jacket for expedition

Very important to have personal clothing such as pants and jacket with GOROTEX certification

First aid kit, for high mountains, because we as guides cannot medicate clients

Backpack Capacity 60 liters, it is better to have a bigger backpack to go comfortably to the high camps, because here you have to carry all your personal things

Gaiters or Leggings, now modern boots already have built-in (Incorporated), but better to have an extra pair

Dressing appropriately for the mountains can make the difference between a pleasant trip and a really uncomfortable one. Clothing must provide the right degree of temperature, perspiration and be well ventilated. Preferably cotton clothing should be avoided, as in humid conditions they absorb body heat.

In general, the weather conditions in in the Andes of South America can vary from day to day and even throughout the day. Therefore, clothing must be versatile.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have regarding the necessary equipment.

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