

## ITINERARY AREQUIPA AND COLCA 4DAYS 3NIGHTS

### Altitude:

Lima 154 mosl / Arequipa 2300 mosl / Colca 3500 mosl

*This city, flanked by three large volcanoes, is proud of its heritage, its perpetually blue sky and bright sunshine, its green countryside, its grand mansions of volcanic rock, alpaca wool articles, and good food.*

*Colca Canyon, the beauty of the Colca Valley and canyon lie in the spectacular terraces that allow crops to grow on the steep mountain slopes, in the impressive Andean-Baroque and Renaissance-style churches in lost little towns, its quiet camelids, thermal springs that offer rejuvenating baths, condors in their natural habitat, and Mt. Mismi (5597 masl), the source of the Amazon River. All of this is wrapped in majestic natural surroundings that are interwoven with a culture that remains alive without losing its deepest and most valuable identity traits.*

### JULY 2018

#### DAY 1

#### LIMA / AREQUIPA

Depart Lima in regular flight.

Arrive Arequipa. Reception, transfer and accommodation at the hotel.



Accommodation in Arequipa.

#### DAY 2

#### AREQUIPA / COLCA VALLEY

Breakfast.



We will depart in group at 07:30 am from Arequipa, driving 160 km to the town of Chivay, capital of the Province of Caylloma. At the beginning of our excursion we will enjoy the majestic views of the Misti, Chachani and PichuPicchu volcanoes before approaching the National Reserve of Pampa Cañahuas, where our transportation will make a short stop to observe the wild Vicuñas (one of the 4 types of American camels) in its natural habitat. At this point we will be about 3,400 meters above sea level.

Moving on we will arrive to Pata Wasi (Pata=high, Wasi=home), and Andean community at the opposite border of the reserve. Here you might enjoy the natural formation of rocks and the view to the backside of the Misti and Chachani volcanoes. To prevent altitude sickness we will have an original Andean Mate de Coca drink or another hot drink in a rustic restaurant (service of bathrooms are here available).

Continuing on the road we will pass Tocra, a high plain at more than 4,500 meters, where we will observe lakes with migrant birds and get pictures of the Antiplano with its Llamas and Guanacos. The highest point of our tour will be Pata Pampa (Pata=high, Pampa=land) located at 4,820 meters, where we'll observe the volcanoes Ampato, Sabancaya, Hualca-Hualca, Mismi (the source of Amazon River), and the Cordillera de Chila.

When we are getting close to the town of Chivay (3,651 meters) we will start to wonder at the spectacular multicolor view of the terraces of the Colca valley. We keep our drive until Coporaque town until La Casa de Mamayachi Lodge where we will have our lunch (cost of lunch is not included in program).

After lunch your guide will invite you to a short walk through Coporaque and its surroundings (this walk takes around 1 hour and is optional). We'll come back to our transportation and visit a natural "hot springs", where we will enjoy a relaxing bath (entrance fee and personal towels to the baths are not included). After this exiting day we will bring you to your lodge.

Accommodation in Colca.

### DAY 3

#### COLCA VALLEY / AREQUIPA

Breakfast.



Very early breakfast and leave to the famous Cruz del Condor point..

Arrive to Cruz del Condor and time enough to have an enjoyable view of the deep of the Canyon and if the weather permits, majestic pictures of the flight of the Condors.

After a coordinated time, our guide will take you for a short walk near the Canyon (1 hour approx).

On the way back we're going to visit the traditional village of Pinchollo and the Antahuilque viewpoint, where wonderful 1,500 year old terraces, constructed by the Collaguas, a culture well before the Incas time, can be observed. We also will make a stop at the look-out point of Choquetico with its hanging tombs "Tumbas colgantes", and take a look to the litomaqueta, a model of the canyon terraces carved in a rock.

We will continue our visits visiting Maca, an Andean community that experienced an earthquake in November of 1991 and the village of Yanque with the most beautiful church in the valley.

Return to Arequipa after lunch (cost of lunch is not included in program).

Arrival and transfer to your hotel.

Accommodation in Arequipa

**DAY 4**      **AREQUIPA / LIMA**  
Breakfast



08:30 We start the tour driving towards to the district of Cayma, one of Arequipa's traditional districts, taking as a route the new bride of "Chilina" that allow as to enjoy a view of our city and its terraces with the Chili River.

In *Cayma* we will visit the Main Plaza and its Church, where the Dominican monks built a chapel in the year 1544 and today this Chapel is the sanctuary of the Virgin of Candelaria.

Finishing with this visit we will drive to the area of *Añashuayco*; place where the famous volcanic stone "*Sillar*" is extracted (Sillar is the white volcanic stone that is used in the construction of colonial buildings in the city of Arequipa). In the area of *Añashuayco*, your guide will give you information about the origin and geological formations of the quarries and we will have the opportunity to observe the hard work that this job takes.

We will drive to *Yanahuara*; where we will visit the popular market of Antiquilla, that until today keep the colonial building style of the "Old Arequipa" and Yanahuara Main Plaza, having a wonderful view of the city and its volcanoes and exploring some traditional streets.

After Yanahuara we keep forward to Arequipa Main Square (*Plaza de armas*) where you guide will give information about history and details of its infrastructure, and important points about the Cathedral.

Transfer to the airport.  
Depart Arequipa in regular flight .

**PROGRAM PRICE IN REGULAR SERVICE (shared with a group)**

With Casa Andina Premium Arequipa Hotel 5\* and Colca Lodge 4\*

Single accommodation      US\$ 725.00 + Air ticket + emission fee

Double accommodation      US\$ 475.00 per person + Air ticket + emission fee

With Casa Andina Select Arequipa Hotel 4\* and Casa Andina Standard Colca 3\*

Single accommodation      US\$ 515.00 + Air ticket + emission fee

Double accommodation      US\$ 337.00 per person + Air ticket + emission fee

**The program includes:**

- Transfers in Arequipa : transfers airport/hotel and vv
- Tours specified in the itinerary are in regular service (shared with other passengers).
- Entrances to the touristic sites specified in the itinerary.
- **HOTELS:** accommodation with breakfast included.
  - 2 nights in Arequipa
  - 1 night in Colca
- 10% of services.
- 18% of Peruvian sales tax.

**The program doesn't include:**

- Air tickets (international or domestic).
- Meals and services not specified in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses: phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc.
- Transfers in Lima

***IMPORTANT:***

*The itinerary was quoted for a foreign passenger. Foreign are exonerated of TAX (sales tax) payment, ONLY in accommodation with the following requirement: show your original passport at the hotel check-in, if you don't show this document the hotel will charge directly the TAX not considered in the price quoted in this itinerary.*

**CANCELATION POLICY / PAYMENTS**

- Travel insurance: please confirm which travel insurance are you using. Consider that in Peru, the 'any reason' product is not available, you must hire it from your country.
- Cancellation: any hotel reimburse 30 days prior your arrival. Some hotel chain penalizes with 30% between the 60 days prior your arrival.  
Once the train ticket is purchased is no refundable. Maximum date to purchase, 30 days prior your arrival

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