



## Trekking Colca Canyon 3 Days/2 Nights

Colca is the world's second deepest canyon at 3,400m at its deepest point, almost twice as deep as the US' Grand Canyon. It is located 100m northwest of Arequipa and is Peru's third most visited tourist attraction.



Easy

Moderate

Difficult

### Itinerary

#### Day one Arequipa- Chivay - Condor Cross - Cabanaconde - San Juan de Chuccho

A guide from the travel agency will pick you up early, at 3.30am, where you will travel from Arequipa to Cabanaconde on a tourist bus. After a 2 hour drive, we will have the opportunity to see the sunrise over the mountains. The highest point on our trip is a place called Patapampa which is located 4,950 metres above sea level.

The van will stop at a check point where a tourist ticket should be paid. The entrance fee is 70 soles per person. After another 5 minute drive we will arrive at the restaurant to have breakfast.



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After breakfast we will continue with our trip to Colca Canyon. On the way we will see the beautiful landscapes of the Colca Valley or as it was called by Mario Vargas Llosa, the Valley of Marvels.

After an hours journey we will arrive at the Condor Cross at approximately 8 am, where we will have 45 minutes to see the Andean condor, one of the biggest birds in flight in the world.

The trip then continues to Cabanaconde which is 20 minutes away from Condor Cross. Our trekking starts in Pampa San Miguel which is a place close to the edge of the canyon. The walk will last approximately 3 hours. The views on the way down are spectacular and the view of the canyon here is wider, totally different from those we had at the Condor Cross.

Villages like Malata, Cosñirhua, Tapay and San Juan de Chuccho can be seen clearly on the way. Sangalle Oasis is one of the most well known places inside Colca Canyon which is known by many simply as the Oasis. After the descent we will stay in San Juan de Chuccho 'Colca Garden'. Lunch is included. After lunch, you will have the rest of the day free to explore the surrounding area.

At night we will have dinner together before staying in the man made shelters.

## **Day two San Juan de Chuccho – Cosñirhua – Malata – Sangalle Oasis**

Good morning Colca Canyon! Breakfast is at 7am. At 7.30am we will depart to Cosñirhua and Malata. The main activity there is fruit cultivation and agriculture. After 4 hours we will arrive at the Oasis located in the Sangalle area.

We will spend the night in Paradise Lodge which is one of the best in the area where we can enjoy the accommodation such as the swimming pool and hammocks.

Lunch will be at 1pm and dinner is at 6.30pm. Both are included in the program.

## **Day three Sangalle Oasis –Cabanaconde – Chivay -Arequipa**

The wake up call will be early, 4am. The walk back to Cabanaconde starts at 5am before sunrise in order to avoid severe dehydration. The walk is uphill and it takes approximately 3 hours to arrive at Cabanaconde, breakfast will be provided there.

The tourist bus will depart from Cabanaconde at 10am and it will take us to Chivay. On the way, the bus will stop in Antuilque where the view of the Pre-Inca terraces is incredible. After that we will go directly to Chivay in order to enjoy the healing properties of the thermal baths. We will spend an hour here before returning to Chivay to have lunch. We will then continue with our trip back to Arequipa arriving at approximately 5.30pm.



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On the way back we will stop at the highest point in the Colca Valley (Patapampa), the Volcano Viewpoint, and also the the Aguanda Blanca National Reserve to take photos of the Andean cameloids (llamas, alpacas and the wild vicuñas).

### Included in the price

- Transportation – accommodation
- Official tour guide
- All meals included, except lunch in Chivay on the third day

### Not included in the price

- Entrance fee to the National Reserve Colca Canyon (70 soles)
- Entrance fee to the hot spring in Chivay (15 soles)
- Buffet lunch in Chivay (25 soles)
- Tips

### We recommend

- Sun block, hat or cap and sunglasses
- Camera
- Small backpack
- Mineral water (you can buy in all villages), snacks
- Head torch/villages
- Money in soles
- Swimming costumes
- Towel
- Insect repellent
- Personal medication
- Hiking boots

**Note – sleeping bag is not important**

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