



## Colca Canyon Conventional 2 Days/1 Night

The Conventional Colca Canyon tour is a bus tour with very little walk to the deepest canyon on earth. It lets you enjoy beautiful natural scenery the whole way.



### Itinerary

#### Day one Arequipa – Colca Valley

8 a.m. Pick up from your accommodation and departure to the Colca Valley. We will take the road to Yura with a good view of the peaks of the Chachani volcano on the way. We will then cross the Pampas of Arrieros and Cañahuas where we can see the impressive vicuñas (wild relatives of the llama) and various volcanic formations. After 14 kms we will arrive at Viscachani with its togras (indigenous plants), small lagoon and marshes which are home to various species of migratory birds. Next to these there is a forest with rocky cliff formations. Here we will also come across a small restaurant where we recommend drinking 'mate de coca' to prevent altitude sickness, as our next stop will be the natural volcano lookout point Patapampa at a height of 4830 m.a.s.l. From this lookout point we can view the volcanoes Ampato, Hualca Hualca, Sabancaya – part of the Chile mountain range as well as Misti and Chachani.

At 1.30 p.m. we will arrive at Chivay for lunch in a traditional restaurant. Afterwards, we will settle in to the hostel which is only one block away from the main square in town.



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At 5.00 p.m. we will leave the hotel for the thermal baths at La Calera before returning to Chivay for dinner and to enjoy the folk show at 7pm. There is an optional night at the disco beginning at 8pm before staying the night in the hotel.

## Day two

You will have a continental breakfast in your hostel at 6 a.m. before departing to the Condor Cross at 6.30 a.m. At 8.30 a.m you will arrive at the Condor Cross which at 3500 m.a.s.l is the highest point of the Colca Canyon. Here we will stay for around 2 hours, in order to contemplate the majesty of the canyon and the flight of the impressive condors (considered the Andean bird of Peru) in particular.

At 10.30 a.m. we will return to Chivay. On the way we will make stops in the Choquetico and Antahuilque to see some archaeological remains and other sights of the canyon. After this we will continue on through the traditional mountains and 'litomaquetas' - models of the mountain terraces carved into rocks and miniature – in the amphitheatre of the canyon.

At 1.00 p.m. we will arrive in the town of Chivay for lunch in the traditional restaurant. We will leave at 2.00 p.m. to return to the city of Arequipa, we should arrive at 6.00 p.m.

## Included in the price

- Transport from Arequipa to Colca and back to Arequipa
- 1 night accommodation (\*) ranging from basic lodgings to a four star hotel
- Folkloristic show in the evening
- Continental breakfast
- Optional 45 minute hike from Pinchollo to the Cruz del Condor

## Not included in the price

- National Tourist ticket (70 soles)
- Tickets for the thermal baths (15 soles)
- Meals

## We recommend

- Outerwear (coat etc)
- Clothes for swimming
- Water
- Camera

**\* Price of the tour depends on the type of accommodation**

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