

**AREQUIPA – THE WHITE CITY &
COLCA CANYON – WHERE THE CONDORS FLY**

Duration: Three days / two nights

Fitness level: Low

Includes:

- English speaking professional guide
- Entrance fee into the Colca Canyon National Park
- Accommodation for one night in the Colca Canyon

Not included:

- Tips for the guide
- Entry into the Hot Springs

Tour Itinerary:

DAY ONE: CITY TOUR OF AREQUIPA

Upon arrival in Arequipa Ultimate Tours Peru will meet you at the airport or bus station and transfer you to your hotel.

In the afternoon, you will embark on an enjoyable guided city tour of Arequipa. This tour will allow you to explore Arequipa's Plaza de Armas (Main Square) – one of most beautiful in Perú, the Cathedral, the church and cloister of Jesus Company, the Church of San Francisco and the Convent of Santa Catalina. This Convent was closed to visitors and shrouded in secrecy for more than 400 years so we are very lucky to be able to visit this 16th century wonder. The Convent has a colourful history and is likened to stepping back in time to a forgotten world of narrow twisting streets, tiny plazas and beautiful courtyards.

Also included this afternoon you will discover the areas surrounding Arequipa city. Spend some time visiting the beautiful districts of Yanahuara, known as the "balcony of Arequipa"; Caima with its colonial church; and Sabandia known for its typical 18th century water mill.

We will then transfer you back to your hotel so that you can rest and freshen up before dinner.

In the evening you will enjoy a sumptuous meal at a typical Peruvian restaurant (drinks not included).

Meals included: Dinner



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DAY TWO: AREQUIPA-COLCA CANYON

After your fulfilling breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel and begin our scenic drive to the Colca Canyon.

On route you will spot groups of vicuñas (wild South American camelids) in their natural habitat. We stop at Patapampa, also called *the window of the Andes*, and is situated at 4,820 metres above sea level (16,051 feet). From here experience magical views over the beautiful Valley of the Volcanoes as well as the Mismi Volcano.

After we have completed our spectacular descent into the Colca Canyon we will stop for a delicious lunch (not included). This afternoon we will begin our travel through the majestic canyon making our way to Chivay to stop for the night at our hotel.

The people living in the Colca Canyon region are known for their traditional clothing, especially the women's clothes. Their dresses and jackets are beautifully embroidered, and their hats are distinctive. In the Chivay area their white hats are woven from straw and are embellished with lace, sequins and badges.

Upon arrival in Chivay enjoy free time to visit the La Calera Hot Springs. Entry is US\$3.00. Make sure you bring a bathing suit. (Optional)

This evening we will enjoy a typical Peruvian buffet meal for dinner (drinks not included).

Meals included: Breakfast & dinner

DAY THREE: COLCA CANYON - AREQUIPA

In order to maximise our chance of seeing condors on the journey today, we will depart very early and travel towards the "Cross of the Condor".

From the lookout, the view is impressive, with the river flowing 1200m below. After your breathtaking experience watching the condors fly through the canyon, you can choose to walk down into the Colca Canyon for a short trek. This enables you to see this magnificent canyon up close.

Driving a little further into the canyon there is the possibility see some pre-Inca ruins and watch the way of life in this remote land. The landscape throughout the canyon is remarkable for its Inca and pre-Inca terracing which goes on for many kilometres. There are several villages along the way who continue to use these terraces today.

From here we return to Chivay for lunch and continue our journey back to Arequipa. Arrival into Arequipa is at approximately 5.00pm.

Meals included: Breakfast

END OF OUR SERVICES

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