

Colca Canyon Trekking 3d/2n

Duration: 3 days / 02 nights.
Important: Good physical condition.

Highlights:

Pampa Cañahuas Reserve - Patapampa highest point - Town of Chivay - Town of Cabanaconde Hike into the Canyon – Town of San Juan de Chucchos, visit to the towns of Cosñirhua and Malata - Town of Sangalle - Cruz del Condor view point.

First day:

We will depart at 7:00 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 PichuPichu 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 camelids) 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), an 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 on the road; (Drink not included in program) - 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 the 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.



Around 12:00 hrs. We will be in *Chivay* to have lunch, after the lunch we continue to *Cabanaconde* 3287 m. (located one and half hrs. from Chivay), arriving around 14:30 Hrs. from this place we will start the trekking adventure walking inside the canyon. This first day, we will walk down to *San Juan de Chuccho* 2,600 m. the hike take like 3 ½ hrs. In this place we will have the dinner and spend the first night in basic lodgment (cabins).

Second Day:

Breakfast in *San Juan de Chucchos*.

Today the hike will take more from us; walking up and down to *Cosñirgua* 2750 m., *Malata* 2450 m. and *Sangalle* 2160 m. (Popularly named **Oasis** because the palms). This day the hike through the canyon will take around 5 hours. In Sangalle we will have lunch and then we can enjoy the natural and basic pool of the lodgment (optional).

(the lodgment is similar to *San Juan de Chuccho* “very basic”).
Basic dinner and lodgment.

Third day:

This day we need to wake up very early to start the trek climbing up until *Cabanaconde* town. The trek starts at 03:30 hrs. in order to avoid hiking under the hard morning sun.

We will be in *Cabanaconde* for breakfast and there we'll meet our private transport and driver again. After breakfast we keep forward to *Chivay* town visiting on the route different view points such as the *Condor Cross* and the towns of *Pinchollo* and *Maca*. We'll be in *Chivay* around midday.



Lunch in Chivay (Not included in program)

Around 13:00 hrs. We'll start our drive back to *Arequipa* city or assist you with the connection in case you keep to other destination.

End of our service.

The program includes

- Private transport Arequipa / Chivay / Cabanaconde / Arequipa.
- Spanish/English official private guide
- Lodgment inside the canyon (basic)
- All the meals in the canyon and breakfast the third day.
- Mule (Only for equipment)

The program does not include

- Entrances
- Water
- Flash light
- Dry fruits
- Porter (optional)
- Sleeping bag (optional)
- Lunch the first and the third day
- Other not mentioned

Material to bring with you:

- Sleeping bag, hiking shoes, sun block, sun hat and bottled of water (we recommend about 2 ltrs.)

¡Giardino Tour Operator thanks you for your preference!

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