



Colca Canyon 3d/2n

Fixed dates:

Every day

Type of service:

Regular with a group



FIRST DAY

We will depart at 7:30 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 *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 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), 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 (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.



We keep our drive until **Coporaque** town and visit the Lodge *La Casa de Mamayacchi*, 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 exciting day we will bring you to your hotel or lodge.

SECOND DAY:

We will have our breakfast very early in the morning 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 aprox.) 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. Arrive in **Chivay** and free time to explore the town.

Return to your lodge.

The rest of the day is free for personal activities such as hiking, horses ride or biking, they are not include in program but on request they can be also organized.

THIRD DAY:



After a early breakfast at your hotel a *Coporaque villager* will take you to his home and will plan together with you the work to be done this morning. We cannot exactly define what this day will look like as it depends on the season and weekday. However, the normal activities run -among others- from support in the fields, herding animals, the preparation of land for sowing, or harvesting.

Around mid-day your host will accompany you on your way back to your hotel to pick up your luggage and then continue towards **Chivay**.

Please note: Local people do not speak English, so be prepared to use at least some Spanish words along with your hands.

Lunch in Chivay (not included in your program)

After Lunch we will return to Arequipa city.

Option with extra charge: Transfer from Chivay to Puno city on Lake Titicaca.

End of our service.

The program includes:

Tourist transport, English guide (1st, 2nd days), hotel, ½ day with a villager (3rd day), breakfast, assistance.

The Program does not include:

Tourist ticket to the Colca valley, excursions not mentioned in this program, tips, meals (lunch and dinner), entrances to the Hot Springs, towels, snacks, beverages and/or other extras.

¡Giardino Tour Operator thanks you for your preference!