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AREQUIPA

2019 *Guest Rates*



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Arequipa is, next to Lima, the country's quintessential Mestizo city. This is where different bloodlines, European, African, Asian and, of course, indigenous American fuse into one. The city's location underlines this mix of cultures and races. It is located high up in the Andean Mountains, though the Pacific coast is but a short drive away. The city's inhabitants are known for their independent personality traits. Other Peruvians perceive them as being slightly aloof, though Arequipeños take a lot of pride in being different from the rest of the country.

This is justified to a certain extent: their city is known for its creativity and culture. Mario Vargas Llosa, the famous Nobel Prize in Literature hails from this city and the delectable local cuisine was famous long before Lima's restaurants and chefs propelled the country's culinary traditions onto the world stage. The outside visitor cannot fail to be enchanted by this delightful city.

Why? The mix of sunny weather, elegant architecture, lush green agricultural terraces alternating with barren deserts and surreal-looking volcanoes keeping a watchful eye on it all.

Arequipa is the second-largest city of the country and lies at an altitude of 2,335 meters (7,661 ft.) above sea level; the snow-capped volcano El Misti overlooks the city. The city has many Spanish colonial-era buildings made of *sillar*, a greyish white volcanic rock, from which it receives its nickname, *La Ciudad Blanca* (The White City).

Colca Canyon

The historic center of Arequipa was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000, in recognition of its architecture and historic integrity

Did you know that it is more than twice as deep as the Grand Canyon in the United States? This colorful Andean valley with pre-Inca roots carved into the landscape by the Colca River is located about 100 miles (160 kilometers) northwest of Arequipa. It is one of Peru's most visited tourist destinations, though it is so extensive that you come across relatively few other visitors.

Itinerary

DAY 01 / AREQUIPA CITY

Upon arrival at Arequipa airport, you will be driven to your hotel, where you can get some rest and lunch, before heading out to explore Arequipa in the afternoon. During the 4-hour private Arequipa City Tour you will visit the following places:

The Monastery of Santa Catalina

This monastery, founded in 1580, is run by nuns of the Second Dominican Order. With a size exceeding 20,000 square meters, it housed up to 450 people but only about a third of them were nuns from upper class families and the rest were their servants. There are still about 20 nuns living in the northern corner of the complex; the rest of the monastery is open to the public and probably the city's most visited historical monument.

The Cathedral

The elegant Basilica Cathedral of Arequipa occupies an entire side of the city's main

square and was severely damaged twice in its history. In 1844 it was destroyed by a fire and in 1868, it was struck by an earthquake. Much of what you can see today is a neo-classical reconstruction dating from the second half of the 19th century.

The Main Square or Plaza de Armas

This constitutes the heart of historic Arequipa. The Cathedral lines the entire north side of this plaza. The two-storied arcades made of local *sillar* stone and neo-classical style line the remaining three sides of the square. This is probably one of the most elegant town squares in Peru, due to a combination of homogenous classical architecture, the abundant palm trees, and a unique view of the two spectacular, often snow-capped volcanoes.

The Convent and Church of San Francisco

The church and convent of San Francisco houses a library of 20,000 books, an art

gallery, the Temple of the Third Order as well as *Fundación El Fierro* which harbors a craft market and museum. Like most other constructions in Arequipa, this complex has suffered from earthquakes and major modifications to the original structures. The church's sculptures are masterpieces of 18th century Arequipeño art and the splendid choir, made of intricately carved *sillar* stone, stands out in particular.

The polychrome Dome of the Compañía de Jesús Church

This church was constructed between 1595 and 1698. Its interior consists of one main nave, two lateral wings, a high choir, a sanctuary, and finely carved wooden altars covered with gold leaf. The sacristy harbors the chapel of San Ignacio, famous for its polychrome murals showing tropical fauna and flora. The cloisters were built in the 18th century.

The colonial district of Yanahuara

The traditional and quaint district of Yanahuara, which in its most historic parts consists of a mix of narrow cobblestoned streets, old mansions constructed using volcanic *sillar* stone, and terraced orchards, lies about 2 kilometers from the historical heart of the city. Its main square has a lookout point with very picturesque views of Arequipa, the surrounding countryside and the three volcanoes.

Please make sure that you get to Arequipa no later than noon. Therefore, book your flights accordingly. The city tour starts at 2 pm, or 3 pm at the very latest. Overnight at the hotel of your choice in Arequipa city.



Itinerary

DAY 02 / COLCA CANYON

After an early breakfast, you will be picked up at 8:00 a.m. for your trip to the Colca Canyon.

The excursion includes a visit to the picturesque town of Yura, with stunning views of the snow-covered Chachani and Misti volcanoes. You will also visit the high altitude Pampa Cañahuas plateau, where you can appreciate wild vicuñas in their natural habitat. Next, you will visit the villages of Vischachani, La Pulpera, Callalli, Sibayo,

and Chivay where you can experience the colorful market, the church, and enjoy a nice buffet lunch. Above Chivay, at an elevation of 12,000 ft. (3,650 m.), agriculture gives way to livestock raising, mainly alpacas and llamas, as well as some sheep and dairy cattle.

Below Chivay, the valley displays intensely terraced landscapes, extending for many kilometers downstream.

You will spend the night at your hotel of choice at the Colca Canyon.



Itinerary**DAY 03 / SIGHTING CONDORS AT CRUZ DEL CONDOR**

The canyon is home to the Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*), a species that has been the focus of worldwide conservation efforts. The condors, which are a popular attraction, can be seen at close range as they fly past the canyon walls.

Therefore, this morning, after an early breakfast, we take you to the *Cruz del Condor* (Condor's Cross), a popular lookout point for tourists where the usually reclusive condors are commonly sighted. At this point the canyon floor is 3,960 ft. (1,200 m.) below the rim of the canyon.

You will appreciate the majesty of the condors at very close range. We then return to Arequipa. On the way back, we visit the small towns of Pinchollo, Maca, Achoma, Yanque as well as the scenic viewpoints at Antahuilque and Choquetico. At noon, we get to Chivay and have lunch and later on visit the so-called *El Mirador de los Andes*, affording a spectacular view of the surrounding volcanoes. We will get back to Arequipa at approximately 4 p.m. You will be dropped off at your hotel or at the airport. Please note that a third night is not included in the tour.

Since the tour ends quite late in the afternoon, clients that wish to take connecting flights out of Arequipa on the same day should make sure that there is enough time for completing check-in and security procedures at the airport. All passengers have to be at the airport at least two hours before their flights depart. They are thus advised not to book flights considered to leave too early, i.e. immediately or shortly after the tour ends.



Arequipa - Colca 3 days / 2 nights

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HOTEL	SINGLE OCCUPANCY				
	Casitas del Cola Garden View	Casitas del Cola Valley View	Colca Lodge Standard	Colca Lodge Adobe Suite	Aranwa Colca Deluxe Room
LIBERTADOR - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 1 285.00	US \$ 1 395.00	US \$ 880.00	US \$ 955.00	US \$ 855.00
LIBERTADOR - PREMIUM ROOM	US \$ 1 290.00	US \$ 1 405.00	US \$ 885.00	US \$ 960.00	US \$ 865.00
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 1 240.00	US \$ 1 350.00	US \$ 835.00	US \$ 905.00	US \$ 810.00
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM - JR. SUITE	US \$ 1 290.00	US \$ 1 405.00	US \$ 880.00	US \$ 955.00	US \$ 860.00
CASA ANDINA SELECT - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 1 215.00	US \$ 1 330.00	US \$ 810.00	US \$ 880.00	US \$ 785.00
CASA ANDINA SELECT - SUIT ROOM	US \$ 1 255.00	US \$ 1 370.00	US \$ 850.00	US \$ 925.00	US \$ 825.00
KATARI HOTEL - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 1 210.00	US \$ 1 330.00	US \$ 805.00	US \$ 880.00	US \$ 780.00
KATARI HOTEL - DELUXE ROOM	US \$ 1 235.00	US \$ 1 345.00	US \$ 830.00	US \$ 900.00	US \$ 805.00

Included

- Airport transfer – round trip (Day 1 & Day 3)
- Afternoon City Tour on Day 1 (Private tour)
- 1 night accommodation in Arequipa

Not included

- Lunch on Day 1
- Dinner
- Airfares to and from Arequipa

COST PER PERSON

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HOTEL	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY				
	Casitas del Cola Garden View	Casitas del Cola Valley View	Colca Lodge Standard	Colca Lodge Adobe Suite	Aranwa Colca Deluxe Room
LIBERTADOR - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 730.00	US \$ 790.00	US \$ 530.00	US \$ 565.00	US \$ 520.00
LIBERTADOR - PREMIUM ROOM	US \$ 735.00	US \$ 795.00	US \$ 535.00	US \$ 570.00	US \$ 525.00
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 715.00	US \$ 775.00	US \$ 510.00	US \$ 550.00	US \$ 500.00
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM - JR. SUITE	US \$ 735.00	US \$ 790.00	US \$ 530.00	US \$ 570.00	US \$ 520.00
CASA ANDINA SELECT - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 705.00	US \$ 760.00	US \$ 500.00	US \$ 540.00	US \$ 490.00
CASA ANDINA SELECT - SUIT ROOM	US \$ 720.00	US \$ 775.00	US \$ 515.00	US \$ 550.00	US \$ 505.00
KATARI HOTEL - SUPERIOR ROOM	US \$ 695.00	US \$ 750.00	US \$ 490.00	US \$ 530.00	US \$ 485.00
KATARI HOTEL - DELUXE ROOM	US \$ 710.00	US \$ 765.00	US \$ 505.00	US \$ 545.00	US \$ 495.00

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