

PERU - COLCA CANYON TO AREQUIPA EXTENSION



INTRODUCTION

This four day Chimu Adventure tour takes you on a journey from the edge of Lake Titicaca and the town of Puno to the dizzying heights of the Colca Canyon and Patapampa Pass (4,910m). It then winds its way to the city of Arequipa. Departing from Puno, the gateway to the islands that call Lake Titicaca home, you will head for Chivay. Enroute you will stop at Lagunillas Lagoon, as well as Patapampa Pass, the perfect viewpoint of the Cordillera mountains and Volcanoes of the Arequipa Region. Enjoy a restful night before you visit Mirador Cruz del Condor within the Colca Canyon. There you will watch the majestic condors fly, before continuing on to city of Arequipa, which lies on the edge of the altiplano. In Arequipa, you will tour its cobblestone streets and take in UNESCO World Heritage listed sites including a number of its white sillar stone buildings. These earn the city the affectionate title of 'La Ciudad Blanca', or 'the white city'.

This itinerary also runs in reverse. [Click here](#) for more info.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

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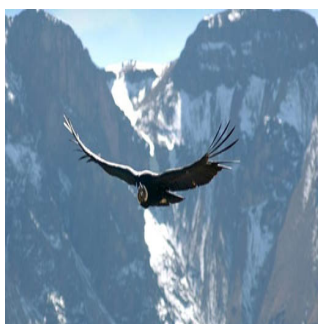
DAY 1: Puno to Chivay

Your tour will begin in Puno, a city founded at the site of a now defunct silver mine that acts as the gateway to visit the islands of the world's highest navigable lake, Lake Titicaca. Be sure to rug up as it can get quite cool as you travel by tour bus to the town of Chivay. Enroute you will stop at Lagunillas Lagoon, as well as Patapampa Pass, which offers spectacular views of the volcanos and mountain ranges that make up the cordillera of the Andes. On arrival to Chivay, you will be taken to your accommodation. Perhaps you might choose to visit a thermal hot spring to relax for the remainder of your afternoon.



DAY 2: Colca Canyon

This morning you will visit the second deepest canyon in the world, the Colca Canyon. Second only to Cotahuasi Canyon, which is also located within Peru, the Colca Canyon is 3,400m deep at its lowest point. This is almost twice as deep as the Grand Canyon in the United States of America by comparison. Your destination is Mirador Cruz del Condor, considered the best viewpoint to see the majestic Andean condors soar on the thermal drifts that flow between the canyon walls. There are approximately 6,200 condors remaining in the world and around fifty of these birds call the Colca Canyon home. Afterwards, you will return to Chivay before continuing by bus to the city of Arequipa. You will arrive late in the city of Arequipa, which lies 2,380m above sea level on the edge of the altiplano.



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DAY 3: Arequipa city tour

Today you will tour Arequipa, which is affectionately known as 'La Ciudad Blanca' or 'the white city' thanks to a number of its buildings being made by a white volcanic stone known as sillar. Acting as a backdrop to the city are El Misti, Pichu Pichu, Chachani and Ampato, the four imposing volcanos responsible for creating the material for this stone. Your first tour stop is Mirador Carmen Alto, a viewpoint located on the city's outskirts near the Chili River. It offers spectacular views of the surrounding countryside, Arequipa city and the peaks of El Misti, Chachani and Pichu Pichu. We'll continue to Yanahuara, a traditional Spanish colonial neighbourhood characterised by narrow, cobblestone streets and visit the town's main square. Located at the highest part of the district, Plaza de Yanahuara provides a viewpoint towards El Misti volcano and is home to a number of arches built in the 19th century as well as Parroquia San Juan Bautista de Yanahuara (Saint John the Baptist Church). From here you will walk to the mysterious Monasterio de Santa Catalina, or the Santa Catalina Convent, where you can wander its narrow streets and alleyways to discover its gardens before continuing downtown to see a number of UNESCO World Heritage listed sites found within and nearby Arequipa's main Plaza de Armas. At the plaza you will see the Basilica Cathedral of Arequipa and nearby you will visit the Compania de Jesus (Church of the Company) and Capilla de San Ignacio (St Ignatius Chapel). Your final stop is the Museo Santuarios Andinos (the Andean Sanctuary Museum) which houses a number of Incan artefacts including Juanita, a twelve to fourteen year old Incan girl who was sacrificed to the gods in the 1450's and found frozen atop Ampato in 1995. In the evening, why not venture to one of Arequipa's rooftop bars. There you can enjoy a bite to eat, a cerveza and take in views of the volcanos at a distance at sunset.



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DAY 4: Depart Arequipa

You will depart for the airport to fly to your next destination.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| Accommodation | Hotel |
| Inclusions | <p>Inclusions</p> <p>Private departure airport Transfer</p> <p>Shared bus transfers as part of itinerary</p> <p>Accommodation with breakfast daily</p> <p>Other meals where stated</p> <p>Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>International and internal flights not indicated</p> <p>Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Travel Insurance</p> <p>Beverages</p> <p>Personal expenses</p> <p>Gratuities for tour guides/drivers</p> <p>Any items not mentioned as included</p> |
| Difficulty Rating | 2 (light adventure) |
| Single Surcharge | A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. |
| Notes | <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> |
| Price Dependent upon | Seasonality and availability at time of booking. |

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

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We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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