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Colca Designed Trek 3 days: level 2

Fixed dates:	Every day
Type of service:	Regular with a Group (Minimum 2 persons).
Level grade hike:	Level 2 (Less crowded – Third day require <u>good physical</u> condition).

Day 1: From Arequipa to Colca canyon.



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 “**Salinas y Aguada Blanca**”, 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 4,000 meters above sea level. Moving on we will arrive to “**Alto Sumbay**”, 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 (service of bathrooms are here available).

Continuing on the road we will pass “**Tocra**”, a high plain at more than 4,400 meters, where we will observe lakes with wild birds and get pictures of the “Antiplano” with its Llamas and Alpacas. The highest point of our tour will be “**Pata Pampa**” (Pata=high, Pampa=land) located at 4,910 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).

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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**.

Day 2: Into the Canyon – Oasis - San Juan de Chuccho.

We will have our breakfast very early in the morning and leave to the famous "Cruz del Condor" point. As soon as we arrive to the Cruz del Condor viewpoint, the group will split and you will continue with our transportation and driver to the town of *Cabanaconde* where you will meet your trek guide and start **your 2 days hike into the canyon.**

We will start the hike taking the road down from Cabanaconde to the *Oasis in Sangalle*. The trail is essentially a long series of zig zags path cutting their way down a steep mountain.

In Oasis we will have our lunch break, rest a bit and get some energy for the rest of the day. **(3hrs. of walking)**.

From the Oasis we will then hike up to the other side of the Colca river, and walk only halfway up, walking part of the route that leads to *Malata and Cosñinhuá* towns (We don't walk up to the towns) taking an alternative path to enjoy the nature and terraces.

We keep the route walking down again to the Colca River crossing through the fields until we finally arrive to the village of *San Juan de Chuccho*. Here we shall get a well-deserved night of rest after our dinner. **(3 ½ hrs. of walking)**

Overnight.



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Day 3: Walking up to Cabanaconde – Chivay - Arequipa.

The next morning, we should leave at 4:00AM, after breakfast to start the ascent of a steep route that'll lead us out of the Canyon.

This is the harder part of the trek, **walk up 1100 mts. in 4 hours**. This route is less steep than the way down on the day before, but longer.

If we are lucky and considering that it is very early, maybe we can see some condors.

We will arrive around 8:30/9:00AM in **San Miguel**, just outside of **Cabanaconde** town where we will meet our driver and transport and then join again the Colca classic tour group.

On the way back to Chivay with our group we're going to visit the traditional village of Pinchollo and the "Antahuilque viewpoint", where a 1,500 year old terraces, can be observed. We also will make a stop at the look-out point of "Choquetico" and take a look to the litomaqueta, a model of the canyon terraces carved in a rock. We will continue visiting the villages of **Maca** and **Yanque** that has the most beautiful church in the valley.

Lunch in Chivay town (Cost of Lunch is not included in program) and return to **Arequipa** city.

Arrive in Arequipa around 4:00PM.

Optional service with extra charge: Transfer from Chivay town to Puno city on Lake Titicaca – **additional cost apply.**

End of our service

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The program includes:

- Tourist transportation
- 2 Guides (1 Tour guide and 1 local hike guide)
- First night in Hotel / Lodge + Breakfast buffet.
- Second night in basic lodge into de canyon.
- 01 breakfast, 01 Lunch Box + 1 dinner into the canyon (basic meals based in rice, eggs & potatoes).
- Assistance.

The Program does not include:

- Tourist ticket to the Colca valley - Entrance to the Hot Springs & towels.
- Excursions not mentioned in this program.
- Tips and meals not mentioned as “included” (lunch or dinner).
- Snacks, beverages and/or other extras.



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About Giardino

- 23 years of experience and one of the most reliable companies in Perú.
- Peruvian professionals, expert guides, high quality transportation.
- Excellent feedbacks from our clients “Our best reference”.
- Hotel Partner in Colca canyon - Coporaque.
- Assistance 24/7 and focus on personal service.
- Certifications & Awards for a Responsible and Quality service.
- Commitment to sustainable tourism and social responsibility.

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