

Hotels & Accommodation

Incaventura has family links with the Colca Valley and can offer accommodation with special treatment in Cabanaconde and Sangalle (the Oasis) at the bottom of the Colca Canyon. We also offer advice on comfortable and friendly accommodation at economic prices in other towns and cities that we visit. (For those interested in mid-range accommodation, see the two to four-star hotels we work with, at the Sudamerica Tour Hotels page).

Valle de Fuego & Dadoo Restobar (Cabanaconde)

In the late 1980s Mrs. Emilia Cabrera began to offer delicious meals to local professionals and workers from the Majes hydroelectric project, first in the plaza of Cabanaconde and later from the family residence one block away. Such was the quality of the food, with local ingredients influenced by Señora Emilia's upbringing on the Peruvian coast, that the locale's fame quickly grew, and husband Paulino Junco soon expanded the premises to also offer hostel accommodation.

The Valle de Fuego ("Valley of fire") was named after the title of Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa's article about the Colca Valley in Lima newspaper El Comercio. It is the oldest restaurant and second-oldest hostel in Cabanaconde and it is the only one to retain traditional stone construction, offering a cosy atmosphere and a roaring fire at night time. Señora Emilia and daughter Karina have absorbed influences from French and Italian visitors to create a fusion-style Andean cuisine. Highlights of the menu include:

The house pizza, a mouth-watering blend of mozzarella and local Colca Valley cheese, olives, vegetables, and alpaca meat.

The famous "Alpaca Sexy", delicious lean alpaca steak served with salad, fries, rice and a fried egg: the perfect recovery food after a hard day's trekking.

Sumptuous banana pancakes, served with locally-made quince jam, a great breakfast to keep you going as you head down into the canyon.

Two blocks down the street, at the Dadoo Restobar, elder son Yamil Junco offers spacious single, double and triple rooms with private bathrooms and piping hot water, as well as breakfast and cafeteria foods. Ample sofas in elegant stone surroundings are complemented by a beautiful courtyard, where visitors can appreciate views towards the canyon and the mountains beyond, under the brilliant Colca Valley sun.

The Valle de Fuego is found one block from the main plaza in Cabanaconde, to the left of the church, while the Dadoo Restobar is at the end of the same street. There is also an information office on the left side of the plaza in Cabanaconde. To make a reservation for the Valle De Fuego or Dadoo Restobar, contact us, enquire at Pablo Tour, calle Jersualen no. 400 in Arequipa, or call directly to (054) 630333.

The Oasis (Sangalle)

At the bottom of the Colca canyon, the "Oasis" offers an idyllic setting for rest and relaxation amidst the riverside locality known as Sangalle. It can be reached directly from Cabanaconde (approximately 2 1/2 hours) or through a more circuitous route passing through the villages of San Juan de Chuccho, Coshñirgua and Malata (5-6 hours).

At the Oasis, you can use the swimming pool (rising from underground springs, the water is a refreshing 23 degrees), wander amidst the many fruit trees, and at night admire the multitude of stars beside a roaring bonfire. Pablito Junco offers a friendly welcome, wholesome meals, hot and cold drinks, and accommodation in bamboo bungalows.

From August 2010, a Pelton wheel is being installed to generate electricity using the natural fall of stream water (producing zero environmental impact). The Oasis will become the first site in Sangalle to have electricity, allowing refrigeration of drinks, preservation of meat, and discrete lighting.

Arequipa

In Arequipa, there are numerous hotels and hostels ranging from basic to five-star accommodation. For those seeking economic but comfortable and cheerful lodgings, we recommend Casa La Reyna, on the corner of calle Santa Catalina and calle Zela, four blocks north of the plaza. Owner Ulises is a mountain-climbing fanatic and has perhaps the best selection of trekking and climbing gear to rent in Arequipa, including ice picks, crampons, sleeping mats, sleeping bags, clothing and footwear.

Chivay

Chivay is the capital of the Caylloma province, a stopping point on the way to the higher or lower parts of the Colca Valley

For economic accommodation we recommend Sumac Wasi on the calle Sucre, four blocks from the plaza to the left of the church. Owner Jose and his family offer a new hostel with very comfortable beds, 24-hour hot water and friendly service, from S/. 20 per night. For mid-range accommodation starting from around S/. 30 per night, good options are La Casa de Anita, on the left side of the plaza facing the church, or La Pascana, just before the plaza on the street leading from the bus terminal.

Cuzco

Santa Teresa