

Trekking Huaruro Colca

Day 1: Arequipa - Cabanaconde - Llahuar

You are picked up from your hotel by the tourist transport between 3:00am and 3:30am. After about 3 hours we arrive to the town of Chivay, where we have breakfast. We continue another 1 1/2 hours to the Cruz del Condor, where we will stop to see the flight of the majestic Andean condor. About 15 minutes down from the Cruz del Condor, we arrive to the village of Cabanaconde, where we take a break and an early lunch. We then begin the 4-5 hour trek to Llahuar, featuring spectacular views of the canyon, many changes of vegetation and an interesting geyser by the Colca River. At the settlement of Llahuar we have dinner and relax in the hot springs right by the river (temperatures of 36-38 degrees).

Included: Full Board

Day 2: Llahuar - Huaruro Waterfalls - Fure

After a big breakfast, we continue towards Fure, passing through the village of Llatica. After approximately 3 1/2 hours we arrive to Fure, a small settlement perched on the edge of the river with several attractive waterfalls nearby. After lunch, we continue for another 1 1/2 hours to the Huaruro waterfalls. As we round a bend on the trail, we are greeted by the majestic force of Huaruro in full flight. After spending some time at the falls, we return to Fure for dinner and to stay the night.

Included: Full Board

Day 3: Fure - Oasis

We get up at around 7:00 am, then head back along the east bank of the Huaruro River towards the the Oasis. We pass the Apacheta lookout point, where there are great views of both ends of the canyon, before continuing down to the Oasis. Arriving here around 1:00 pm, we have the chance to spend a relaxing afternoon by the pool (temperature approximately 23 degrees) and enjoy an evening at the bar and around the bonfire before resting in comfortable accommodation.

Included: Full Board

Day 4: Oasis - Cabanaconde - Cruz del Condor - Chivay - Arequipa

Around 5:00 am the following morning we get up and start the climb up the canyon, by torch and starlight (such a climb is fiercely hot by day). Those who are feeling very tired have the option of making the ascent by mule. Breakfast of pancakes with jam or scrambled eggs at the Valle de Fuego hostel tastes delicious after the walk. The tourist transport picks us up from the plaza in Cabanaconde between 9:00 and 10:00 am. We drive back towards Chivay, stopping at a lookout point to appreciate the complex pre-Incan terraces of the middle valley, and in the village of Maca for a bathroom stop. In Chivay we take a dip in the hot pools at La Calera and have lunch (optional). Arrival back in Arequipa is around 6.00.

Included: Breakfast

Price per person, based on a tour for at least 2 persons

Included:

- Tourist transport (shared with approximately 15 other tourists), including hotel pick up and drop off in central Arequipa
- Qualified guide
- All meals and accommodation during the tour.

Not Included:

- Tourist ticket that allows entry to the canyon and the Cruz del Condor reserve (S/.70, paid separately to the Autocolca tourism authority).
- Entry to hot pools in Chivay (S/.15)
- Water, snacks, chocolate, etc.

What to Bring:

- trekking boots
- trekkings socks
- sun hat
- winter cap (e.g. fleece)
- thermoshirts or microfiber shirts
- trekking pants
- bathing clothes
- sunglasses
- backpack 20-30l
- rain proofed pants and jacket
- headlamp with batteries
- sunscreen (lips and skin)
- personal medicine
- camera
- toilet bag
- trekking sandals'
- bag for passport etc. and money
- plastic bags

During sunny conditions is likely to consume about 1/2 liter of water per hour so it is recommended to take about 1.5 liters of water for the trek. We also recommend that you take chocolates, sweets and salty food (to replenish minerals lost through sweat). Water and snacks can be purchased in all the villages through during this trip, and sometimes in the way of the canyon itself.