## TREKKING COLCA CANYON

**02 DAYS / 01 NIGHT** 

## DAY 01: AQP - CRUZ DEL CÓNDOR - CABANACONDE - COSÑIRHUA - OASIS

You will be picked-up between 3:00 to 3.30 am from your respective hotels in a private tourist bus and transported to the town of Chivay. The bus journey takes about 3:30 hrs (164 km).

After that, you will travel for 2 more hrs (42 km) to the "Cruz del Condor", where you will have 45 min. to admire the flight of the condors and the profundity of the canyon (3207 m). Next up, you will continue on to the town of Cabanaconde (20 min away) to San Miguel viewpoint where you will start the trek.



You will descend into the canyon, the

walk takes about 3 ½ hrs, then you will arrive at the Colca river where you can rest for a bit. Following this, you will continue the trek, crossing a bridge connecting the zone to the mountain and passing through the first settlement (San Juan de Chuccho), where you will have your lunch, then arriving at the village of Cosñirhua and visiting the village of Malata, and its museum.

Malata is 15 min. away from Cosñirhua, and you'll stay there for 1 hour, learning about the traditions and experiences of the locals. The guide will also explain a bit about the local flora and fauna of the area, in particular how plants are used medicinally, then you will continue to the oasis to spend the night in this peaceful and charming place, where you will sleep after dinner in adobe (clay) bungalows surrounded by palm trees and impressive nature.

## DAY 02: OASIS -CABANACONDE - CHIVAY -AREQUIPA

05:00am: You'll begin the climb once again, this time ascending up the canyon, which takes about 3 hrs. At the top you'll reach the town of Cabanaconde, where you will have breakfast and will take a private bus back to the town of Chivay. On the way you will make a couple of stops at lookout points to admire the 'andenerías' — pre-inca terrace constructions for cultivation of the land.

12:30pm: Arrival at the town of Chivay. Here you will have 1 hour to visit the thermal baths (which also have a medicinal effect) of the Calera and then have lunch, after you will return to Arequipa city, going through the Nature Reserve (including the 'Volcano Viewpoint' at 4910m and llamas and vicuñas).

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul> <li>Transfer from hotel</li> <li>Exclusive, private transport</li> <li>Bilingual guide who is a professional in trekking</li> <li>Meals: <ul> <li>2 Breakfasts</li> <li>1 Lunch</li> <li>1 Dinner</li> </ul> </li> <li>Accommodation: <ul> <li>01 night: Oasis (exclusive adobe bungalows)</li> <li>First aid if necessary</li> <li>Pool in the oasis of Sangalle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Touristic ticket for Colca (70 soles per person)</li> <li>Entrance to the thermal baths</li> <li>Last buffet lunch in Chivay</li> </ul>