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Route of the Sillar & Culebrillas

— Arequipa —

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Explore the captivating and photogenic Sillar Route where you will learn about the use of this emblematic volcanic stone from Arequipa. Observe the carving done by artisans and the sculptures they form. Walk through a picturesque canyon with unique rock formations.



Category

Colonial Arequipa



Type of tour

Landscapes, history, and culture.



Type of service

Group tour



Duration

4 hrs.



Maximum altitude

3,500 m.a.s.l



Difficulty

Easy



Language

English and Spanish



Place to visit

Cerro Colorado, Yura, Añashuayco Quarries & Culebrillas Ravine.

We will start our tour with a transfer to the districts of Cerro Colorado and Yura. Along the way, we will make a stop at one of the many viewpoints that Arequipa offers, to appreciate valleys and views of the volcanoes. We will arrive at the Añashuayco quarries, a place that houses the Sillar route. Dive into the past as you learn about the massive and artisanal use of this volcanic stone, which began after the 1687 earthquake and gave rise to Arequipa's nickname: The White City.

During the tour, we will visit different stone artisans on foot and learn about the ancestral technique of extracting sillar. They will show us their carvings and how they create beautiful sculptures. Continuing with our tour, we will visit the Pedrera Virgen De Culebrillas, where we will take a fascinating walk along a small canyon. Additionally, we will be able to observe the fascinating petroglyphs that will transport us to the life and beliefs of the ancient inhabitants. Finally, we will return to the city center. This is a fun and relaxed half-day tour, where you can capture fabulous photos and videos from different angles while admiring beautiful works that evoke memories of Petra."



Why book this tour with What a Trip?

- Pick-up from your hotel in Arequipa.
- A professional bilingual guide will accompany you during the tour.
- You will learn about the extraction and sculpting of Sillar.
- You'll have free time to showcase your photographic skills.
- Explore a canyon and discover petroglyphs.
- We will transport you in a clean and comfortable vehicle.



JOURNEY DESCRIPTION

- Pick-up from your hotel in downtown Arequipa.
- Meeting with the professional guide who will accompany you on this adventure.
- Transfer to the Añashuayco quarries (40min.), where history and geology converge in a stunning landscape. On the way, we will make a brief stop at a Zamácola viewpoint to admire the Arequipa mountain range.
- We will learn about the exploitation of the sillar.
- Appreciation of different and beautiful carvings, from geometric figures to floral and animal motifs.
- Hike through the Culebrillas ravine (40min approx.), along a tranquil path with some ups and downs.
- Observation of the enigmatic petroglyphs.
- Learn from the guide about the apachetas, piles of stacked stones with important symbolic and cultural significance for local communities.
- We will arrive at a viewpoint with panoramic views of the landscape.
- Return to Arequipa, arriving at sunset.



What's included in my tour?

- Hotel pickup.
- Professional guide throughout the tour.
- Clean and comfortable transport throughout the day.
- Guided visit to the Añashuayco quarries.
- Visit to the Culebrillas canyon.
- Entrance to all the sites on the tour.



What's not included

- Food and beverages.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips for sculptors.



TRAVELER INFORMATION



What to bring?

- Water bottle and snacks.
- Sunscreen.
- Hat or cap.
- Backpack or small bag.
- Cash.
- Camera.



Tips and additional information

- To enjoy to the fullest your tour on the Sillar Route, we suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes and apply sunscreen repeatedly throughout the day to protect your skin. Remember to pay attention to your tour guide's instructions and to be respectful of the natural environment, as well as the historical structures you will visit.



Frequently Asked Questions

- ✓ **What types of carvings can be found in the sillar quarries?**
 - In the sillar quarries you can find a wide variety of carvings, from simple geometric motifs to elaborate figures and architectural designs. These may include ornamental details, religious symbols, historical scenes, and decorative elements used in the construction of buildings and monuments.
- ✓ **Can I combine this tour with any other on the same day?**
 - Yes, if you do the Arequipa City Tour in the morning, you can take this tour in the afternoon, or vice versa. This tour also combines with the Chocolate Classes.
- ✓ **Is it necessary to be an expert hiker to participate in the tour?**
 - During our hike, we will encounter sections with uphill and downhill slopes that do not pose significant difficulty; however, it's important to be cautious with elderly participants.



Fun Facts

- Petroglyphs are engravings, carvings, or drawings made on rocks, typically in outdoor locations such as cliffs, caves, or riverbeds. These engravings can depict a variety of images, including human figures, animals, abstract symbols, hunting scenes, religious rituals, or historical events. Petroglyphs are recognized as a form of rock art and may date back thousands of years, offering evidence of human presence in certain areas and invaluable information about ancient cultures and societies.
- The Añashuayco quarries have a history that dates back to the pre-Inca period when sillar was extracted for the construction of local structures. However, their importance was further highlighted after the devastating earthquake of 1687, which generated a high demand for this rock for the city's reconstruction, consolidating its relevance as a key supplier of this distinctive volcanic stone.



Cancellation Policies

- **Super flexible:** Cancel this tour more than 48 hours before the start date and receive a 70% refund of the amount paid. Within 48 hours, 100% will be charged.
- Please review our terms and conditions here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hWKAEQ3Zw4yJhyiZ4iq8hQWrghHbvFZR/view?usp=sharing>

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