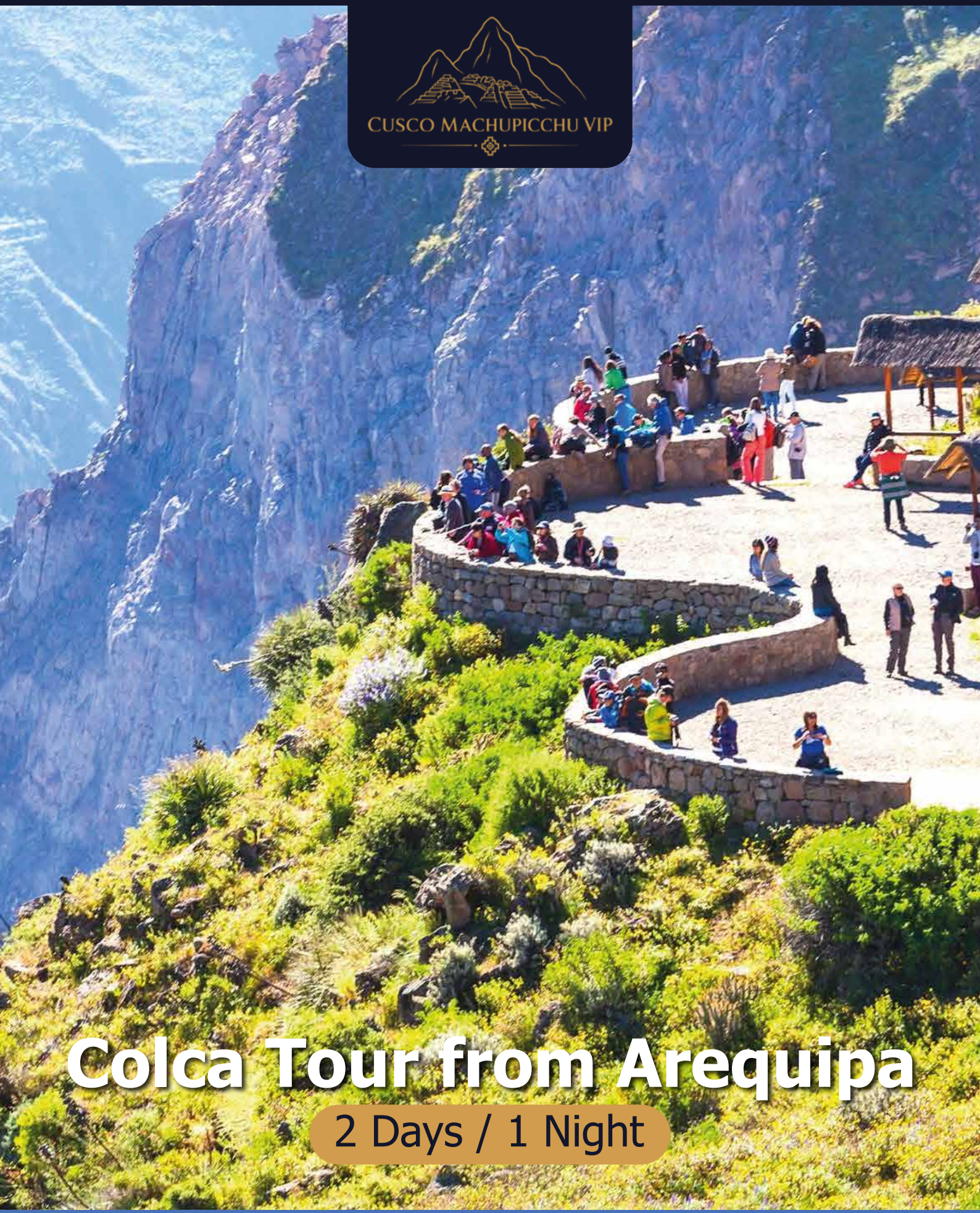


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Package description:

This 2-day, 1-night tour is the most leisurely way to explore the Colca Valley. You'll leave Arequipa behind and travel through the Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve, with scenic stops and views of the mountain range. You'll arrive in Chivay, the valley's main town, where you'll spend the night and have free time to rest and explore the area.

The next day, you'll head to the Cruz del Cóndor, one of the region's main natural attractions. From this viewpoint overlooking the Colca Canyon, you can take in the scenery and, weather permitting, watch the condors in flight. On the way back, the tour includes stops at towns and viewpoints throughout the valley before returning to Arequipa.

You'll travel by tour bus with a professional guide in Spanish, English, or French, with pickup and drop-off at hotels in downtown Arequipa. You'll also receive a complimentary welcome gift of water and chocolates. Accommodations in Chivay and meals are not included.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arequipa – Colca Valley

I'll pick you up at your hotel in Arequipa at the previously confirmed time. We'll begin our journey to the Colca Valley, passing through the landscapes of the Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve.

- Departure from Arequipa and drive to the Colca Valley.
- Panoramic stops along the route, depending on operating conditions and the confirmed itinerary.
- Travel through high-Andean regions and enjoy the mountain range's scenery.
- Arrival in Chivay and time for a meal, as per the booked itinerary.
- Visit or tour of the attractions scheduled for the first day.
- Transfer to accommodations in Chivay.
- Free time to rest and enjoy the town.

Day 2: Cruz del Cóndor – Colca Valley – Arequipa

After breakfast, we continued our tour of the Colca Canyon. The itinerary includes a visit to the Cruz del Cóndor Lookout, subject to weather and operational conditions on the day of the tour.

- Departure from Chivay toward the Cruz del Cóndor area.
- Visit to the Cruz del Cóndor viewpoint and time to enjoy the scenery and, weather permitting, watch the condors in flight.
- Stops at towns and viewpoints in the Colca Valley, according to the confirmed itinerary.
- Return to Chivay and time for a meal, as per the booked service.
- Begin the return trip to the city of Arequipa.
- Arrival in Arequipa and transfer to the scheduled drop-off point.

Option to Travel to Puno

This service can be supplemented with a tour from Chivay to Puno, subject to prior coordination and confirmation. This allows you to continue your trip without having to return to Arequipa.

Inclusions

Includes:

- Tourist transportation.
- Professional guide (Spanish–English).
- Pickup and drop-off at hotels in the city center.
- Colca tourist ticket.
- Hotel.
- Meals (breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner).
- On-site assistance.

Not included:

Breakfast on the first day and dinner on the last day.

- Personal expenses.

Recommendations

- Acclimate: The route passes through high-Andean areas. If you've just arrived in Arequipa, rest for a day beforehand, drink plenty of water, and avoid heavy meals.
- Dress in layers: Bring warm clothing—it gets very cold in the early morning, at night, and at the viewpoints.
- Sun protection: Use sunscreen, a cap or hat, and sunglasses—the sun's rays are very strong at high altitudes.
- Water and medications: Bring water and any medications you take regularly.
- Personal documents: Bring your passport or national ID card. You'll need them to check in at your lodging.
- Comfortable footwear: Wear sneakers with good traction to walk safely at the viewpoints.
- Cash in soles: useful for lodging, meals, tickets, tips, and purchasing handicrafts. There are few ATMs in the valley.
- Camera and battery: the cold drains batteries quickly. Bring a power bank.
- Follow instructions: follow the guide's and driver's instructions throughout the tour.
- Estimated Schedule: Times and the order of some visits may vary depending on traffic, weather, and road conditions.



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