

## **About Hidden Trails**



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Hidden Trails**

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# Colca Canyon Explorer Ride on Peruvian Pasos - Peru, South **America**

Tour Code: IT-PERT10 14 days / 13 nights ~\$0.00 Dates: All year round

Trip Rating: •••• Difficulty: Lodging: 🏚 🏚

Tack: traditional Peruvian Horses: Peruvian Pasos Pace: Paso Llama - Peruvian Walk. 5 to 6 hrs Walk

Airport: Arequipa





### Introduction

Areguipa, Peru

The natural beauty of the region provides a panoramic view of volcanoes, blue sky, glaciers, and villages of the Andes, all of which have been proudly preserved by the Collaguas and Cabanas people. The Andes house the oldest churches in Peru. We hope you will appreciate the quality of life lived by the Incas in the heart of the Andes. The Peruvian "Paso" Horse is known in the equestrian world to be the most even tempered horse around the globe. It is a strong, noble, faithful, gentle and obedient horse. The program of Horseback Ride into the Colca Canyon and Valley offers the opportunity for every horse lover to have an unforgettable experience. You will feel closer to nature than you ever have been before.

#### Highlights

- Spectacular views of the deepest canyon in the world
- Stunning Andean landscape featuring volcanoes, everlasting snow and small villages
- Genuine adventure combining the cultural wealth of Collaguas and Cabanas Nations with the colonial charm of some of the oldest churches in Peru.
- Riding to the geyser "Hatun Infiernillo" (14.500 feet)

#### Accomodation



#### Accommodations

This is a progressive ride, so nights will be spent in different locations.

You will be staying in 3 star hotels except for the nights spent in Llahuar, Sangalle and San Juan de Chuccho, where you will be accommodated in fully catered hiking lodges.

10-day trip accommodation itinerary - subject to availability Night 1 & 2: Hotel in Arequipa

Night 3-8: Hotel in Yanque

Night 9: Hotel in Puno

14-day trip accommodation itinerary - subject to availability

Night 1 & 2: Hotel in Arequipa Night 3-8: Hotel in Yangue

Night 9: Lodge in Llahuar

Night 10: Lodge in San Juan de Chuccho

Night 11: Lodge in Sangalle

Night 12: Hotel in Yanque

Night 13: Hotel in Puno







#### Hotel in Arequipa

This Hotel offers 30 guestrooms appointed with heating, plasma TV, an individual safe and a private balcony. Each room features bathrooms with a shower, a bathtub and bathrobes. Wi-Fi is available at this property.

#### Hotel in Yangue

Featuring a new indoor pool, a garden and an on-site bar, this rural hotel is surrounded by wild nature: all the rooms boast views of the mountains. Each room has its own private bathroom, hot water and heating facilities. Sauna facilities and massage sessions are available for an extra fee. Guests can unwind reading a book from the library. Bikes can be rented to explore the surroundings. The property owns a Dobson 45 cm Telescope for star watching, and guests are offered access to the Planetarium and Astronomy Observation Centre for an extra fee.

#### Hotel in Puno

The hotel is located just a few steps from the Plaza de Armas, one block from the pedestrian Calle Lima where shops, banks and restaurants are located. It features comfortable rooms with free Wi-Fi access. All rooms are decorated with wooden furniture and feature private facilities as well as air conditioning, cable TV, and coffee making facilities.

#### Hotel in Cusco

Set in a charming house with a garden and a terrace overlooking the city, this hotel offers heated rooms with cable TV, and breakfast. Free WiFi access is available in common areas. All rooms have private bathrooms with hairdryers, and telephones.

#### Room Occupancy

There are no single supplements for solo travelers during the 10-day program.

If you choose the 14-day program and the extension in Cusco, a single supplement fee might apply (inquire at time of booking).



#### Meals

The 10-day package includes all meals from Day 3 to Day 8. On the first day, no meals are included and on the second day, only breakfast and lunch are included. On Day 9, breakfast and lunch are included and on the last day only breakfast is included.

The 14-day package includes all meals from Day 3 to Day 12. On the first day, no meals are included and on the second day, only breakfast and lunch are included. On Day 13, breakfast and lunch are included and on the last day only breakfast is included.

During the extension to Cusco, only breakfasts are included.

Lunches during the rides will be boxed.

Water is included during the horse ride except at restaurants (drinks not included).

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.

#### Riding









#### Horses

Our horses are purebred and crossbred « Paso Peruano » horses, cold and surefooted mounts aged from 6 to 16 years old. This Peruvian breed was introduced by Spanish conquerors at the beginning of the 16th century during colonial period, and is nowadays protected as part of the cultural Heritage of the Nation. With its four beat lateral gait, called "Paso Llano", the Peruvian Paso gives its horseman the smoothest ride in the world on any kind of ground.

#### Tack

All our saddles are traditional wood frames called « Montura de Cajón » covered with stitched leather called « pellonera ». The rings for the stirrups and cinch are covered with rawhide flaps. The back of the horse is protected by a woolen blanket and another leather blanket above ("carona"). Stirrups are made of wood or leather, wooden ones in pyramid shapes and often decorated with nickel, both with a closed front. Every saddle bears saddlebags to transport bottles of water, and your compact camera. All our horses are horseshoed because of rocky ground.

#### Staf

An Equestrian English-speaking guide, and a Peruvian Spanish-speaking Chalan (stable boy and horse trainer) will lead you during the entire Horse ride, with a support vehicle between Yanque, Madrigal and Pinchollo.



### **Itinerary**



The programs below can be changed due to unexpected events beyond our control.

Sample Itinerary: 10 day program - subject to changes

#### Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

We will pick you up from Arequipa Airport and lead you the hotel downtown. This is a free day. Meals are not included on Day 1. Overnight stay at Hotel in Arequipa.

## Day 2 (Monday): Arequipa Visit

In the morning, you go on a guided visit by foot of Arequipa city center (including the beautiful Santa Catalina convent). You will then enjoy a lovely lunch in a typical restaurant (picanteria) before heading to the Sillar quarries. Finally, it is time to head back to your accommodation.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight stay at Hotel in Arequipa

### Day 3 (Tuesday): Introductory Ride

Departure around 7:00 am in a tourist vehicle in the direction of Colca Valley. You will cross the "Salinas y Aguada Blanca" reserve where alpacas, llamas and vicuñas can be seen. After reaching the spectacular "Mirador de los Volcanes", at an altitude of 4910 meters (16000 ft) above sea level, we descend into the Colca valley which has an average elevation of about 3500 meters (11000 ft). You will arrive at your hotel in Yanque in time for lunch. In the afternoon, you will meet our famous Peruvian Paso horses and their "Chalan" (groom and horse guide). Next, you will begin your first horseback ride around the village up to the Colonial Mill and to a Chapel devoted to the Virgin of Chapi.

Riding 2-3 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay at Hotel in Yanque



#### Day 4 (Wednesday): Ride around Yanque

In the morning, we begin our ride to Coporaque village and its pre-Inca cemetery where the mummies of Collagua Lords were formerly safeguarded. You will have to dismount and climb a hill for 20min to reach the graves.

The ride continues to the ruins of Uyo-uyo, which was the former capital of the Collagua Natives, who once ruled the Valley. Along the way, you will also see the "Colcas", a kind of hidden granary that gave the name to the river, and the "amphitheater" (farming terraces highly valued by the Incas to improve cultivation of quinoa, corn...). Afterwards, we go back to Yanque to savor a delicious lunch at the Hotel.

Around 4pm, enjoy a relaxing 30 min massage at the hotel Spa (included on this day).

In the evening, you can do some stargazing (subject to weather conditions) with our Dobson type Telescope with a diameter of 45cm (18 inches). This is one of the biggest Telescopes accessible to the public in Peru. It allows you to look at various deep sky objects (globular clusters, nebulae, galaxies...) only visible from the Southern Hemisphere. Before observing the night sky, we screen a short 12min film in our Planetarium. Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight stay at Hotel in Yanque

#### Day 5 (Thursday): Ride to Maca

We leave at 8:00 am for a ride along the left bank of the Colca River, passing through beautiful landscapes. Native people achieved a great feat in creating arable lands on the mountain. They did so by inventing terrace cultivation and irrigating those terraces with an ingenious system of water channels. We will cross the villages of Achoma and Maca. Our horses and their Chalan will stay in Maca while a vehicle will drive you and your English-speaking guide back to Yanque, where you will enjoy a late lunch at the hotel (around 3 pm). Then, we bring you to the Yanque Hot Springs for a relaxing swim.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay at Hotel in Yanque

#### Day 6 (Friday): Morning Ride to Madrigal & Chimpa Fortress Visit

Early breakfast (around 5:30 am) and transfer to Maca where we meet our riding companions. Today, we will cross the Colca river to reach Madrigal village. We leave the horses at the foot of the Chimpa fortress and start our ascension on foot. After about 1.5 hours, we reach the summit and explore the ruins of the old fortress. An incredible panorama awaits with amazing views over the two sides of the Colca Canyon. If we are lucky, we might even see the majestic condor.

Then, it is time to make our way down before being transferred back to Yanque. The horses will stay with the Chalan at the foot of the Chimpa fortress.

Riding 4 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay at Hotel in Yangue

#### Day 7 (Saturday): Colca Valley Ride

Around 8 am, we are transferred back to Madrigal to meet the horses. We continue our ride through the Colcal Valley, making our way towards Lari and IchuPampa.

After about 5 hours in the saddle, we reach Pinchollo, where our horses will overnight. The riders are transferred back to Yanque to relax at the hotel.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay at Hotel in Yanque

#### Day 8 (Sunday): Pinchollo's Geyser

Breakfast at 6:00am and departure for Pinchollo. Today, we ride to Pinchollo's Geyser. Climbing a hill and following a stream, we will reach an elevation of 4450 meters (14600 ft) and be amazed by incredible views: high snowy volcanos, waterfalls, and most importantly the "Hatun Infiernillo" Geyser, which is active all year round.

Then it is time to ride back to Pinchollo, where the horses will overnight once more. Guests are transferred back to their hotel in Yanque.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay at Hotel in Yanque

### Day 9 (Monday): Transfer to Puno

Free morning to enjoy the swimming pool, and at 11:45am departure by group tourist bus to Puno (arrival in Puno at 6pm).

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch Overnight at Hotel in Puno

#### Day 10 (Tuesday): Lake Titicaca & Departure

Breakfast is served at 7:00am and followed by a boat trip (with an English-speaking guide) across Lake Titicaca for a visit to the magnificent Taquile island. From there you will continue your journey across the lake towards the famous floating islands of the Uros, one of the first inhabitants of Peru. Finally, we will return to Puno around 4:00pm (hotel and meals not included). We suggest you take your return flight (not before 6pm) from Juliaca, which is 1 hour from Puno, in order to make the most of your last day. Return transfer to Arequipa is extra and depending on your departure time, you might not be able to visit Lake Titicaca.

Meals included: Breakfast



**EXTENSION 1 - COLCA VALLEY** 

You can choose to do more riding in the Colca Valley before going to Lake Titicaca.

#### Day 9 (Monday): Callalli to Sibayo

Breakfast at 7:00 am and departure to Callalli, ancestral village where the castles of Callalli are located. You will see natural formation of volcanic rock and visit of the archaeological site of Mollepunko (first signs of domestication of Lamas and Alpacas represented in the rocks). You will then ride for about 4 hours before spending the night in a rural cottage in the village of Sibayo.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Cottage in Sibayo

#### Day 10 (Tuesday): Sibayo to Canocota

After breakfast, departure for the village of Canocota (5.5 hours). On the way, observation of the flora and fauna along the Colca River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Cottage in Canocota

#### Day 11 (Wednesday): Canocota to Yanque

Day 12 (Thursday): Ride to Lamparashi

This morning, we ride to Chivay (3 hours). Along the Rio Colca, we encounter sone hot springs. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## Overnight at Hotel in Yanque

Today, we visit the archaeological site of Lamparashi, crossing the village of Ichupampa. We enjoy a breathtaking view of the Colca Valley on our way back to Yanque (5 hours of horseback riding).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Yanque

#### Day 13 (Friday): Transfer to Puno

It is time to say goodbye to the horses. You will take a group tour bus to Puno, where you will spend the night. Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch Overnight at Hotel in Puno

#### Day 14 (Saturday): Lake Titicaca & Departure

Breakfast is served at 7:00am and followed by a boat trip (with an English-speaking guide) across Lake Titicaca for a visit to the magnificent Taquile island. From there you will continue your journey across the lake towards the famous floating islands of the Uros, one of the first inhabitants of Peru. Finally, we will return to Puno around 4:00pm (hotel and meals not included). We suggest you take your return flight (not before 6pm) from Juliaca, which is 1 hour from Puno, in order to make the most of your last day. Return transfer to Arequipa is extra and depending on your departure time, you might not be able to visit Lake Titicaca.

Meals included: Breakfast



#### EXTENSION 2 - CUSCO & MACHU PICCHU

Day 1: Hotel in Puno (coming back from Lake Titicaca Tour)

Day 2: Transfer Puno-Cusco and visits (grouped in tourist bus) with accommodation in Cusco

Day 3: City tour of Cusco (private tour) with accommodation in Cusco

Day 4: Visit of the Sacred Valley (private tour or small group) with accommodation in Aguas Calientes

Day 5: Free day, visit of Machu Picchu (on your own). Transport, guides and meals are not included. Only includes: round trip train journey, Machu Picchu entrance fee, and the last Hotel night in Cusco.

Day 6: End of services after breakfast with transfer to airport included





Non-Riders are welcome to join! Please inquire for more information.

### Other Info

Meeting: Arequipa Airport: Arequipa

Transfer: Arequipa airport to hotel

Pick-up from Rodríguez Ballón International Airport (AQP) in Arequipa on Day 1 according to your arrival flight.

Tour ends in Puno. Transfers from Puno to Juliaca airport or Arequipa airport can be arranged

at extra cost. **Tack:** traditional Peruvian

Horses: Peruvian Pasos
Pace: Paso Llama - Peruvian Walk. 5 to 6 hrs per riding day.

Walk

Level: (3.5 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

Age: Min 10 Max 77

Weight: 200 lbs / 90 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 6 riders

### Rates and Dates 2025 - IT-PERT10

Rates include: Standard accommodations, Most meals, A 30-min massage in Yanque, Transfer from airport to hotel in Arequipa, Transfer from bus station to hotel in Puno, Guided boat trip on Lake Titicaca, 7 or 11 guided riding days on Peruvian Pasos (depending on program), Tourist entrance fees in Colca Valley and Lake Titicaca & Entrance to Yanque Hot Springs Riding helmet and saddlebags are provided

**Packages and Options** 

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\$1950
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## **Transfer Option**

#### Description

2025 Transfer from airport to hotel in Arequipa on Day 1 included

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Season	Tour Dates		
A 2025	06/08/2025 - 06/17/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	06/15/2025 - 06/24/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	06/22/2025 - 07/01/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	06/29/2025 - 07/08/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	07/06/2025 - 07/15/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	07/13/2025 - 07/22/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	07/20/2025 - 07/29/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	07/27/2025 - 08/05/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	08/03/2025 - 08/12/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	08/10/2025 - 08/19/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	08/17/2025 - 08/26/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	08/24/2025 - 09/02/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	08/31/2025 - 09/09/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	09/07/2025 - 09/16/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	09/14/2025 - 09/23/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	09/21/2025 - 09/30/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	09/28/2025 - 10/07/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	10/05/2025 - 10/14/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	10/12/2025 - 10/21/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	10/19/2025 - 10/28/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	10/26/2025 - 11/04/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	11/02/2025 - 11/11/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	11/09/2025 - 11/18/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	11/16/2025 - 11/25/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	11/23/2025 - 12/02/2025	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	11/30/2025 - 12/09/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
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A 2025	12/21/2025 - 12/30/2025	10d / 9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)
A 2025	12/28/2025 - 01/06/2026	10d/9n	10 day trip- Lake Titicaca (5 riding days)

### Min/Max: 2/6

Rates do not include: Meals in Arequipa and Puno, Extra massage in Yanque, Arequipa city tour, Gratuities, Drinks, Personal Insurance & Transfer from Puno to Juliaca airport Bring your own sleeping bag (can be rented for US\$ 10 per night and person - to be paid locally to the guide.)

<sup>\*\*</sup> will not be operating from December 1, 2017 to April 2018 \*\*

# **Reservation Form**

Tour:	Code #:	from:	to :					
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In an emergency, name and phone number of	f contact:							
Attention: Please, if there is more than one p	participant, all have to si	gn the reservation fo	rm - make copies if needed					
With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.  I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.  Last Name and First Name (The Traveler)								
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