

BEST OF PERU

TOUR TO THE AQUEDUCTS OF CANTAYO

HISTORY, CULTURE, ADVENTURE AND MUCH MORE

“Step into the heart of the Nazca Desert and embark on a journey through history with our Tour to the Aqueducts of Cantayo. This exclusive tour offers an in-depth exploration of the ancient aqueducts and remarkable feats of engineering that have sustained the Nazca civilization for centuries. Along the way, you’ll also visit the fascinating Geoglyphs of Cantayo, intricate desert carvings that add a mystical touch to the landscape. Our tour ends visiting the Inca Ruins of Los Paredones, where you’ll uncover the rich heritage of the Incas”



ABOUT

Tour to the Aqueducts of Cantayo

“WITNESS ANCIENT NAZCA ENGINEERING AT CANTAYO”

The Channels of Cantayo are an intricate network of aqueducts designed to capture and distribute precious water across the desert. Similar to the Qanat Channels of Iran, these channels feature a clever design with stone walls and sophisticated irrigation techniques, reflecting the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the people who built them. This ancient hydraulic system not only supported agriculture in a harsh environment but also demonstrates the deep understanding of natural resources and sustainable practices by its creators.



“SACRED STREAMS OF SURVIVAL: UNVEIL THE NAZCA CULT OF WATER”

For the desert people of Nazca, the Cult of Water was especially crucial. The arid environment posed significant challenges for agriculture and survival, making water an even more precious resource. The Nazca people ingeniously adapted to their harsh surroundings by developing sophisticated irrigation systems like the aqueducts of Cantayo. These aqueducts were not only technical achievements but also manifestations of their profound respect for water.



“EXPLORE THE GRAND GEOMETRIC PATTERNS OF CANTAYO”

These patterns clearly reflect a deep understanding of geometry and spatial relations. Although their exact purpose remains a subject of scholarly debate, theories abound. For instance, some suggest they align with astronomical events, while others argue they held ritualistic significance. Additionally, there are theories proposing functions related to water sources and agriculture.



“VISIT THE RUINS OF PAREDONES, A LEGACY OF THE INCAS ON THE PERUVIAN COAST”

The Inca Ruins of Los Paredones, nestled in the heart of the Nazca region, are a captivating testament to the ingenuity and architectural prowess of the Inca Empire. Notably, these ancient ruins, dating back to the 15th century, showcase the Inca's advanced construction techniques and their strategic use of the arid landscape. Furthermore, the site features an array of well-preserved structures, including storage buildings, ceremonial spaces, and intricate stone walls.



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Ancient Channels of Cantayo

TOUR DESCRIPTION

This tour offers a convenient door-to-door service, beginning at 9:00 AM with a pick-up directly from your hotel in Nazca. To start, your local guide will meet you at the hotel and then accompany you on a journey southeast of the city, where you will explore some of the region's most remarkable ancient sites.

Our first destination is the Aqueducts of Cantalloc, which lies approximately 4 km outside Nazca. Specifically, these aqueducts are among the most impressive pre-Inca constructions, showcasing the incredible engineering skills and organization of ancient hydraulic engineers. Furthermore, the aqueducts, built on the heights of Nazca, were designed to capture and filter groundwater, which was then channeled into the valley through a series of spiral-shaped wells.



Starting Point
Your hotel in Nazca.



Departure Time:
09:00 h



Return Time:
11:30 h. approx.

“Journey Through Engineering Marvels”

Not only did these wells provide vital water resources to the Nasca people, but they also stand as a testament to their ingenuity in overcoming the challenges of desert life.

Next, we will visit the geoglyph “The Needle,” which is just a short drive from the aqueducts. Upon arrival, we’ll ascend a small hill that serves as a natural viewpoint. This will offer a perfect vantage point to observe this fascinating geoglyph up close. Moreover, as you stand here, you’ll gain a deeper understanding of how these enigmatic lines were etched into the desert floor, revealing the intricate methods used by the ancient Nasca civilization.

The final stop is at the Inca archaeological site “Los Paredones.” This site was an administrative center managed by Inca rulers. As you explore the ruins, you’ll not only uncover the history and significance of this site but also reflect on the Inca’s far-reaching influence in the region. After completing our visit to Los Paredones, we will then return to your hotel in Nazca.

Inclusions:

- Pick up from your hotel in Nazca.
- Private transportation.
- Visit the Channels of Cantayo, the Needles and Paredones.
- English speaking guide & Entrance fees.
- Drop off at your hotel at the end of the tour.

Exclusions:

- Extras & Gratuities.



The Allure of Travel:

Personalized Cultural Tour with Local Expert

Expert Guidance.

Our tours are led by knowledgeable local guides who provide insightful commentary and enriching experiences throughout the journey.

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Explore a desert shrouded in Mystery.

Enrique Lévano A.



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Private Transportation.

Travelers enjoy the comfort and flexibility of touring in a private vehicle, ensuring personalized attention.

Convenience.

With door-to-door service from your hotel in Nazca, this tour ensures a hassle-free and comfortable travel experience.

Cultural Immersion.

In addition to visiting Cantayoc, travelers have the chance to learn about Nazca Lines and the expansion of the Inca Empire, providing a deeper understanding of Peruvian culture and history.