

# HUANCavelica

The department of Huancavelica features one of the roughest terrains in the country, formed by valleys, deep gorges, towering mountains, sinuous roads, and mesas.

The city of Huancavelica is bordered by fertile fields and green pastures where cattle graze. These highlands were inhabited by the Waris and later by the warring tribe call the Chancas.

The area was finally incorporated into the Inca Empire and became a military center. Following that period, the Spanish discovered silver and mercury mines, a reason for establishing themselves there. Currently, the city preserves its mansions and magnificent Colonial churches.

In the surrounding areas, there is the town of Santa Barbara with its old church and mines that have been used since Colonial times. You can also visit Izcuchaca, a center for pottery located seventy-eight kilometers from Huancavelica.

San Cristobal Neighborhood Hot Springs Pool is well known for their medicinal properties, perfect for helping skin conditions. There has a center built in the place that has a swimming pool for children and adults, private rooms, and a café.

The lake Choclococha that is perfect for trout fishing and an inexhaustible source of water for the crops in the valleys of the Ica Region.

The Uchkus Inkañan Archeological Complex was an important administrative, religious, and astronomical study center. On one of the platforms, there are small pools of water that could allow, by reflexion to follow the movements of the sun and the moon. Also, you can see an area set aside for farming with agricultural terraces that might have been used for experimenting with different crops.

The following is a list of few typical dishes of Huancavelica:

Ropa vieja: Beef stew with beans, potatoes, rice, and cabbage.

Apanado de alpaca: Breaded alpaca meat, served with rice, potatoes, and salad.

Pachamanca: Different types of meat, potatoes, corn cooked in a pre-Hispanic style, underground among super hot stones and seasoned with aromatic herbs.

Panes: pumpkin buns, cheese pastries, wheat and achita breads.



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## Suggested Program

### Day 1

- arrival to the hotel
- free time
- ½ day Huancavelica city tour excursion
- dinner in the hotel
- free time

### Day 2

- breakfast in the hotel
- full day in The Uchku Inkañan Archeological Complex
- dinner in the hotel
- free time

### Day 3

- breakfast in the hotel
- full day in the Choclococha lake and Izcuchaca center
- dinner in the hotel
- free time

### Day 4

- departure from the hotel

### notice

Different excursions are available under request.

