



Climbing El Misti

El Misti is the beautiful, snow-capped volcano that towers over the White City of Arequipa. Everybody looks at it and photographs it but not many tourists realise that you can climb the mountain in just two days.

As long as you're properly acclimatised, the ascent to the summit, 5,822m above sea level is achievable even by those with little hiking experience and standing at the crater lip gives you one of the most spectacular 360-degree views that Peru has to offer! Even better, this hike is easily included in any programme since your base is the beautiful city of Arequipa - a great destination in itself!



Day One - Arequipa to Base Camp

We will leave Arequipa in the mid-morning and proceed by minibus to the base of the volcano, before setting off on a steep 4-hour hike up to the "Eagles Nest" base camp, where we will camp for the night. We will eat an early evening meal before heading to bed for an early night, with the lights of Arequipa far below us.



Day Two - Summit of El Misti

We will get up at around midnight, and start our climb to the summit, which will take around 6 hours. It is a real hard slog but the views from the slowly smoking summit are worth it! After a short time to recover and appreciate the view, we will head back down by an alternate route (about 4 hours) before returning to Arequipa in the minibus.