



PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The city of Cajamarca brings together three ingredients that make it an unforgettable destination: a magnificent Colonial architecture, beautiful countryside, and a rich history since it was the scene of an important episode of South American history.

Here, the Conquistador Francisco Pizarro captured the Inca Atahualpa who, in spite of fulfilling his part of the ransom, was killed. From that point onward, the conquistadors drafted the city in the traditional Spanish way, and today the Colonial constructions of the Cathedral, the churches of San Francisco, Belen, and la Recoleta, mansions, and monuments are preserved.

CUMBEMAYO ARCHEOLOGICAL COMPLEX

20 km / 12 miles southeast of Cajamarca (45 minutes by car).

Discovered in 1937, this complex is surrounded by an interesting stone forest that seems to mimic the silhouettes of pious friars (for which it is popularly called “frailones” or giant friars). In addition, you find the Aqueduct (1000 B.C.), a unique work of hydraulic engineering, the Sanctuary, a cliff that looks like a giant human head, and the Caves, which include cave paintings and carvings

VENTANILLAS DE OTUZCO (WINDOWS OF OTUZCO)

8 km / 5 miles northeast of Cajamarca (10 minutes by car).

Visiting hours: Mon. – Sun. 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

The graveyard of Otuzco is popularly known as the “Ventanillas de Otuzco” (windows of Otuzco) because of its particular shape. The square or rectangular niches were sculpted in a volcanic rock face in consecutive lines. Because of grave plundering, it is difficult to know the exact age, but certain evidence points to the Caxamarca culture, who ruled the region between 300 A.D. and 800 A.D.

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KUNTURWASISITEMUSEUM

3 km / 1,8 miles from the city of San Pablo (7 minutes by car).

There are permanent exhibitions of the different objects found in the excavations of Kuntur Wasi: gold, semi-precious stones, ceramics, stone utensils, and bones. In addition, you can view maps, plans, and pictures of the research work done by the University of Tokyo. It is located at the top of the hill, La Copa, 2273 masl / 7457 fasl.

KUNTUR WASI CEREMONIAL CENTER

93 km / 58 miles northeast of Cajamarca (3 hours by car).

This pre-Hispanic ceremonial center, which is estimated to have been built around 1100 B.C., is raised upon a series of platforms and superimposed plazas with various other buildings and rooms held up by massive stone walls.

Studies have discovered different epochs of occupation. Around 700 B.C., there was a great cultural change and the entire structure was covered with dirt and stones by its own inhabitants so they could build a new, larger ceremonial center.

Towards 250 B.C., the center suffered substantial destruction, and the site was abandoned. The society moved to the hill, Cerro Blanco, where a variety of Wari constructions from this time still remain. After the destruction, Kuntur Wasi was never used again. The archeological mission of the University of Tokyo and local community groups began studying the cultural tradition reflected in Kuntur Wasi in 1988. Among the most important discoveries are the dead buried there, bodies clothed in bright red and surrounded by offerings and other objects.

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