



PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The city of Huancayo is located in the Mantaro River valley, one of the most fertile valleys in the central Andes. Its inhabitants make a living from agriculture, cattle raising, trade, and tourism. Long ago, the area was the realm of the Huancas, a tribal enemy of the Incas who according to legend were finally subjugated by Pachacútec after ferocious resistance.

Half an hour away from the city of Huancayo, in the province of La Concepción, you come across the Convent of Santa Rosa of Ocopa. Franciscan missionaries built it in 1725 for the purpose of establishing a base for evangelizing the jungle peoples. There are still preserved old, Colonial cloisters and an impressive library with more than 25,000 volumes.

From the city of Jauja, the first capital of the Peruvian Vice-royalty, you can visit the lovely Paca Lake. The city of Tarma, the city of flowers, is celebrated for its attractive countryside and excellent climate. However, the department is not only mountainous. It also contains jungle valleys with splendid countryside and typically tropical climate like Satipo and Chanchamayo, where the cities of San Ramon and La Merced are located.

OCOPA CONVENT

25 km / 16 miles northwest of Huancayo (30 minutes by car).

Visiting hours: Wed. – Mon. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

It is an ancient Franciscan convent founded in 1725. It was the starting point of the missionaries who went out to preach the different settlements in the jungle during the Vice-royalty. Its main attractions are the Gallery, the Library, which houses around 20.000 volumes (among them are numerous incunables and some bibliographic jewels), and the Natural History Museum of the Jungle, which shows the scientific and cultural work done by the Franciscan priests.

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HUANCAYO

PACA LAKE

6 km / 4 miles north of Jauja (10 minutes by bus).

It is a lake surrounded by tortora reeds and home to numerous aquatic birds. On its shores, there are lodges and restaurants that serve typical regional food. You can also rent boats..

JUNIN NATIONAL RESERVE

180 km / 112 miles northeast of Huancayo (3 hours by car).

It covers 53.000 hectares and is located at 4100 masl (13.448 fasl). The reserve is home to numerous birds especially speckled teal ducks, yellow-billed pintail ducks, Andean geese, cattle egrets, moorhens, gulls, herons, flamingos, puna ibises and white grebes. Various species of frogs and mammals like the Andean fox, the skunk, and the vizcacha have also been registered.

LORD OF MURUHUAY SANCTUARY

11 km / 7 miles north of Tarma (20 minutes by car).

It was built in 1972 on the hill where people say the crucified Christ had appeared. The main altar is decorated with three large tapestries created by artisans of San Pedro de Cajas.

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