



Full day excursion to Juli and Pomata Churches incl. box lunch (private)

Today you will continue your journey and head to Juli, the "little Rome of South America", which amazes by its originality and beauty.

Once, the city was considered as a privileged site of great importance under the Inca Empire, but Juli takes its real development under colonial times. It was first the Dominicans who chose it as the main home of the evangelization of the Andean High flatland. Some years later, the Jesuits gave to the town lakeside its real hours of glory. They soon turned Juli into a real center of expansion and management of the Jesuit Missions which extended until the borders of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. Both religious orders contributed to the construction of numerous temples of enormous beauty which, even today, testify the high level of cultural and economic development which reached Juli.

Visit the church of San Pedro dating from 1565 till 1576, San Juan de Letran, which was built at the beginning of the XVII century and preserves the famous clothes of the Jesuit Bernardo Bitti. More famous and deserving of interest are the churches of Santa Cruz de Jerusalem and Nuestra Señora de la Asunción dated to the 17th century.

These magnificent buildings demonstrate the importance of a town which, in that time, succeeded in reputation the cities of Puno and Arequipa.

The next village to visit is Pomata, located at 3,863 meters above sea level, who was able to preserve through centuries its provincial atmosphere of a high flatland town and received the title of "philosophic Balcony of the High Flatland"; this title was granted because of its geographic situation. The main charm is undoubtedly the majestic colonial church which dominates the city, contrasting with the bluish waters of Lake Titicaca and its pink granite building that will not miss to impress any guest. Also visit the church of San Santiago Apóstol

(1756), one of the treasures of the mestizo architecture of the Andean region. It is a real object of art, a stony watermark in perfect state of conservation. It is considered by the specialists as one of the most beautiful churches of South America.

After the tour you will be transferred to your hotel.

Duration: 8 hours approx.