1883

CIRQA

PARADOR EN AREQUIPA

FACT SHEET

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Located in the historic centre of Arequipa, in a UNESCO protected site, this former monastery dates back to the year 1540 when the city was founded. Reviving the soul of a forgone Parador and inspired by the dedicated way monks would receive travellers, CIRQA pays homage to its heritage by carrying on warm Arequipenean traditions. In appreciation for its history, today the Parador combines its original sillar stone architecture with contemporary nuances to welcome guests.

Designed by the same creative team behind Titilaka, Hotel B, and Atemporal, CIRQA is an expansion of the renowned Titilaka Lodge. Featuring the same level of services and facilities, it's the ideal gateway to acclimatise to the altitude before continuing on to higher destinations. Check in at CIRQA and check out at Titilaka to combine two spectacular Peruvian destinations into the perfect journey.

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1. — "Circa" — Preposition ● FORMAL ●
(Used especially with years) about or approximately
The name CIRQA alludes to 'circa' in its attempt to determine a certain moment or period in time. Written with a Q–an ode to Arequipa–it emphasises the strong connection to the city's history, traditions, and heritage.

2. — "Sirca" — Noun
(Used especially in reference to chilli peppers) veins
The name CIRQA alludes to the word 'sirca', colloquially used in reference to the pith and ribs of the Rocoto pepper – an emblematic Arequipenean ingredient – in an attempt to highlight the close relation between the Parador and the local gastronomic culture.

// Arequipa was founded circa 1540.
// The San Agustin Church's most recent reconstruction took place circa 1883.

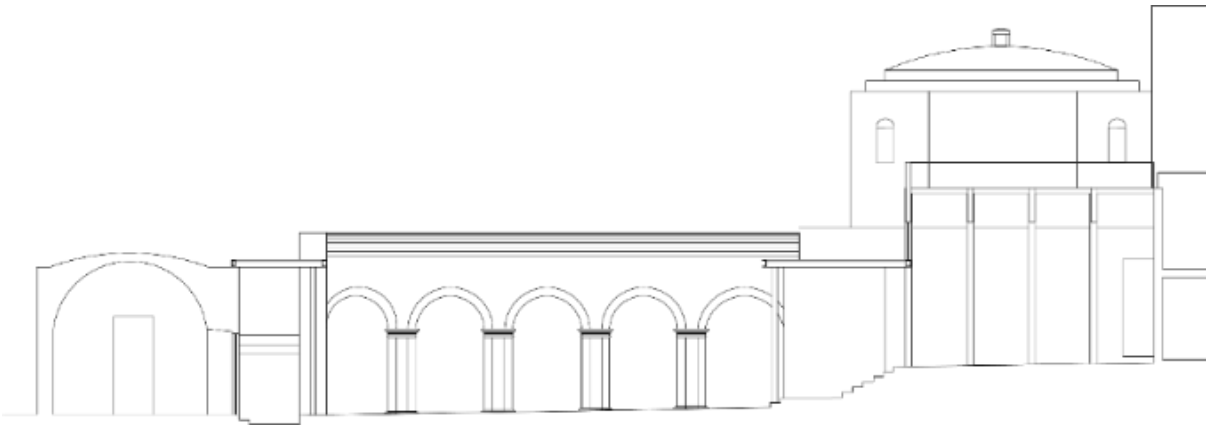
HISTORY

In 1540, the year Arequipa was built, the land was divided between its founders and the Spanish nobility of the time. The site on which CIRQA sits was granted to Alonso De Luque, a renowned scribe. He later bequeathed it to the Augustinian Order, requesting that in exchange they build a church with cloisters, patios, orchards and gardens—as well as a sepulchre for him and his wife under the future altar of Saint Nicholas of Tolentino.

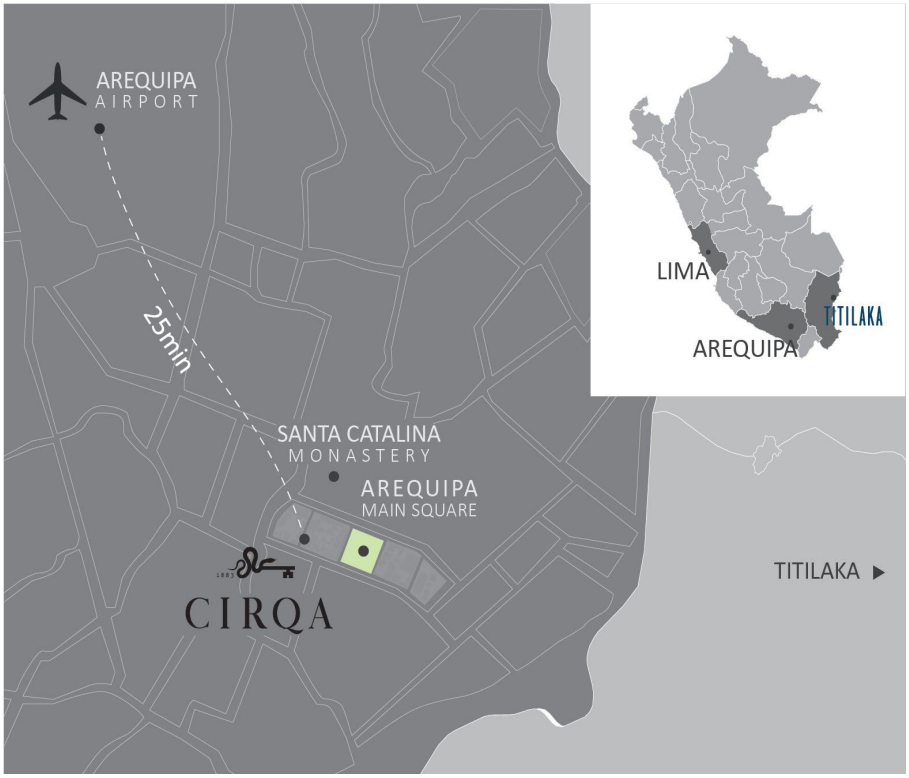
Unfortunately, successive earthquakes continuously tore down parts of the edifice causing several reconstruction processes. Because of this, a precise date or specific architectural style for the Parador can't be determined.

After Peru's independence, Spanish assets were nationalised and the property was given to the Treasury. The division of land took place once again, and the Parador was passed down from family to family. In 1883, yet another earthquake left the Church in ruins, causing the board of Almudena to auction off the entire lot. At the end of the 20th century, the property was ultimately divided into three parts, two of which now correspond to CIRQA.

Today, CIRQA is recognised for the emblematic estate it once was. It is appreciated for this centuries-long history and applauded for its astounding architectural interior. Age-old volcanic sillar rock combined with contemporary nuances create the one-of-a-kind experience CIRQA offers today.



LOCATION



Arequipa, Peru's second largest city, is the heart of the southern travel circuit and is often referred to as the White City due to its abundant sillar stone architecture. Home to three snow-capped volcanoes, this colonial gem is distinctive for its colourful monasteries, cobblestone streets, and renowned gastronomic heritage.

Arequipa has a year-round sunny climate with temperatures ranging from 10°C to 25°C (50ºF - 77ºF) and barely any rainfall. At 2,328 m.a.s.l. (7,637 f.a.s.l) Arequipa reveals spectacular scenery and is the perfect gateway to acclimatise to the Andean altitude before continuing on to higher destinations.

CIRQA is located one block away from the main square, within walking distance of many of Arequipa's architectural jewels.

Address: Sucre 104, Arequipa 04001, Perú

ACCESS, CLIMATE, & ALTITUDE

By car:

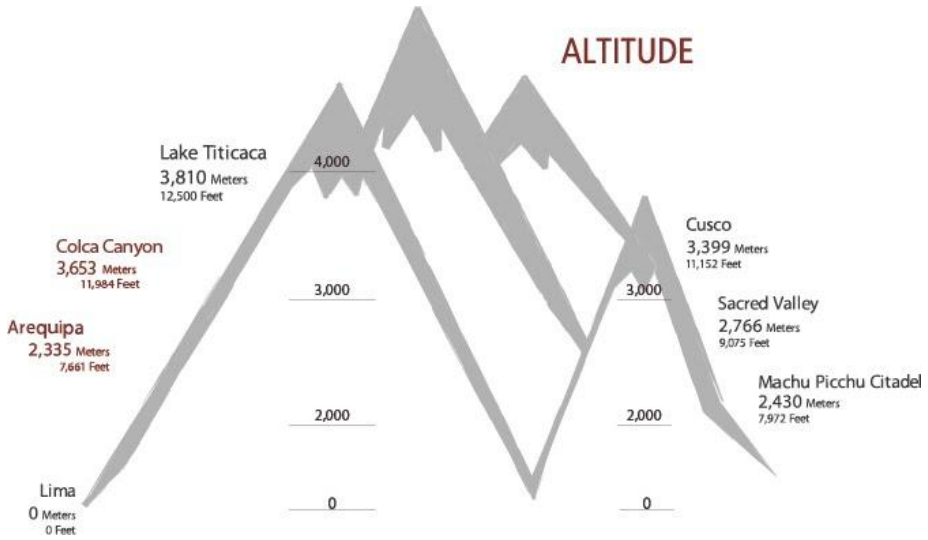
- 3 hrs from Chivay / Colca Canyon
- 6 hrs from Titilaka
- 9 hrs from Cusco
- 9 hrs from Nazca
- 16 hrs from Lima

By plane:

- 90-minute flight from Lima (>10 direct flights per day)
- 1-hour flight from Cusco (one or two direct flights per day, others with stopover in Lima)
- 2-hour flight from Santiago (two flights per week)

By train:

- 3d/2n by train from Cusco (The Andean Explorer)
  - *Leaves Cusco on Thursday, arrives at Arequipa on Saturday.*
  - *Leaves Arequipa on Saturday, arrives at Cusco on Monday.*



WEATHER

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
	22°/9°C 71°/47° F	21°/9°C 71°/48° F	24°/8°C 76°/47° F	25°/7°C 77°/45° F	22°/6°C 72°/43° F	22°/5°C 71°/42° F
Average precipitation days	4.8 days	5.6 days	4.5 days	0.7 days	0.1 days	0.0 days

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	22°/5°C 71°/41° F	22°/5°C 72°/42° F	23°/6°C 73°/43° F	23°/6°C 73°/44° F	23°/7°C 73°/44° F	23°/8°C 73°/46° F
Average precipitation days	0.0 days	0.1 days	0.3 days	0.1 days	0.2 days	1.6 days

HOTEL

CIRQA's unique Arequipenean character and original volcanic rock architecture–dating back to the city's founding in 1540–has withstood the test of time. Today, CIRQA is applauded for its astounding design and architecture, which combined with contemporary nuances, make up the soul of the property. The eleven rooms, some of which have restored high-vaulted ceilings, encircle the main terraza and patio. On the second floor, El Techo de CIRQA overlooks surrounding neighbourhoods and showcases the city's volcanoes.

HOTEL FACILITIES

- 11 rooms in three categories
- Salón: dining room and sitting area
- Terraza
- Rooftop: "El Techo de CIRQA"
- Patio with heated plunge pool
- Massage room

SERVICES

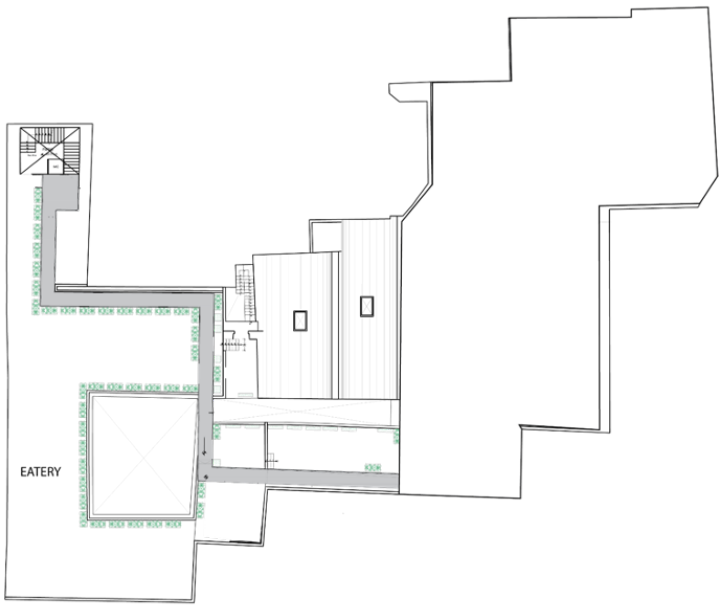
Available only to guests

- In-room check-in
- 24-hour on-site concierge
- Wi-Fi
- Massage services
- Salón (dining room) and Rooftop: for the use of guests or those with prior reservation

HOTEL FLOORPLAN

1st floor: Parador

2nd floor: El Techo de CIRQA



OUR KITCHEN

Arequipa's gastronomy is known for its diverse use of local ingredients and its varied flavours and spices. Similarly, CIRQA's cuisine is inspired by the taste of Arequipenean countryside picanterias, captivating the essence of the region and its classic dishes. CIRQA's seasonal menu, curated by Maria Fé García, focuses on simplicity and truthfulness to the local terroir.

SALÓN & TERRAZA

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in the Salón & the Terraza.

The contemporary Salón combines a casual sitting area with a monastic dining room and a large fireplace. Its décor is complemented by long tables and carefully selected tableware that create an organic aesthetic and tranquil ambiance. The Terraza offers an open space sitting and dining area with a comfortable feel and fire pits. Both are available for guests or walk-ins who have made prior reservations.

EL TECHO DE CIRQA *(ROOFTOP)*

The Parador's new rooftop experience, El Techo de CIRQA, was inspired by old Picanterias. Its particular design resembles the structure of the first Arequipenean road-stops, where travellers from all around would gather to drink and eat traditional food before continuing on to their destinations.

The casual ambiance of "El Techo de CIRQA" offers stunning views of Arequipa's volcanoes and the surrounding neighbourhoods—great for sundowners.

ROOMS

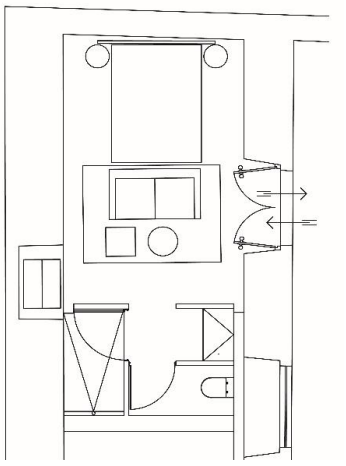
The Parador accommodates eleven rooms, centred around the main terraza and patio. Each room at the Parador is a timeless homage to the ancient monastery chambers and features its own unique characteristics.

The rooms have custom design finishings and tailor-made furniture and interiors. All include a Smart TV with DirecTV and Netflix, air-conditioning, a wireless speaker, organic amenities, and a complimentary snacks-and-drinks hamper.

ROOM SERVICES

Available only to guests

- Room service
- Turn-down service and housekeeping three times a day
- Complimentary ironing and shoe shine service



› CLAUSTRO (2)

19.2 - 20.8m² (206 - 223 sq. ft.)

An intimate and cosy refuge that offers all the essentials while resembling the authentic dimensions and feel of the original monk's chambers, updated with modern comforts.

- Queen Bed
- Walk-in shower
- Separate toilet
- Organic CIRQA toiletries
- Reading chair

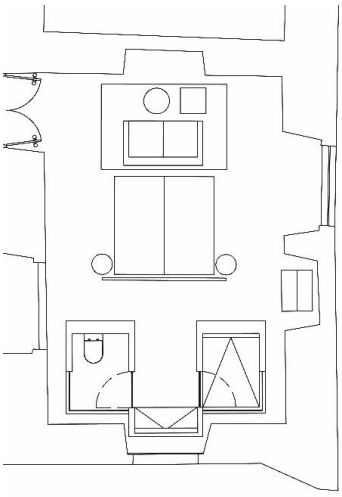
> Referential sketches

APOSENTO (5) ‹

31.5-36.3m² (339 - 390 sq. ft)

These rooms have its own distinct personality and each of them honours its heritage. No one is like the other. They are all ample and feature high ceilings and a personal reading area.

- 2 Twin beds or 1 King bed
- Walk-in shower
- Separate toilet
- Organic CIRQA toiletries
- Personal reading area



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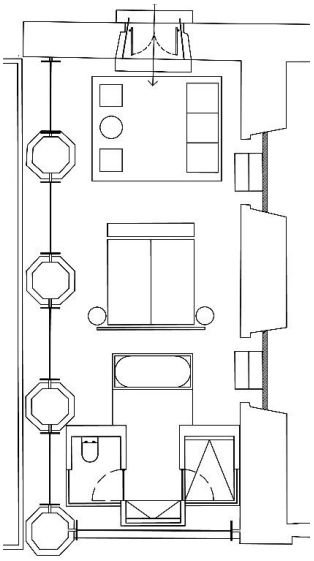

› BÓVEDA (4)

39.9 - 49.7 m² (429 - 534 sq. ft.)

Magnificent and spacious, with original high-vaulted ceilings that recall ancient Parador times. Each boasts a stand-alone bathtub and a private sitting area.

- 2 Twin beds or 1 King bed
- Stand-alone bathtub
- Walk-in shower
- Separate toilet
- Organic CIRQA toiletries
- Private sitting area

> Referential sketch

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