



**Turismo  
Cuida**

**Completed  
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# **Sillar Route**

**A Treasure  
Of Arequipa**

**Intangible Cultural Heritage**

**Arequipa  
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## Sillar Route and Culebrillas Petroglyphs

To recognize the Sillar Quarries of Ñashuayco, Arequipa, as an integral part of Peru's Intangible Cultural Heritage. With an investment of **USD15,290.00**, Turismo Cuida spearheaded a comprehensive research initiative and the development of a tourist route, aiming to support the sustainable growth of the local community. Through the integration of photographic, topographic, and geological methodologies, the project emphasized the importance of safeguarding the quarries against encroachments and environmental damage. In collaboration with the Arequipa Research, Education, and Development Center (CIED), the Association of Sillar Cutters was established, and sillar extraction was officially declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Peru.

## Goals

Secure recognition of the Sillar Quarries and Cutters as a vital part of Peru's cultural legacy.  
Develop and promote the Sillar Route.  
Foster regional protection and sustainable development.

## Beneficiaries

- The Sillar Cutters Network of Arequipa, the local population, and tourism operators

## Achievements

- Infrastructure Improvement
- Cultural Protection
- Capacity Building
- Tourism Planning
- Visitor Growth
- Regional Recognition



Añashuayco Quarries, Arequipa

**“We are thrilled to share that the Culebrillas Quarry is now protected by the Peruvian government thanks to this project. The tourist infrastructure has been enhanced with the installation of informative panels and the cutters have been trained as local guides to welcome visitors.**

**On behalf of AREQUIPA:**

**Thank you Turismo Cuida for supporting the conservation and enhancement of our heritage.”**

**Forever grateful:**

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