

Santa Catalina Convent, Arequipa

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Established in the 16th century, Santa Catalina convent is perhaps the largest such institution in the world. It was a haven for daughters of the local elite, who lived a pampered if isolated life. During the colonial period these institutions also accumulated considerable real property, and were economically important.

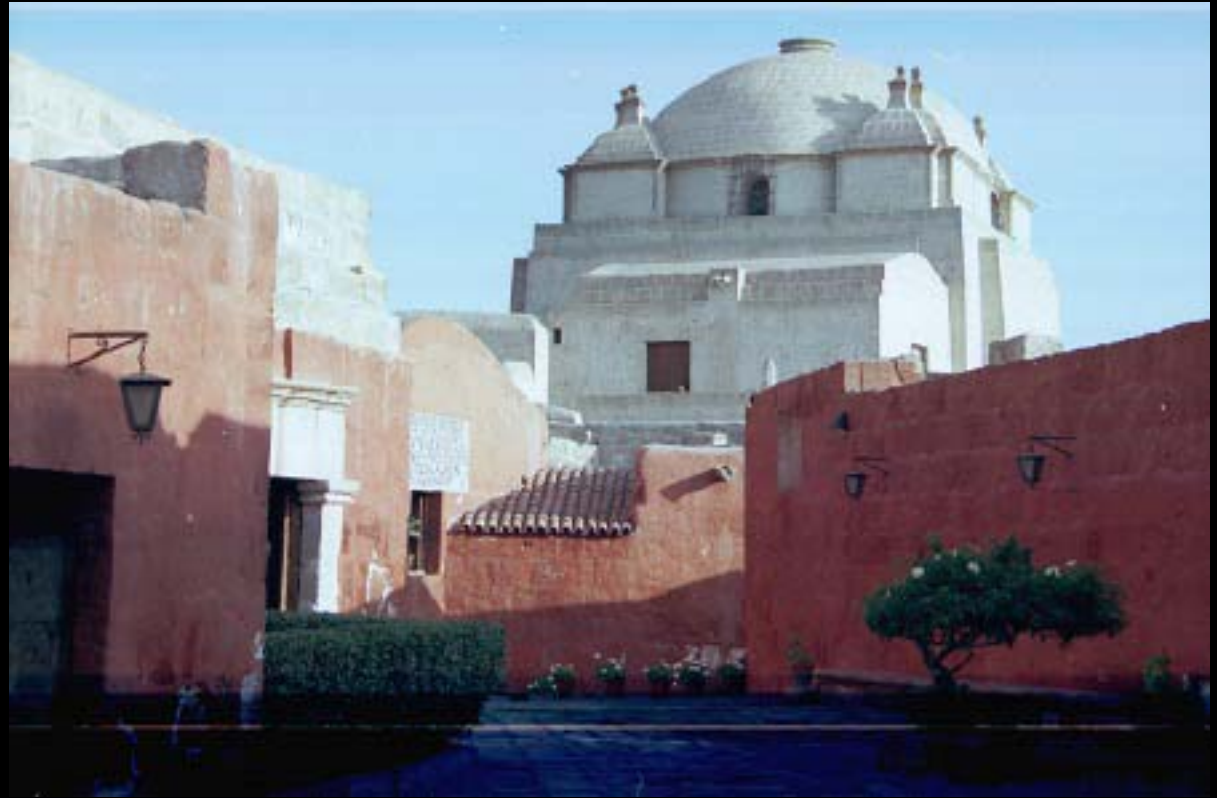
Convent church



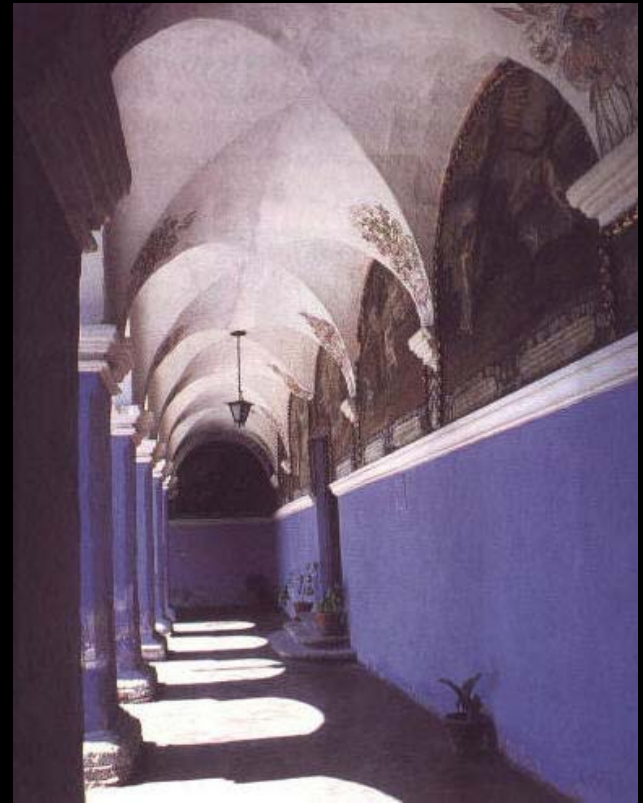
Church and convento



Interior views of convento



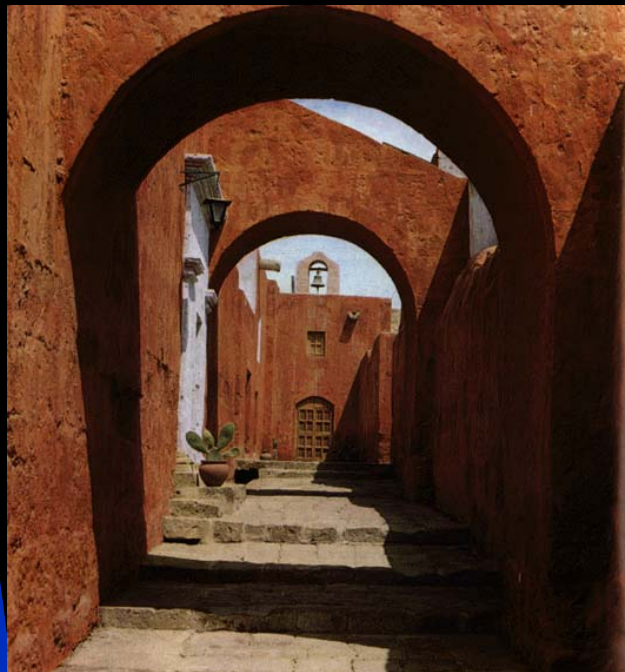




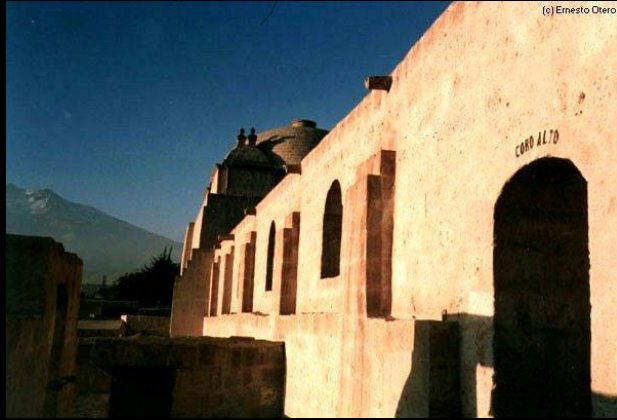
























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