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Portachuelo (Andes View Point) Full Day

This unique itinerary allows you to discover, in just one day one of the most fascinating Peruvian Andean areas. It will be an unforgettable experience in this impressive mountain range. A simple walk that submerges you in the heart of the Cordillera Blanca rewarding you with fascinating mountain landscapes. This trip is suitable for people of all ages, and does not demand a high level of fitness.

The trek leads you through splendid vegetation areas, taking you close to the base of the most spectacular and famous Cordillera Blanca mountains. You are rewarded by the beautiful natural environment and amidst beautiful turquoise lakes that reflect the mountains and springs.

Leaving Huaraz (3,100 m) we travel towards the north of the Callejon de Huaylas along the Santa river, which separates the Cordillera Blanca from the Cordillera Negra. We continue to the buried town of Yungay (it was totally covered by an avalanche from Huascarán) $\frac{3}{4}$ h (2,500m); from where we begin to ascend toward the Cordillera Blanca by a zig zag road leading to the Llanganuco valley, visiting the Orkoncocha and Chinancocha lakes (3,850m) $1\frac{1}{2}$ h. We continue to climb towards the highest point of our journey "Portachuelo de Llanganuco" (4,765m) 1h, with truly splendid views of the Cordillera Blanca mountains: Huascarán Norte (6,650m), Huascarán Sur (6,768m), Huandoy (6,395m), Chopicalqui (6,345m), Pisco (5,752m), and Yanapaccha (5,460 m). From the Portachuelo the walk begins, descending toward the Demanda valley. We arrive at a look out point from where the view of the mountains is even more impressive, an excellent 360° panoramic vista, and toward the east the wide Llanganuco valley with its two lakes: Orkoncocha and Chinanacocha. We continue descending toward a beautiful and hidden turquoise lake where the snow peaks of the Huandoy peaks are reflected. Continuing, we appreciate a splendid waterfall, arriving at our camp to eat lunch and then continuing down the Demanda valley, with excellent Huascarán views. From Cebollapampa we take a vehicle back to Huaraz.

This route is 4 hours of simple walking downhill (650 m height difference) and promises to be an unforgettable adventure in the Cordillera Blanca.

Portachuelo - Lake 69

This is one of the best and one of the easier Peruvian Andes treks, which takes you to one of the most impressive Cordillera Blanca areas, taking a minimum of two days and promising the most stunning high mountain scenery.

From Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) the mountain panoramic view is truly impressive. We descend to Cebollapampa to spend a pleasant camping night, the next day we walk towards the Lake 69; this route allows us to make a short diversion to the Broggi glacier between the peaks of Chacaraju and Yanapaccha.

02 days and 01 night of unforgettable adventures in the Cordillera Blanca

Day 1: Huaraz - Portachuelo (4,765 m) Bus 3½h
Portachuelo - Cebollapampa (3,900 m) 4h

Leaving Huaraz city heading for the north of the Callejon de Huaylas we arrive at Yungay (2,500m) 1h, and begin to ascend toward the Cordillera Blanca by a zig zag road to the Llanganuco valley to visit the Orkoncocha and Chinanacocha turquoise lakes and continue towards the highest point, Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m). The splendid views of the snow peaks are truly impressive: Huascarán Norte (6,650m), Huascarán Sur (6,768 m), Huandoy (6,395m), Chopicalqui (6,345m), Pisco (5,752m), Yanapaccha (5,460m). From the Portachuelo we begin the trek 3h. Descending toward the Demanda valley we arrive at the Mirador from where the mountains view is even more impressive. We continue descending towards Cebollapampa to set up our camp in a pleasant and wide quenuales forest beneath the glaciers.

Day 2: Cebollapampa - Lakes 69 (4,400 m) 3½h
Cebollapampa - Huaraz (3,100 m) Bus 2½h

Today we walk towards the head of the Demanda valley and begin the ascent towards Lake 69 (4,400m) 3 ½h, at the base of the impressive peak of Chacaraju. On the way back and depending on the group decision there is an option to make a short diversion towards the Broggi (4,500 m) glacier and then to return to our camp in Cebollapampa to take a vehicle back to Huaraz 2½h

Ulta - Llanganuco

This trek route allow us to carry out a splendid short itinerary rewarding us with the fantastic view of the Cordillera Blanca snow peaks from two view points: Punta Yanayacu (4900 m) and Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765 m) where we see the impressive peaks of Huascarán, Huandoy, Chopicalqui, Chacaraju, Yanapaccha, Pisco, Ulta, Contrahierbas, Hualcán and others.

Via the Ulta valley we ascend towards Punta Yanayacu then descend the Morococha valley where we will take a bus to ascend to the Portachuelo de Llanganuco and then visit Orkacocha and Chinacocha lakes.

03 days and 02 nights of unforgettable adventures in the Cordillera Blanca

Day 1: Huaraz- Ulta Valley (4,100 m) Bus 3 h.
Quebrada Ulta - Ocshapampa (4,400 m) 5 h.

Leaving Huaraz city (3,100 m) we head towards the North of the Callejón de Huaylas to Carhuaz (2,645 m) ¾ h, make a short stop, then begin the ascent towards the Cordillera Blanca to the head of Ulta valley (4,100 m) where we meet up with our support staff and begin the ascent to our Ocshapampa camp (4,400 m) 5 h We have splendid views of Contrahierbas (6,036 m) Ulta (5,875 m) Hualcán (6,112 m), Chopicalqui (6,354 m) and others.

Day 2: Ocshapampa - Molinopampa (4,200 m) 7 h

This will be a long and tiring day, our aim, to cross the Punta Yanacaju pass (4,900 m), rewarding us with impressive views of the Cordillera Blanca: Huascarán (6,768 m), Chopicalqui, Ulta, Contrahierbas, Hualcán and others. Also to the north we see Taulliraju (5,830 m), Quitaraju (6,040 m) and Rinrihirca (5,810 m). Then we descend the Mororococha valley, setting up camp in Molinopampa.

Day 3: Molinopampa - Vaqueria (3,700 m) 2h
Vaqueria - Huaraz (3,100 m) Bus 5h

This third and last day we have a short walk towards the road 2h, near Vaqueria, where a vehicle will pick up us to ascend Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) 2½h with truly impressive views of the Cordillera Blanca. We see mountains like: Huascarán Norte (6,650m), Huascarán Sur (6,768m), Huandoy (6,395m), Chacaraju (6,122m), Chopicalqui (6,345m), Pisco (5,752m) Yanapaccha (5,460m) and down the Llanganuco lakes. Then we descend via the Llanganuco valley and passing Orkoncocha and Chinancocha lakes, return to Huaraz.

Santacruz - Llanganuco

This is the classic trekking route and the most popular in the Cordillera Blanca; walking 4 days in one of its most spectacular areas with beautiful turquoise lakes, quenual forests (polylepis), and Andean high grasslands. Here the ichu grass grows surrounded by immense and defiant mountains that reach heights up to and over 6,000 m. We cross the Punta Union pass (4,750m) and the Pass of Llanganuco (4,765m) rewarding us with the view of the most famous snow peaks in the Cordillera Blanca.

This route allows us a gentle ascent, helping acclimatization.

We go up the Santa Cruz valley crossing the Punta Union pass then head down the Huaripampa valley to Vaqueria to take a vehicle to ascend to the Portachuelo de Llanganuco, then descending by the valley of the same name visiting the Llanganuco Chinancocha and Orkococha lakes. Return to Huaraz.

04 days and 03 nights of unforgettable adventures in the Cordillera Blanca

Day 1: Huaraz - Cashapampa (2,900 m) Bus 3h Cashapampa - Llamacorral (3,650 m) 4h

Leaving Huaraz city heading to the north of the Callejon de Huaylas we descend by a road to Caraz (2,300m), 1h then from this place we begin to ascend towards the Cordillera Blanca to the small town of Cashapampa (2,900m), 2h, where we meet up with our mountain personnel: guides, cooks, muleteers, etc. and begin the walk having loaded up our donkeys. We begin the trek heading up the Santa Cruz valley to set up our first camp in Llamacorral (3,650m) 3 h.

Day 2: Llamacorral - Taullipampa (4,000 m) 5h

We continue the trek up Santa Cruz's wide valley, passing Ichiccocha and Jatuncocha lakes; we arrive at Quisuar where we can make a diversion towards Alpamayo base camp via the Arhuaycocha valley, with splendid views of the peaks of Quitaraju (6,040m), Alpamayo (5,947m), Artezonraju (6,025m) and others. This night we camp in Taullipampa (4,000m) at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju peak (5,830m) and surrounded by snow peaks.

Day 3: Taullipampa - Huaripampa (3,600 m) 7h

This will be a long and tiring day ascending by a steep zig zag path at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju and overlooking the Taullicocha turquoise lake. We arrive at Punta Union (4,750m) 3h and see the peaks of Chacaraju

(6,112m), Artezonraju (6,025m), Pyramid (5,885m), Huandoy (6,395m), Alpamayo (5,940m), Santa Cruz (6,259m), Rinrihirca (5,810m), Taulliraju (5,830m) and others; now on the east side of the Cordillera Blanca we begin to descend passing the Morococha lake and then into the long, broad Huaripampa valley, passing through red-barked quenual forests and pleasant Andean grasslands; we approach our camp in Huaripampa (3,600m) 4h.

Day 4: Huaripampa - Vaqueria (3,700 m) 3h
Vaqueria - Huaraz (3,100 m) Bus 4h

We continue descending to the small Andean town of Colcabamba (3,350m) 1h then we begin to ascend toward Vaqueria (3,700 m) 2h to take a vehicle up to the Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) 2h with splendid views of Huascarán Norte (6,768 m) Huascarán Sur (6,650 m), Chopicalqui (6,354 m), Huandoy (6,395 m), and Pisco (5,752 m). Then we descend the Llanganuco valley visiting the Llanganuco: Orkon-cocha and Chinan-cocha lakes. Return to Huaraz.

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05 days and 04 nights of unforgettable adventures in the Cordillera Blanca

Day 1: Huaraz - Cashapampa (2,900 m) Bus 3h Cashapampa - Llamacorral (3,650 m) 4h

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Day 2: Llamacorral - Taullipampa (4,000 m) 5h

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Day 3: Taullipampa - Huaripampa (3,600 m) 7h

This will be a long and tiring day ascending by a steep zig zag path at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju and overlooking the Taullicocha turquoise lake.

We arrive at Punta Union (4,750m) 3h and see the peaks of Chacraraju (6,112m), Artezonraju (6,025m), Pyramid (5,885m), Huandoy (6,395m), Alpamayo (5,940m), Santa Cruz (6,259m), Rinrihirca (5,810m), Taulliraju (5,830m) and others; now on the east side of the Cordillera Blanca we begin to descend passing the Morococha lake and then into the long, broad Huaripampa valley, passing through red-barked quenual forests and pleasant Andean grasslands; we approach our camp in Huaripampa (3,600m) 4h.

Day 4: Huaripampa - Pacchapampa (4,300 m) 6h

We continue descending to the small Andean town of Colcabamba (3,350m) 1h, rest and then begin to ascend toward Vaqueria (3,700 m) 2h, to reach our camp in Pacchapampa (4,300m) at the foot of the Yanapaccha (5,460m).

Day 5: Pacchapampa - Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765 m) 3h Llanganuco - Huaraz (3,100 m) Bus 3h

This last day of the trek we will reach the highest point of our journey, beginning the ascent toward Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) 3h with splendid views of Huascarán Norte (6,768 m) Huascarán Sur (6,650 m), Chopicalqui (6,354 m), Huandoy (6,395 m), and Pisco (5,752 m). Then we descend the Llanganuco valley visiting the Llanganuco: Orkon-cocha and Chinan-cocha lakes. Return to Huaraz.

Santa Cruz - Llanganuco - Ulta

This trek along the great extension of the Cordillera Blanca allows us to discover one of the main mountainous regions of the world. Here we find a major concentration of peaks over 6,000m. We combine the classic trek of this impressive mountain range with an extension to the Ulta valley; rewarding us with a view of the most impressive mountain landscapes of the earth. We reach three high passes: Punta Union (4,750m), Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m), Punta Yanayacu (4,900m); 08 days of trekking through the most spectacular Cordillera Blanca areas.

We start in the Santa Cruz valley, crossing the Punta Union pass and then heading down the Huaripampa valley. We continue towards Vaqueria and from the Morococha valley we ascend to Portachuelo de Llanganuco and return again to Vaqueria, to continue the trek by the Qeshu valley reaching the highest point on the trek at Punta Yanayacu from there descending the Ulta Valley.

08 days and 07 nights of unforgettable adventures in the Cordillera Blanca

Day 1: Huaraz - Cashapampa (2,900 m) Bus 3h Cashapampa - Llamacorral (3,650 m) 4h

Leaving Huaraz city heading to the north of the Callejon de Huaylas we descend by a road to Caraz (2,300m), 1h then from this place we begin to ascend towards the Cordillera Blanca to the small town of Cashapampa (2,900m), 2h, where we meet up with our mountain personnel: guides, cooks, muleteers, etc. and begin the walk having loaded up our donkeys. We begin the trek heading up the Santa Cruz valley to set up our first camp in Llamacorral (3,650m) 3 h.

Day 2: Llamacorral - Taullipampa (4,000 m) 5h

We continue the trek up Santa Cruz's wide valley, passing Ichiccocha and Jatuncocha lakes; we arrive at Quisuar where we can make a diversion towards Alpamayo base camp via the Arhuaycocha valley, with splendid views of the peaks of Quitaraju (6,040m), Alpamayo (5,947m), Artezónraju (6,025m) and others. Tonight we camp in Taullipampa (4,000m) at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju peak (5,830m) and surrounded by snow peaks.

Day 3: Taullipampa - Huaripampa (3,600 m) 7h

This will be a long and tiring day ascending by a steep zig zag path at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju and overlooking the Taullicocha turquoise lake.

We arrive at Punta Union (4,750m) 3h and see the peaks of Chacraraju (6,112m), Artezónraju (6,025m), Pyramid (5,885m), Huandoy (6,395m), Alpamayo (5,940m), Santa Cruz (6,259m), Rinrihirca (5,810m), Taulliraju (5,830m) and others; now on the east side of the Cordillera Blanca we begin to descend passing the Morococha lake and then into the long, broad Huaripampa valley, passing through red-barked quenual forests and pleasant Andean grasslands; we approach our camp in Huaripampa (3,600m) 4h.

Day 4: Huaripampa - Vaqueria (3,700 m) 4h

We continue descending to the small Andean town of Colcabamba (3,350m) 1h and then we begin to ascend towards Vaqueria (3,700 m) 3h to set up our camp.

Day 5: Vaqueria (3,700 m)

This day will be free to rest, a vehicle will pick us up to ascend to Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) 1½h, with splendid views of Huascarán Norte (6,768 m) Huascarán Sur (6,650 m), Chopicalqui (6,354 m), Huandoy (6,395 m), Pisco (5,752 m). We also have great views of the Llanganuco valley and the two lakes of Orkon-cocha and Chinan-cocha. Return to our camp in Vaqueria.

Day 6: Vaqueria - Yanayacu (4,400 m) 6h

We begin the trek ascending the Keshu valley coming closer to the impressive Contrahierbas (6,036m) peak, setting up camp (4,400m) near Punta Yanayacu.

Day 7: Yanayacu - Ocshapampa (4,400 m) 7h

This will be a tiring day, our objective will be to cross the Punta Yanayacu pass (4,900m) with impressive views of the Cordillera Blanca mountains: Huascarán (6,768 m), Chopicalqui, Ulta, Contrahierbas, Hualcan and others, also towards the north the mountain Taulliraju is in view (5,830m), as is Quitaraju (6,040m) and Rinrihirca (5,810m). Then we descend the Ulta valley to set up camp in Ocshapampa (4,400m), in front of Contrahierbas (6,036m), Ulta (5,875m), Hualcan (6,112 m), Chopicalqui (6,354m) and others.

Day 8: Ocshapampa - Broken Ulta (4,100 m) 3h Broken Ulta - Huaraz (3,100 m) Bus 3h

This is the last day of trek descending toward the Ulta valley to take a vehicle back to Huaraz.

Alpamayo Trek

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This, without doubt, is the most complete and beautiful trek in the Cordillera Blanca. It involves 9 days of walking with one day rest day in one of the most fascinating areas. Along the route we cross 7 passes of heights between 4,400 m and 4,850 m, with splendid views of the great Cordillera Blanca peaks. The route is simple but due to the long distance and altitude, it demands certain trekking and camping experience, good acclimatization and a good level of physical fitness. The trek begins in the small town of Hualcapampa continues towards the Cullicocha lake following the Cedros valley. We continue along the Alpamayo valley until Jancarurish, then head for Willca. We continue to the Jancapampa valley, where we take a day of rest and continue over the Alto Pucaraju pass and then descend by the Huaripampa valley to Vaqueria to take a vehicle to ascend to Portachuelo de Llanganuco. Return to Huaraz

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Day 1: Huaraz - Hualcayan (3,140 m) BUS 5h

Leaving Huaraz we head north through the Callejon de Huaylas, to Caraz city (2,300m) 1½h. We stop briefly then continue to ascend towards the Cordillera Blanca making our first camp in Hualcayan (3,140m), 3h, where we make contact with our mountain personnel: guides, cooks, muleteers, etc., etc.

Day 2: Hualcayan - Huishcash (4,200 m) 5h

This first day of walking, having loaded up the donkeys, begins with a steep and tiring climb to our camp in Huishcash (4,200m). The climb may be tough but the views are ample reward, as we grow closer to the mountains.

Day 3: Huishcash - Osoruri (4,100 m) 6h

We continue ascending toward the Collicocha lake (4,625m) to reach the Cullicocha pass (4,850m), then the Osoruri pass (4,750m) then we descend to our Osoruri camp (4,100m) in Los Cedros valley. Today we have splendid views of the Cordillera Negra and the Pilanco (5,480m), Milluacocha (5,480m) snow peaks.

Day 4: Ruinapampa - Jancarurish (4,250 m) 7h

We ascend Los Cedros valley to reach Alpamayo. We set up camp near the beautiful lake of Jancarurish (4,250m) from where we have an impressive view of the impeccable pyramidal form of Alpamayo (5,947 m).

Day 5: Jancarurish - Willca (4,200 m) 6h

We begin to ascend leaving the most beautiful mountain in the world and other peaks behind (Jancarurish (5,578m) and Tayapampa (5,675 m)), and reach the Caracara pass (4,830m) from where the Alpamayo is seen (5,947m), as is Quitaraju (6,040m) and Santa Cruz (5,830m). We continue to the Mesopampa pass (4,500m) from where Pucahircas (5,640m) is also seen, then we descend by the Safuna valley to our camp at Willca (4,200m).

Day 6: Willca - Jancapampa (4,200 m) 6h

We ascend toward the Willca pass (4,600m) with splendid views of Pucahirca and the beautiful Jancapampa valley. We descend toward Jancapampa (4,200m) to set up our camp here, where we spend two nights.

Day 7: Jancapampa - Huecrococha (4,200 m) 6h

From Jancapampa we begin the next day of the trek ascending toward the Tupatupa pass (4,400m) then continuing towards Huecrococha lake where we set up camp. This place is named Quisuar (4,200m).

Day 8: Huecrococha - Tuctubamba (4,200 m) 5h

We continue the trek to reach the Alto de Pucaraju pass (4,650m) with splendid mountains and landscape views: Taulliraju (5,830m), Pariah (5,600m), Chacraraju (6,112m), Pyramid (5,885m), Rinrihirca (5,810m), Huascarán (6,768m), Chopicalqui (6,345m), Quitaraju (6,040m) and others. From Alto de Pucaraju we descend a steep zigzag path towards our camp at Tuctubamba in the Huaripampa valley (4,200m).

Day 9: Huaripampa - Vaqueria (3,700m) 3h Vaqueria - Huaraz (3,100 m) 5h

This last day of the trek we continue descending to the small Andean town of Colcabamba (3,350m) 1h then we ascend towards Vaqueria (3,700m) 2h to take a vehicle to ascend towards Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) 2h. From here we have splendid views of Huascarán Norte (6,768 m) Huascarán Sur (6,650m), Chopicalqui (6,354m), Huandoy (6,395 m), and Pisco (5,752m.) Finally we descend towards the Llanganuco valley and on to Huaraz.

This is a general description of the Alpamayo trek. The progress of the trek will depend on several factors like the climate, the participants' physical condition, and adaptation to the altitude; so that camping places and schedules will be altered as suits.

The detailed program includes a day that can be used for rest, or to make day walks. We have also the option to use this day for other eventualities without altering the main itinerary of the trek.

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Day 6: Willca - Jancapampa (4,200 m) 6h

We ascend toward the Willca pass (4,600m) with splendid views of Pucahirca and the beautiful Jancapampa valley. We descend toward Jancapampa (4,200m) to set up our camp here, where we spend two nights.

Day 7: Jancapampa (4,200 m)

We suggest this day be a free day to rest in this beautiful valley of pleasant Andean prairies and quenal forest.

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Day 9: Huecrococha - Tuctubamba (4,200 m) 5h

We continue the trek to reach the Alto de Pucaraju pass (4,650m) with splendid mountains and landscape views: Taulliraju (5,830m), Pariah (5,600m), Chacraraju (6,112m), Pyramid (5,885m), Rinrihirca (5,810m), Huascarán (6,768m), Chopicalqui (6,345m), Quitaraju (6,040m) and others. From Alto de Pucaraju we descend a steep zigzag path towards our camp at Tuctubamba in the Huaripampa valley (4,200m).

Day 10: Huaripampa - Vaqueria (3,700m) 3h Vaqueria - Huaraz (3,100 m) 5h

This last day of the trek we continue descending to the small Andean town of Colcabamba (3,350m) 1h then we ascend towards Vaqueria (3,700m) 2h to take a vehicle to ascend towards Portachuelo de Llanganuco (4,765m) 2h. From here we have splendid views of Huascarán Norte (6,768 m) Huascarán Sur (6,650m), Chopicalqui (6,354m), Huandoy (6,395 m), and Pisco (5,752m.) Finally we descend towards the Llanganuco valley and on to Huaraz.

This is a general description of the Alpamayo trek. The progress of the trek will depend on several factors like the climate, the participants' physical condition, and adaptation to the altitude; so that camping places and schedules will be altered as suits.

The detailed program includes a day that can be used for rest, or to make day walks. We have also the option to use this day for other eventualities without altering the main itinerary of the trek.

Cordillera Huayhuash

This is one of the best trekking programmes that can be carried out in the Peruvian Andes

The Cordillera Huayhuash is a relatively unknown Cordillera, located in one of the most remote and beautiful regions of the Andean Cordillera. It is considered to be one of the most spectacular mountain treks in the world. The route (180 Km) around the impressive "Cordillera Huayhuash" (which is 30 Km long) rewards us with the most splendid landscapes on earth: beautiful Andean grasslands surrounded by defiant mountains that reach heights above 6,000m, beautiful lakes where the mountains are reflected, narrow valleys that confirm the Peruvian Andes steep relief, offering us in one small range seven of the highest Peruvian Andes dramatic summits.

It requires 14 days of walking through remote crossing 9 passes of between 4,650 m and 5,000 m. For most of the circuit we walk and camp at altitudes in excess of 4,000m. (Night stops indicated below may vary).

It is not a difficult route, but the heights, the distance and the length demand certain experience, good physical condition and an appropriate acclimatisation to the altitude.

This trek allow us a technically simple ascension of Diablo mudo 5,350 m (silent devil) snow peak in just one day.

Before the trek begins we have the possibility to acclimatize well in Huaraz and through the Cordillera Blanca, enjoying the landscape, the nature and the mountains splendid views.

14 days and 13 nights of unforgettable adventures in the Cordillera Huayhuash

Day 1: Huaraz (3,100 m) - Cuartelhuaín (4,100m) Bus 6h

From Huaraz we go by road towards the south where the Cordillera Blanca snow peaks are seen from Pachacoto (35Km.). We head east across a wild puna area, we visit the Puya de Raimondi. The Huayhuash range, containing in a single cluster seven of the highest and most dramatic summits in Peru, reveals itself on our descent to the small town of Chiquian. Camp in Cuartelhuaín (4,100m) near the Randoy valley, from where the first views of the Cordillera Huayhuash summits are appreciated.

Day 2: Cuartelhuaín - Mitucocha (4,200 m) 6h

From Cuartelhuaín we begin the circular eleven day walk around the Cordillera Huayhuash. Here we contact our mountain personnel; guides, cooks, muleteers, etc. to begin the walk. Once the donkeys have been loaded up we begin the ascent to cross the first pass, Cacanapunta (4,700m), where the mountains fill the landscape; then we descend a wide and grassy valley, access to the beautiful Mitucocha lake (4,200 m), where we set up our camp at the lake shore. We make an afternoon walk alongside the moraine towards Ninancocha lake (4,400m) to the foot of Jirishanca and Rondoy. Return to camp.

Day 3: Mitucocha - Carhuacocha (4,100 m) 6h

Today we begin the walk ascending the Mitucocha valley to Punta Carhuac (4,650m) with an excellent view of Siula and Yerupaja. We descend then towards the beautiful Carhuacocha lake to set up camp in an excellent, broad grassy area, next to the lake shore. We spend 2 nights here with splendid vistas of Siula, Yerupaja and Jirishancas.

Day 4: Carhuacocha (4,100 m)

This day can be a free day to rest from the trekking and to make an excellent side trip to the beautiful turquoise lake Siula (4,300m) and Quesillococha lake (4,500m) at the base of Siula's (6,35 m) impressive face. Return to our camp in Carhuacocha.

Day 5: Carhuacocha - Huayhuash (4,350 m) 6h

We begin the walk following the course of the river downstream until the base of the Queropalca valley and then turning southwards we begin to ascend towards Carnicero pass (4,600m) with excellent mountain views: Yerupaja (6,634m) one of the highest of all the Peruvian Andes, Siula (6,344m), the impressive mountain that made Joe Simpson famous after their dramatic ascent and even more dramatic descent, related in the story of his book "Touching the Void". We have excellent views of the peaks of Carnicero and Trapecio. We descend towards the small town of Huayhuash to set up camp (4,350 m.)

Day 6: Huayhuash - Viconga (4,500 m) 5h

Today the trek approaches the south end of the Cordillera Huayhuash, We ascend to the Huayhuash pass (4,700m) and are rewarded with views of the Cordillera of Raura and towards the opposite side, Trapecio. Descending towards the south we arrive at Viconga lake (4,500m) to camp nearby, then we will walk to Putcka thermal springs to enjoy a good, hot bath. Return to camp.

Day 7: Viconga - Huanacpatay (4,300 m) 8h

This is the sixth day of walking and it will be a long day, the aim will be to cross the Cuyoc pass (5,000m) the highest point of the walk from where we get a splendid Cordillera Huayhuash panorama. We descend towards the Huanacpatay valley, surrounded by big Andean peaks, to our camp (4,200m)

Day 8: Huanacpatay - San Antonio (4,900m) 4h **San Antonio - Valle Calinca (4,300 m) 3h**

Today we head into a remote and little-visited corner of the cordillera. Leaving camp, we take a rarely-trodden route up a spur abutting Cerro San Antonio, until we gain the ridge-top (4,900m). Here we are treated to awesome views of the south faces of Yerupaja, Siula Grande, Sarapo and Rasac, as well as the west faces of Jurau and Carnicero. We descend the far side to the upper end of the Quebrada Calinca and our camp for two nights (4,300m). Our donkeys take a longer, more straightforward route to tonight's camp, descending the Quebrada Huanacpatay, then turning up the Calinca valley.

Day 9: Calinca - Quebrada Sarapococha - Lake Sarapococha

Today is free for rest or exploration. We plan to head up the stunning Quebrada Sarapococha and enjoy some wonderful views. The area we'll explore was made famous by Joe Simpson in his epic adventure book, Touching the Void. The Sarapococha valley was the scene of his dramatic retreat from the west face of Mount Siula Grande. This famous fluted ice wall is one of several fantastic views that can be appreciated in close-up from the valley.

Day 10: Calinca - Huatiac (4,300m) 7h

Today's is quite a long day's walk. We follow the Quebrada Calinca downstream and drop below 4,000 metres for the first time since trek day one. Passing below a 200-metre high waterfall, we follow the temperate Quebrada Huayllapa to the tiny village of Huayllapa (3,500m). We resume with an ascent of the Tapush valley to our camp at Huatia (4,300m).

Day 11: Huatiac - Gashpapampa (4,400 m) 4h

We continue ascending toward the Tapush pass (4,800m) descending then towards Susococha lake to our Gashpapampa camp (4,400m) in a pleasant environment where we have an impressive view of Suerococha y Diablo mudo (silent devil).

Day 12: Gashpapampa - Jahuacocha (4,050 m)

Depending on the climatic conditions and the group there are 2 route alternatives:

Route 1:

Gashpapampa - Yaucha - Jahuacocha (4,050 m) 5h

Direct route via the Yaucha pass (4,800m) with magnificent views of Yerupaja, Rasac and others, then we descend to the beautiful Jahuacocha lake, where we will set up camp near the lake (4,050m). We spend 2 nights at Jahuacocha lake, impressive mountains towering above us: Yerupaja, Rasac, Hirishanca, and Rondoy.

Route 2:

Gashpapampa - silent Devil - Jahuacocha (4,050 m) 12h

The ascent is of Suerococha (silent devil) 5,300 m. Climbing experience is not required, because it doesn't present any technical difficulty, but it is necessary to use equipment such as crampons, harness, ice-axe, rope, boots for snow and sun-glasses. The descent via the Huacrish valley also finishes at Jahuacocha lake, at our camp on the shore.

Day 13: Jahuacocha - Cuartelhuaín (4,100 m) 6h

This is the last day of walking, we ascend the Sambunya pass (4,700m) where we say goodbye to the Cordillera Huayhuash with an impressive mountain view. Then we descend toward our final camp in Cuartelhuaín (4,100m).

Day 14: Cuartelhuaín - Huaraz (3,100 m) Bus 6h

Today we take our vehicle back to Huaraz.

This is a description of the approximate trek itinerary around the Cordillera Huayhuash. Progress around the circuit will depend on several factors like the weather, physical condition and acclimatization of participants, amongst other factors, so that the camping places and schedules can be altered to suit.

Mini trek at the Cordillera Huayhuash

This is the best and more comfortable trekking in the Peruvian Andes to visit one of the most impressive places of the Cordillera Huayhuash, using the minimum days (05 days).

A not well know and frequented mountain, located in one of the most remote and beautiful regions of the Cordillera de los Andes where the most famous mountains of this range are located (Yerupaja, Rasac, Hirishanca, Nimashanca, Rondoy, between others), rewarding us with one of the more splendid landscapes of the earth, beautiful Andean meadows, always surrounded by defiant mountains that reach heights superior than the 6,000 m, and the beautiful lagoon Jaguacocha where the mountains are reflected turning out in a fantastic view.

It requires three walking days, crossing a height of 4,800 m (Yaucha) plus one closing day by car and a suggested rest day.

05 days and 04 nights of unforgettable adventures at the Cordillera Huayhuash

Day 1: Huaraz (3,100 m) - Pacllon (3,350 m) bus 5h

We go from Huaraz by the highway to the south of the Callejón de Huaylas, watching the snow mountains of the Cordillera Blanca to the Lagoon Querococha (70 Km), from where we go to the east by the Pampa de Lampas by a highway to Mojón where we take the deviation by a not asphalted highway to Chiquian (3 h), accompanied of the first and fantastic views of the Cordillera de Huayhuash, a little stop in this picturesque town of Chiquián and continue the journey to the town of Pacilon, beginning of the trekkings (3,350 m) 2 h to install our first camp.

Day 2: Pacilon - Corralpampa (4,200 m) 5 h

From Pacilon we begin the trekking by the Cordillera Huayhuash, here we contact our mountain personnel, guides, cooks, muleteers, and the rest of the expedition to begin the trekking and where the donkeys will load the cargo and start the slow climb in this our first day of trekking to Corral pampa (4,200 m) 5h to install our first camp with a back view of Diablo mudo.

Day 3: Corralpampa - Jahuacocha (4,050 m) 5 h

We continue the trekking climbing Paso Yaucha (4,800 m) 3 h where we obtain the most impressive and rewarding views of the Cordillera Huayhuash (Rondoy, Ninashanca, Hirishanca, Yerupaja Chico, Yerupaja Grande, Rasac, Siula, Sacra and others) then we descend to get close to the beautiful Lagoon

of Jahuacocha where we will install our camp (4,050 m) 2 h with a nice landscape having as a back the beautiful Lagoon of Jahuacocha and impressive mountains (Randoy, Hirishanca, Yerupaja Chico, Yerupaja Grande, between others).

Day 4: Jahuacocha (4,050m)

This day frees we will take it to rest enjoying the landscape and to make a splendid long walk approach us the Solterococha lagoon and the field bases of the Yerupaja near the glacier and soon to return to our camping in Jahuacocha; And in addition from Unmarried Cocha we can make a lateral long walk towards Sambunya (4,750m) from where have splendid Vista of the Huayhuash Mountain range and soon to return to our camping in Jahuacocha

Day 5: Jahuacocha _ Llamac (3,300m) 4h

Llamac - Chiquián (3,300 m) 2h

Chiquián - Huaraz (3,100 m) 3h

This is the last day of trekking by the quebrada Huayllan, we follow the waters of the river of the same name that come out of the Lagoon Jahuacocha between the colorful nature, the ichu, the quenuales and the splendid views of the Randoy, Hirishanca, Yerupaja Chico, Yerupaja Grande, we descent by the new and well done water channel with a soft hanging and then we will only have the view of Diablo Mudo to descend to Llamac, in this last part we take a route of high hanging. We arrive to LLamac (3,300 m) 4 h when our car will pick up us to return to the city of Huaraz. A little stop in the city of Chiquián (2 h) and then we descent to Huaraz (3 h).

This is a probable description of the trekking to the Cordillera of Huayhuash. The progress around the circuit will depend on many factors, such as the weather, physical conditions, adaptation to the height , between others, this way the places and schedules of the camping can be varied for a better circuit progress.

The detailed program will let us a rest day, we can use it to rest in the circuit to recover from the trekking or if we are still in good shape we can make side walks, besides we have the option to take this day for other eventualities without changing the circuit around the Cordillera Huayhuash.

Our Trekking programs include:

Transportation to the beginning or the ending of the trek to Huaraz
Full Accommodation during the trek
Tent for two, dining room-kitchen tent
Trek guide, cook, muleteers, donkeys
First-aid kit
Oxygen
Communication equipment

Our Trekking programs do not include:

Entrance ticket to the Huascarán National Park: US\$ 20.00
Personal equipment: Sleeping bag, warm clothes, etc
Meals for the days not included in the trek
Anything that was not specified