

Huayhuash Circuit Trek And Machu Picchu

Peru is the country that can completely satisfy all human tastes, preferences and energy! The people there are extremely earthy, humble and kind – a mentality too close to the senses of much of humanity. It is unique to Peru – Nature, mysticism and unparalleled world cultural and historical heritage!

Lima is the capital: of Peru located on the arid Pacific coast of the country. Although its colonial center is preserved, it is an overflowing metropolis and one of the largest cities in South America. The Larco Museum houses a collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museum of the Nation traces the history of the ancient civilizations of Peru. The Plaza de Armas and the 16th century cathedral are the core of the old center of Lima.

This trekking adventure is one of our favorite remote adventures anywhere in the world. Trekking in the Huayhuash region of Peru truly has amazing mountain viewing. The most reliable way to reach the region is via Lima, by an 8 hour bus journey to Huaraz which sits at 3,100m/ 10,170. The Huayhuash Region is filled with sweeping glaciers, picturesque and unique mountain scenery, it is inhabited by a wide range of animal and bird species including jaguars and condors. Huaraz is the gateway to the Cordillera Blanca, and Huayhuash mountain region of Peru.

Our Huayhuash Circuit trek is a wonderful and challenging high altitude trek, which should not be taken lightly. When going to these levels of altitude, your body's acclimatization to the lack of oxygen is the real key to success, and because of this, we have added extra days to this trek at the critical point of the acclimatization process, which is giving us greater safety on our trips. We will also cover the daily distances on the trail at a very slow and steady pace, in order to aid the acclimatization process. Even though we are giving you the best chance of success with our acclimatization schedule, you still need to play your part and come physically prepared for this adventure, and we recommend 5 days a week training. We are your best resource for information on the trek and are available five days a week in support of your journey into the Huayhuash region of Peru.

The highlights:

- Huayhuash trek
- Sacred Valley
- Inca Culture Cusco
- Machu-Picchu

About Machu Picchu

Machu Picchu is located atop a steep, rugged mountain in the Andes of Peru. This lost city with massive ruins, perfect masonry, and strange architecture has baffled researchers for years. The Inca trail to this mysterious city, built in the 15th century by extraordinary craftsmen, is a remarkable journey.

Sacred Valley: The Sacred Valley of the Incas, in the Peruvian Andes, is made up of numerous rivers that descend through gorges and small valleys; It has numerous archaeological monuments and indigenous peoples. This valley was much appreciated by the Incas due to its special geographical and climatic qualities.

Inca Trail to Machu Picchu: The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu or Red Road from Tahuantinsuyo to Machu Picchu consists of three overlapping trails: Mollepata, classic, and one day. Mollepata is the longest of the three routes with the highest mountain pass and intersects the classic route before crossing Warmiwañusqa.

Join an unforgettable trip with us "Peru Expeditions Tours"

- 23 Days/22 Nights
- April - September
- Moderate

Difficulty Condition

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Travel Program

Included meals: B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner

Day 1: Arrive in Lima - Airport transfer to your hotel Kamana 3***

Arrive in Lima. You will be pickup from the airport and transferred to the Kamana hotel. The rest of day will be spent relaxing or heading out sightseeing in Lima.

Overnight

Hotel

Flight

Arrival with plane to Peru

Meals

-/-/-

Day 2: Private transport from Lima to Huaraz 3,100m/10,170 feet staying at Andino Hotel 3***

Depart Lima to the mountain town of Huaraz 3,100m/ 10,170 feet, which is located north east of Lima. This 8 hour drive takes in spectacular views of the Callejón de Huaylas. Huaraz is the gateway to the Huayhuash Circuit Trek and the Cordillera Blanca and Huascaran National Park. There are public bus and private bus options for this journey. We use the Andino Club Hotel. **Overnight** Hotel **Driving** 8 Hours approx **Tours/Hiking** 1 Hours approx tours **Meals** B/-/-

Day 3: Drive to Pitec 3,850m/12,631 feet hike to Churup 4,450m/ 14,600 feet back to Huaraz 3,100m/ 10,170 feet

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Overnight

Hotel

Driving

2 Hours approx

Tours/Hiking

5 Hours approx tours

Meals

B/L/-

Day 4: Drive to Cruze Cebollapampa 3,850m hike to Laguna 69 4,650m/ 15,256 feet back to Huaraz 3,100m/ 10,170 feet.

Today is another acclimatization day. It is critical to acclimatize well at the beginning of the trip. This gives you a better experience and enjoyment going to higher altitudes. We will head out again from Huaraz. We will also take private transport towards the valley Santa River, pass the village of Yungay driving via Quebrada Llanganuco and Cruze Celbollapampa 3,850m/ 12,631 feet. From here we will hike up to Laguna 69 4,650m/ 15,256 feet for some amazing viewing before head back to Huaraz for another night in the hotel.

Overnight

Hotel

Driving

6 Hours approx

Tours/Hiking

5 Hours approx tours

Meals

B/L/-

Day 5: Transfer to the Cordillera Huayhuash and Camp Matacancha 4,150m/ 13,615 feet

Today we start the amazing journey into the Huayhuash region. From Huaraz we transfer to the start of the trail. Although we do not trek today we have an easy day. We will drive 3 hours and 30 minutes to our camp. We will be staying at Camp Matacancha 4,150m/ 13,615 feet. This is where we will meet the rest of the expedition team, the donkey driver and his donkeys and horses who will carry our equipment for the remainder of the trip.

Overnight

Camping

Driving

4 Hours approx

Tours/Hiking

1 Hours approx tours

Meals

B/L/D

Day 6: Trek to Cacanampunta 4,700m/ 15,420 feet onto Mitucocha 4,300m/ 14,107 feet

We will be up early for breakfast and we will get packed up and ready as our Huayhuash Circuit trek is underway. The early morning mountain views from camp get you excited for the journey ahead. From Matacancha, we will trek up steeply to the stunning Cacanampunta pass at 4,700m/ 15,420 feet. before heading down to the Laguna Mitucocha 4,300m/ 14,107 feet to sleep for the night. Today is 4 hours of walking.

Overnight

Camping

Tours/Hiking

1 Hours approx tours

Meals

B/L/D

Day 7: Trek over the Punta Carhuac pass 4,640m/ to Carhuacocha 4,200m/ 13,779 feet

We will be up early for breakfast and start the day heading up to the Punta Carhuac Pass 4,640m/ 15,256 feet. Today we follow the Quebrada Caliente until we begin our climb up to the second pass, the Carhuac Pass 4650m/ 15,255ft. Our hard work is rewarded with fine views on the mountain peaks of Yerupaja

6634m/ 21,765ft. and Siula Grande 6344m/ 20,813ft. We walk on dirt trails to the top of the pass to enjoy great views of glaciers streaming down around stunning rock walls. The Siula Grande is renowned for the mountaineering story of Joe Simpson and Simon Yates told in the book and film 'Touching the Void'. Descending the pass into a grassy valley allow for more views on high peaks of the Cordillera Huayhuash, each more spectacular than the other. We make camp at the turquoise green colored Lake Carhuacocha 4150m/ 13,615ft. with mountains Yerupaja and Jirishanca prominent at the background. This lake offers great photo opportunities when still conditions transform the lake into a mirror, sharply reflecting the snow-capped mountains. Walking time is 6-7 hours.