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## CORDILLERA BLANCA & INCA TRAIL

17 Days / 16 Nights

**CONTENT:** LIMA - CARAL - HUARAZ / HUARAZ: Free day / CORDILLERA BLANCA TREK: Huaraz -Cashapampa -Llamacorrall / CORDILLERA BLANCA TREK: Llamacorrall -Taullipampa / CORDILLERA BLANCA TREK: Taullipampa -Huaripampa / CORDILLERA BLANCA TREK: Huaripampa -Vaquería -Huaraz / HUARAZ -LIMA / LIMA -CUZCO / CUZCO: Free day / CAMINO INCA TREK: Cuzco -Huayllabamba / INCA TRAIL TREK: Huayllabamba -Pacaymayu / INCA TRAIL TREK: Pacaymayu -Wiñayhuayna / INCA TRAIL TREK: Wiñayhuayna- Machu Picchu / CUZCO / CUZCO: Free day / CUZCO - LIMA / LIMA



### DAY 01

LIMA

Arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport where you will be met by our representative. Transfer to selected hotel. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 02

LIMA / HUARAZ

**Breakfast.** Transfer to the bus station. Private transfer by national transport company bus to Huaraz. This important Andean city is the starting point for most trips to the Cordillera Blanca. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 03

HUARAZ: Free Day

**Breakfast.** Day at leisure in Huaraz to acclimatize to the altitude and enjoy this beautiful Andean city. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 04

TREK CORDILLERA BLANCA: Huaraz - Cashapampa - Llamacorrall

**Breakfast.** Leaving Huaraz towards the north of the Callejón de Huaylas; we descend to Caraz (2,300m) 1h from where we begin to ascend towards the Cordillera Blanca to the small town of Cashapampa (2,900m) 2h, where we meet our mountain staff: guides, cooks, muleteers, etc. Once our donkeys are loaded we begin the trek to the Santa Cruz ravine and set up our first camp in Llamacorrall (3,650m) 4h. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

### DAY 05

TREK CORDILLERA BLANCA: Llamacorrall - Taullipampa

**Breakfast.** We continue the trek throughout the Santa Cruz ravine passing the Ichiccocha and Jatuncocha lagoons; we arrive at Quisuar where we continue towards Alpamayos base camp via the Arhuaycocha ravine, with splendid views of the peaks of the Quitaraju (6,040m), Alpamayo (5,947m), Artezonraju (6,025m) and others. Tonight we camp in Taullipampa (4,000m) at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju (5,830m) and surrounded by snow peaks. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 06

#### TREK CORDILLERA BLANCA: Taullipampa - Huaripampa

**Breakfast.** This will be a long, tiring day. We ascend a zig zag path at the foot of the impressive Taulliraju and have an imposing view of the turquoise Taullicocha lagoon. We arrive at Punta Unión (4,750m) 3h and contemplate the peaks of Chacraraju (6,112m), Artesonraju (6,025m), Pirámide (5,885m), Huandoy (6,395m), Alpamayo (5,940m), Santa Cruz (6,259m), Rinrihirca (5,810m), Taulliraju (5,830m) and others; once at the east side of the Cordillera Blanca we begin to descend, passing the Morococha lagoon, and arrive at the long, wide Huaripampa ravine, passing through red-barked quenal forests and pleasant Andean grasslands; we set up our camp in Huaripampa (3,600m) 4h. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 07

#### TREK CORDILLERA BLANCA: Huaripampa - Vaquería - Huaraz

**Breakfast.** We continue our way to the small Andean community of Colcabamba (3,350m) 1h where we begin to ascend to Vaquería (3,700m) 2Std 2h. From there a vehicle takes us up to the Portachuelo de Llanganuco viewpoint (4,765m) 2h and we enjoy the splendid view of Huascarán Norte (6,768m), Huascarán Sur (6,650m), Chopicalqui (6,354m), Huandoy (6,395 m), Pisco (5,752m). **Lunch.** Then we descend along the Llanganuco ravine and visit the Llanganuco lagoons: Orkon-Cocha and Chinan-Cocha. Return to Huaraz. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 08

#### HUARAZ: Free moorning / LIMA

**Breakfast.** Leisure time in the morning to visit the market or to walk around in the city. Transport to the bus station. Bus to Lima. Arrival and transfer to selected hotel. Overnight at hotel.

**Note:** *If you want to spend another full day in the mountains and take an excursion, for example, to the Chavin Temple or to the Pastoruri glacier, then you could take the night bus back to Lima (one less night in Lima).*

#### DAY 09

#### LIMA / CUZCO

**Breakfast.** Transfer to the airport for the flight to Cuzco, capital of the ancient empire. Transfer to selected hotel. Leisure time for the rest of the day to get to know this hospitable city. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 10

#### CUZCO: Free Day

**Breakfast.** Day at leisure for personal activities and to enjoy this hospitable city with its museums and monuments, its ancient Inca Palaces and beautiful churches, among other sites. Overnight stay.

#### DAY 11

#### TREK INCA TRAIL: Cusco - Huayllabamba

**Breakfast.** We will pick you up at the hotel with a private bus to go to Ollantaytambo where we will meet our porters. We will go on to the community called Chilca, 75 km away from Cuzco, and start our expedition that will take between 6 to 7 hours, to the Andean town called Huayllabamba. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 12

#### TREK INCA TRAIL: Huayllabamba - Pacaymayu

**Breakfast.** This day will be the most difficult part of the circuit; we will be climbing the Warmihuañusca pass at 4,200m, from where we will enjoy the spectacular view of the surrounding mountains, valleys and glaciers. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 13

#### TREK INCA TRAIL: Pacaymayu - Wiñayhuayna

**Breakfast.** This will be the most impressive part of the Inca Trail. We visit the ruins of Wiñayhuayna and Phuyupatamarca and its irrigation system, still functioning. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

**DAY 14**
**TREK INCA TRAIL: Wiñayhuayna - Machu Picchu / CUZCO**

**Breakfast.** This is the day you have been waiting for when all your efforts will be rewarded. After a 2-hour walk we arrive at La Puerta del Sol (the sun gate) where you have an impressive panorama of the whole archaeological complex of Machu Picchu, the mountain Huayna Picchu, Puente Inca and all the other mountains around the citadel. You will have the option to climb Huayna Picchu (Young Mountain) to see the Inca Bridge. The visit to the archaeological complex will be the last stop on our expedition. **Lunch** included at a local restaurant. Then we will take the train back to Ollantaytambo or Poroy and continue by bus to Cuzco. Transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at hotel.

*Note: If you want to climb the mountain Huayna Picchu, please ask for it to be booked when confirming your reservation. Supplement payable in advance.*

**DAY 15**
**CUZCO: Free Day**

**Breakfast.** Free day for personal activities or to continue visiting Cuzco and get to know the city's true local culture with its rich architectural heritage, artistic works, and deeply religious lifestyle. The city has a vibrant night life with a selection of good restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs. Overnight at hotel.

**DAY 16**
**CUZCO / LIMA**

**Breakfast.** Transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Lima. Arrival and transfer to selected hotel. Overnight in the capital.

**DAY 17**
**LIMA / CITY OF ORIGIN**

**Breakfast.** Transport to airport for return international flight. End of our services.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

-Flights must be booked in advance: -2 flights: Lima / Cuzco / Lima  
-If you want to climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu, please ask for it to be booked when confirming your reservation, as the ticket must be bought in advance. This is only possible by purchasing a new ticket for the archaeological complex plus Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain. The entry ticket included as part of the Inca Trail is not valid for the Huayna Picchu mountain.

**NOTE:** All hotel categories include travel in Expedition class (Perú Rail) or Voyager class (Inca Rail), subject to availability. The Vistadome train is available on request - supplement applies.

**RECOMMENDED EXTENSIONS**

**-FROM LIMA:** All extensions (at the beginning or end of the main program).  
**-FROM CUZCO:** Puno (EXT - 002)  
**-FROM HUARAZ:** Trujillo-Chiclayo (EXT-005)

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All transfers in cities and at the beginning of the treks and vice versa.</li> <li>Buses of shared line Lima - Huaraz - Lima.</li> <li>Private transportation Cusco - Ollantaytambo.</li> <li>Shared transportation Ollantaytambo or Poroy - Cusco.</li> <li>Train category Voyager (Inca Rail), according to availability, between Ollantaytambo / Machu Picchu / Ollantaytambo, in shared service. Section of an hour and a half of duration (this route does not have accompanying guide, since he waits for them in the town of Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes). Request Vistadome train</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International flights.</li> <li>Domestic flights (Check the price reference table, below).</li> <li>Rates of airports, ports, aerodromes, etc.</li> <li>Feeding not mentioned in the program.</li> <li>Sleeping bag.</li> <li>Personal mountain equipment (sunglasses, canes, backpack, etc.)</li> <li>Tips.</li> </ul>

*supplement from Peru Rail (round trip), or Machu Picchu train from Inca Rail for just the return.*

- *A guide who knows the route and the customs of the place.*
- *Support staff (porters and camping equipment) during trekking. It is considered a second guide, if the group is greater than 9 passengers (for Inka Trail).*
- *Hot and cold meals during the circuit, indicated in the program.*
- *Full board during the Trek days.*
- *Two-person stores; store- bathroom; store-kitchen; store-dining room; hot water in a tub, for personal hygiene; chef; tables; seats; boiled and chlorinated water.*
- *Entry ticket to archaeological sites such as Machu Picchu and National Parks (does not include entry to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain).*
- *First aid kit, Oxygen, communication radios.*
- *Accommodation according to the category requested and according to the program.*

#### WE RECOMMEND TO PACK

- **CLOTHES:** Sun hat, walking trousers, warm, comfortable socks, cotton t-shirts, comfortable underwear, sweater (preferably odour resistant), cagoule or waterproof jacket, warm gloves, winter cap and warm clothing layers for night time.
- **SHOES:** Walking boots (check they are in good condition), a pair of trainers to wear at the camp site and sandals for washing.
- **ACCESSORIES:** Sleeping bag, sunglasses, strong water bottle, torch (preferably head torch), batteries, walking scarf.
- **TOILETRIES:** Medium-sized towel, small tube of toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, antibacterial gel, wipes, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- **PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT:** Camera and/or video, charged batteries (if possible, bring two or more replacement batteries), memory cards with space, protective camera case.
- **DON'T FORGET:** Passport, sufficient supply of any prescribed medicines, Peruvian currency (soles) for tips, souvenirs and purchases during the trip.