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## CORDILLERA BLANCA, HUAYHUASH AND VILCABAMBA

17 Days / 16 Nights

**CONTENT:** LIMA / LIMA -HUARAZ / CORDILLERA BLANCA TREK : Huaraz –Portachuelo - Cebollapampa / CORDILLERA BLANCA TREK: Cebollapampa –Laguna 69 -Cebollapampa -Huaraz / CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH TREK: Huaraz –Paclón / CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH TREK: Paclón –Corralpampa / CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH TREK: Corralpampa –Jahuacocha / CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH TREK: Jahuacocha –Llamac –Chiquián –Huaraz / HUARAZ -LIMA / LIMA -CUZCO / CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK: Cuzco –Cachora –Chiquiska / CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK: Chiquiska –Choquequirao / CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK: Choquequirao –Chiquiska / CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK: Chiquiska –Cachora –Sacred Valley / OLLANTAYTAMBO -MACHU PICCHU -CUZCO / 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

TREK CORDILLERA BLANCA: Huaraz - Portachuelo - Cebollapampa

**Breakfast.** Leaving the city of Huaraz heading for the north of the Callejón de Huaylas. We arrive at Yungay (2,500m) (1 hour), and begin the ascent up the winding road towards the Cordillera Blanca taking the dirt road through the Llanganuco ravine to visit the turquoise lagoons called Orkon-cocha and Chinan-cocha. We continue until we reach the highest point on this day, the viewpoint "Portachuelo de Llanganuco" (4,765 m). The splendid views of the snow-capped peaks are truly impressive: Huascarán (6,768 m), Huandoy (6,395 m), Chacararaju (6,112 m), Chopicalqui (6,354 m), Pisco (5,752 m). From Portachuelo we descend for 3 hours until we arrive at the Demanda ravine from where the view of the mountains is even more impressive. We continue our trek towards Cebollapampa where we set up our camp in a pleasant, wide queñuales forest beneath the glaciers on Andean gazing land on the shore of a creek. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

DAY 04

TREK CORDILLERA BLANCA: Cebollapampa - Lake 69 / Cebollapampa - Huaraz

**Breakfast.** Today we walk towards the head of the Demanda valley and begin the ascent towards Laguna 69 (4,400m) (3½ hours), at the base of the impressive peak of the Chacararaju mountain. On the way back and depending on the group's decision, there is an option to make a short side trip towards the



Broggi glacier (4,500m) and then return to our camp in Cebollapampa to take a vehicle back to Huaraz (2½ hours). **Lunch included.** Overnight in selected hotel.

#### DAY 05

#### TREK CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH: Huaraz - Pacllón

**Breakfast.** We leave Huaraz to the south of the Callejón de Huaylas, always with a view of the snow-capped mountains of the Cordillera Blanca until we arrive at the Querococha lagoon (70Km) from where we turn eastwards through the Pampa de Lampas on a road to Mojón where we take the turn off on a gravel road to Chiquian (3 hours), accompanied by the first, fantastic views of the Cordillera de Huayhuash. We make a brief stop in the picturesque town called Chiquian and we continue the journey to the town of Pacllón, starting point for the 2 hour trek (3,350 m) to install our first camp. **Dinner included.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 06

#### TREK CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH: Pacllón - Corralpampa

From Pacllón we begin the trek through the Cordillera Huayhuash. Here we meet our mountain staff, guides, cooks, muleteers, etc. and get the equipment. Once the donkeys are loaded we make the slow ascent to Corralpampa (4,200m) (5 hours) where we pitch our camp with a view of Diablo Mudo. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 07

#### TREK CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH: Corralpampa - Jahuacocha

We continue trekking climbing the Yaucha Pass (4,800m) (3 hours) where we have 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 a beautiful lagoon called Jahuacocha where we will install our camp (4,050 m) (2 hours) with the lagoon and the mountains in the background (Rondoy, Hirishanca, Yerupaja Chico, Yerupaja Grande). **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 08

#### TREK CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH: Jahuacocha - Llamac - Chiquián - Huaraz

**Breakfast.** On our last day of the trek we continue through the Huayllan ravine, we follow the waters of the river of the same name that has its source at Jahuacocha between the colorful nature, the Ichu, the quenal trees and the splendid views of the Rondoy, Hirishanca, Yerupaja Chico, Yerupaja Grande. Then we descend slowly, following a steep path down until all we can see is Diablo Mudo. The last part of our tour brings us to Llamac after a significant incline, where we arrive after about four hours (3,300m) and from where our car will take us back to Huaraz (5 hours) with a brief stop in the community of Chiquián (2 hours). Overnight at selected hotel.

#### DAY 09

#### HUARAZ / 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 10

#### LIMA / CUZCO

**Breakfast.** Transport to the airport Flight to Cuzco, the former capital of the Incas. Transfer to the Hotel. Leisure time the rest of the day to get to know this hospitable city. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 11

#### TREK CHOQUEQUIRAO: Cuzco - Cachora - Chiquiska

**Breakfast.** Pick-up at the hotel at 3 a.m. to take us to a small town called Cachora. On our way we pass the communities of Izcuchaca, Zurite and Limatambo. After Tarawasi we will reach Cachora at daybreak. There we start our trek in the direction of the Cañón of the Apurimac-River; on our way we can watch the indigenous people working in the fields and if we are lucky, we may even see some condors. We descend into the depths of the Apurimac Cañón one of the world's deepest and most beautiful canyons.



Then we continue to Capuyichaqoc (2,800 m.a.s.l.), from where we can see the first basis camp and the archaeological complex Choquequirao. During the descent we observe how the vegetation and the climate change. **Full board.** Camp in Chiquiska (1,550 m.a.s.l.). Camping overnight.

#### DAY 12

#### TREK CHOQUEQUIRAO: Chiquiska - Choquequirao

**Breakfast.** We cross the Apurimac River and start the challenging ascent to Santa Rosa (2,290 m.a.s.l.). The vegetation becomes abundant and the climate warm. We follow the path through fruits and sugar cane plantation to Marampata (2,850 m.a.s.l.), from where you have an excellent view of the citadel Choquequirao strategically built on the mountainside. In Raqyapata we set up our camp and in the afternoon we visit the whole archaeological complex. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 13

#### TREK CHOQUEQUIRAO: Choquequirao - Chiquiska

**Breakfast.** After breakfast we visit the upper and lower parts of Choquequirao, where we can contemplate more than 50 terraces covered by vegetation, called *andenes*, that were used for agriculture in former times and an irrigation canal from the upper mountain. Return to Chiquiska. **Full board.** Camping overnight.

#### DAY 14

#### TREK CHOQUEQUIRAO: Chiquiska - Cachora - Sacred Valley

**Breakfast.** After breakfast we prepare ourselves for the ascent. We walk towards Cachora. On our way we enjoy the view of the snow-capped Salkantay, the Vilcabamba mountain range, and the Apurimac Canyon, until we reach the Sacred Valley at dusk. Lunch included. Overnight at selected hotel.

#### DAY 15

#### OLLANTAYTAMBO / MACHU PICCHU / CUZCO

**Breakfast.** Early in the morning transfer to the train station in Ollanta. Train journey to Aguas Calientes from where we will take the bus to the ruins of Machu Picchu. Guided visit of the archaeological site. Return to Aguas Calientes in the afternoon. Then we will take the train back to Ollantaytambo or Poroy and continue by bus to Cuzco. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 16

#### CUZCO / LIMA

**Breakfast.** Free morning. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Lima. Arrival and transfer to selected hotel. At leisure in the capital for the rest of the afternoon. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 17

#### LIMA

**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 entrance ticket must be bought in advance.

**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 - Cachora.</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 supplement from Peru Rail (round trip), or Machu Picchu train from Inca Rail for just the return.</li> <li>• A guide who knows the route and the customs of the place.</li> <li>• Support staff (porters and camping equipment) during trekking.</li> <li>• Hot and cold meals during the treks, indicated in the program.</li> <li>• Full board during the Trek days, indicated in the program.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Entry ticket to archaeological sites such as Machu Picchu and National Parks (does not include entry to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain).</li> <li>• First aid kit, Oxygen, communication radios.</li> <li>• Accommodation according to the category requested and according to the program.</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>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>CLOTHES:</b> 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.</li> <li>- <b>SHOES:</b> Walking boots (check they are in good condition), a pair of trainers to wear at the camp site and sandals for washing.</li> <li>- <b>ACCESSORIES:</b> Sleeping bag, sunglasses, strong water bottle, torch (preferably head torch), batteries, walking scarf.</li> <li>- <b>TOILETRIES:</b> Medium-sized towel, small tube of toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, antibacterial gel, wipes, sunscreen and insect repellent.</li> <li>- <b>PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT:</b> Camera and/or video, charged batteries (if possible, bring two or more replacement batteries), memory cards with space, protective camera case.</li> <li>- <b>DON'T FORGET:</b> Passport, sufficient supply of any prescribed medicines, Peruvian currency (soles) for tips, souvenirs and purchases during the trip.</li> </ul>

