

DAY HIKE TO CHURUP LAKE + SANTA CRUZ TREK + PISCO MOUNTAIN CLIMB (14 DAYS)

Destination: Churup Lake + Santa Cruz Trek + Pisco Mountain Climb

Grade of Trek: Moderate to difficult

Entry Point: Cashapampa

Exit Point: Cebollapampa

Max. Elevation: Summit Pisco (5750m)

Major Attractions: Natural Environment, Wildlife, Mountains, Peaks, Hills, Flowers, Flora-Fauna etc.

Best Period: May to September

Day 01: Arrival to Lima, Peru. (Overnight in a hotel in Lima)

Your guide will be waiting you in the International Airport "Jorge Chavez" in Lima Peru, Holding a placard with the name of the Tour Leader or passengers names, the passengers will then be transferred to the Hotel, located in modern district of Miraflores, from the airport it's around 20 kilometers and it takes 30 minutes. Then in the Hotel the guest will be welcomed with Peruvian typical drink Pisco Sour and overnight there.

Day 02: Transfer from Lima (154m.) to Huaraz (3100m) by bus. (Overnight in a hotel)

Our clients will be transferred to the bus station in Lima by private car; the bus will take you by the Pan-American highway to the north side from Lima until the Ancash department, boundary in the district of Paramonga, 4 hours travel in the Coastal area and 4 hours travel in the Andean area. From Paramonga you will start to climb up the Cordillera Negra in the East side with direction to the highest Conococha pass at (4100m/13448ft). From here you can already appreciate the views where the white Mountain range start it's also called Callejon de Huaylas and Cordillera Huayhuash, from here we will start to go down to the next village called Catac at (3640m/11939ft), Recuay (3400m/11152ft) and finally arriving to Huaraz at (3100m/10168ft). After you arrive you will be transferred to the Hotel in Huaraz.

Day 03: Huaraz – Pitec (3800m) – Churup Lake (4450m) – Huaraz (Overnight in a hotel)

We offer you one of the most popular hikes who want to make one day hike in the Cordillera Blanca, this lake is located to 30 Km to east of Huaraz city at (4450 m); below the mountain of the same name "Churup". It's the nearest lake where a person can get some walking in the Cordillera Blanca from Huaraz, when you get to the lake you will have a nice view formed by a mountain and a lake surrounded by quenuales trees; this days hike will start from Huaraz city driving four 1 hour and 10 minutes until Pitec (3800m) from there you will start to walk up until Churup Lake 4450masl, before you get to the lake we will find some fixed rope to rock climb, and finally we will get the Churup Lake where you can enjoy the spectacular views, and you will come back to Pitec and return to Huaraz by car to the Hotel in Huaraz.

Day 04: Huaraz (3100m) – Cashapampa (2900m) – Llamacorrall (3760m)

At 07:00 a.m. we leave Huaraz, drive to the Northeast of Callejon de Huaylas passing Carhuaz, Yungay and Caraz Towns, you will get Cashapampa after 3 hours, in Cashapampa there will be donkey drives waiting to help us with our logistical equipment. From Cashapampa (2900m) you will start to walk up to Santa Cruz valley for 4 - 5 hours until you get to your first campsite Llamacorrall (3760m); at noon you will have lunch in a good view point. At the campsite you will enjoy your meal and overnight in tents at Llamacorrall (3760m)

Day 05: Llamacorrall (3706m) – Arhuaycocha Lake (4330m) – Taullipampa (4250m)

After breakfast you will start to hike up to Santa Cruz valley, at first we will find the Icchiqcocha Lake (small lake) and some birds around it, we will continue walking and you will get Jatuncocha Lake (big lake) after that we will walk to Arhueycocha Lake (4330m) from this valley you will have a nice view of Quitaraju (6040m), Alpamayo (5947m) they look like twin mountain, Artesonraju (6025m), Paria, Pyramided peaks; you will enjoy the nice view of the native flora and fauna, at noon you will have lunch in a good place enjoying the wonderful view of different Mountains, Our campsite is below of Taulliraju, it's an impressive Mountain, you will overnight in Taullipampa at (4250m)

Day 06: Taullipampa (4250m) – Punta Union Pass (4750m) – Cachinapampa (3800m)

Today we will get to Punta Union Pass (4750m) from here, it's one of the best views of Mountains and Lakes, if you are lucky you can see Condors the Andean bird, it will take 2 ½ hours to get the Punta Union Pass, in the pass you will find some wild flowers "Rima-rima" means "speak -speak" - buttercup family, and some vizcachas animal, they're like Chinchillas, from there you will start to come down, passing small lakes. You will walk for 7 hours approximately to get to your next campsite; at noon we will have lunch and continue walking until get our next Campsite Cachinapampa (3800m) from that campsite, you will enjoy the nice view of Taulliraju mountain.

Day 07: Cachinapampa (3800m) – Vaqueria (3750) – Paccharuri (3900m)

After breakfast in the campsite you will go down, you will pass by Huaripampa village where you will meet children asking for sweets and cookies; in this village we will see beekeeping, guinea pigs, sheep farms; after to pass Huaripampa, Colcabamba and Vaqueria we will walk up by Morococha between three quenuales, from the campsite you will enjoy the nice views of the Yanapaccha peaks and you will overnight at Paccharuri (3900m)

Day 08: Paccharuri (3900m) – Portachuelo Pass (4767m) – Cebollapampa (3900)

After breakfast in the campsite you will set off for the Portachuelo Pass, on the route you will see many taulli female and male flowers (lupines); you will have a lovely view of Chopicalqui Mountain and Yanapaccha peaks, you will pass by Morococha Lake. After 3 hours, you will get to Portachuelo pass (4767m) this pass has one of the best views of the Mountains such as; Huandoy, Pisco, Chacraraju, Huascaran and Chopicalqui; after that you will start to go down for 2 ½ hours to get to the next campsite Cebollapampa (3900m) and overnight there.

Day 09: Cebollapampa (3900m) – Lake 69 (4500m) – Base Camp Pisco (4600)

After breakfast in Cebollapampa you will go up by Demanda valley to get to Lake 69, during your walk you'll enjoy Huascaran, Chacraraju and Yanapccha Mountains, you will see Vizcachas a lot of Wild flowers; then you'll continue going up to the Base Camp of Pisco, you'll enjoy the magnificent Mountains of Huascarán, Chopicalqui, Pisco, Huandoy, and Yanapaccha. You will arrive at base Camp Pisco and overnight at (4600m)

Day 10: Base Camp (4600m) – Moraine Camp (4850m)

After breakfast in Base Camp, you will have the morning free to check your climbing gear, after that you will have lunch at noon, then start to hike up to the Moraine Camp, it will take 2 ½ hours walking over rocky paths; once you get to the Moraine you will have hot tea and dinner and we will overnight at 4850m.

Day 11: Moraine Camp – Summit Pisco (5750m) – Base Camp Pisco

After breakfast in the Moraine Camp at 02:00hours approximately you will start climbing up for about 1 hour to get to the glacier, here we'll have to put on our climbing equipment to start climbing up to the Pisco Summit (5750m/18860ft), from the summit you will appreciate all of the different peaks such as: Artesonraju, Alpamayo, Caraz, Huascaran, Chopicalqui, Yanapaccha, Chacaraju, Brogui, Huandoys and others; and a splendid turquoise lake of name (lake 69), after few minutes you will start to climb down to the Moraine Camp, after that you will come down to the base Camp and overnight at (4600m)

Day 12: Base Camp – Cebollapampa – Huaraz

After breakfast in the Base Camp of Pisco Mountain, you will descend to Cebollapampa for about 1 ½ hours, that's where your private transport will be waiting, and then aboard the bus to go back to Huaraz, passing Orconcocha and Chinancocha lakes, lunch on the way, then you will arrive to Huascaran National Park control to out register. You will continue to go down to Yungay district, from there you will continue driving along the Callejon de Huaylas to the South side, arriving to Huaraz around 17:00hours approximately and overnight in a hotel.

Day 13: Huaraz - Lima

After breakfast in the hotel in Huaraz, you will transfer by private car to the bus station to return Lima, on arrival at the bus station in Lima, you will be transferred by private car to the hotel in Lima where you will stay overnight.

Day 14: Lima – return Home

Transfer from hotel to the international airport by private car.