



The Best of Cordillera Huayhuash Day by day description

Day 1 HUARAZ / CHAVIN

Drive to the ruins of Chavin; located on the eastern slope of the Andes. It is the oldest pre Inca site of the Chavin – Kotosh culture which has interesting structures and stone carvings, dinner on your own and hotel overnight.

Day 2 CHAVIN / HUANUCO PAMPA

A four hour drive on a paved road leaving from Chavin over the pass above the village of San Marcos to Antamina mine brings you over a paved road to Huansala and to the detour to La Union in the department of Huanuco, picnic lunch on the way. From here a half hour drive to Huanuco Pampa, situated on a grand plateau enables us to visit this Inca city, one of the mayor settlements of the Incas outside of Cusco on the main Inca Road that leads from Quito, Ecuador to Bolivia and beyond.

Day 3 QUEROPALCA / CARHUACOCHA

After a three hour drive through Rondos and Baños we arrive the road head at Queropalca. A half – day hike will bring us to the foot of Lake Carhuacocha, a beautiful location. On a calm day the snow-capped peaks of Jirishanca and Yerupajá are reflected in the water Camp on the shores of the Lake. (Distance: 10km Time: 4-5 hours).

Day 4 CARHUACOCHA / MITUCOCHA

Leaving our campsite behind we hike over another pass at 4,650m (15,252ft) with great views of the surrounding area. Once over the Punta Carhuacocha Pass we come into view of Lake Mitucocha and again in the background Mt. Yerupajá, Rondoy and Ninashanca from the backdrop of our day's hike. Lunch on route or in the camp. We arrive in the early afternoon with a chance to walk around the lake and get closer views of the mountain. Overnight and camp at Mitucocha. (Distance: 10 km, Time : 5 hours).

Day 5 MITUCOCHA / RONDOY

Leaving our camp we head towards Cacanampunta Pass at 4, 750m (15,580ft). The winding trail to the pass and the aqueduct descends on the other side back to camp below until Cuartelwain where we have lunch. Continue over to Rondoy tomorrow's pass. (Distance: 13Km Time: 7 hours).

Day 6 RONDOY / JAHUACOCHA

We ascend through the Rondoy valley towards the pass of the same name at 4700 m (15,416ft) from where we can see the snow-capped peaks of Ninashanca, Rondoy, Jirishanca, Yerupajá, Rasac and Solteracocha. Then we descend towards to Lake Jahuacocha, camp 4000 m (13,120ft) near the lake, below a beautiful cirque. (Distance: 9km Time: 6 –7 hours).



Day 7 JAHUACocha / LLAMAC / HUARAZ

We head out the valley leaving this snow – capped range behind, a unique view into the prickly peaks of this granitic and basaltic intrusion. The valley narrows and we head over a ridge to the west to the Llamac Pass, descending on a winding trail to the village of the same name where we will be met by a vehicle and driven to Huaraz, where we overnight. (Distance: 14 km, Time: 5-6 hours).

SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek, two-man tents including sleeping pads, pack animals, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included as well as a bilingual guide on the trek, who will handle the first aid kit.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED: Meals in the cities, alcoholic beverages, extras, tips, taxes, laundry service, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets (where applicable), sleeping bags, hiking boots and other personal gear.