



Trekking in the Cordillera Urubamba: Huaran Lares Day by day description

Day 1 Cusco / Cancha Cancha Community (3,800m / 12,464 ft)

We leave Cusco by bus, on the route to Písaq until arriving at Huaran creek (2,950 m/9,676 ft).

There start to hike up a small side valley that narrows gradually while ascending. A group of horse, will take the food, duffle bags, tents and all the necessary equipment for the trek. We will walk on an original Inca Trail, enjoying a variety of native flora and fauna, specially medicinal plants used for getting natural dyes. After 3 hours hiking, we arrive to the local community of Cancha Cancha, where we will be received with some typical food and we can share in their incredible life style and culture. (Duration: 3 hours/Distance: 7Kms).

Day 2 Cancha Cancha / Quiswarani (3,800m/12,464 ft)

After breakfast we start slowly uphill until reaching Accopata, an extensión of Cancha Cancha Community, where shepherds live in typical stone and ichu (straw) roof huts. There we begin a steep ascent towards Pachacutec pass (4500m / 14,760 ft), surrounded by views of the beautiful lakes of Azul and Suerococha. From the pass, we follow a trail that slowly descends, with a permanent view of Colque Cruz, Sawasiray, Sirihuani and Chicon snow capped mountains. We traverse Collalay Lake, reaching a waterfall where we approach the Community of Quiswarani, where we camp enjoying traditional food and sharing our time with the children and women weavers. (Time: 7 hours / Distance: 9 Kms).

Day 3 Quiswarani / Cuncani (3,800 msnm / 12,464 ft) / Lares hot springs (3,350m / 10,988 ft)

As we leave our campsite, towards to the Huillquijasa pass (4,400 msnm/14,432 ft) we will see the Chicon glacier and "the 7 lakes" full of huallatas, ducks and other water fowl. Over the high point we continue downhill until we reach the community of Cuncani (3,800m/12,464 ft), a picturesque village, to similar to the previous campsite. This was the last refuge of the "Royal Panakas" an Inca sect. After our picnic lunch continue past a narrow valley, full of spectacular giant stones, to reach the Trapiche Valley floor, which we follow down until we arrive to the Lares hot springs, where we will camp and enjoy the medicinal waters. (Duration: 6 hours / Distance: 11 Kms).

Day 4 Lares / Sacred Valley / Cusco

After a morning bath, we will enjoy an open air breakfast and leave Lares by vehicle towards the Sacred Valley (4 hours). And then continuing to Cusco.

SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek to your city of departure, hotel nights where mentioned, 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.