



Llama Trekking to Chavin Day by day description

Day 1 HUARAZ

Free day to acclimatize and optional excursions are available to various side valleys of the Huascarán National Park or just roam in the vicinity of the town. If the group has already arrived acclimatized we will start the trek a day early.

Day 2 HUARAZ/OLLEROS/SACRACANCHA

Drive to Olleros, the starting point of our trek. Here our llamas and drivers will wait for us while we start winding slowly along a river bed at first to reach the vicinity of tomorrow's pass - beautiful views of the rolling plains and snow-capped peaks of the Huascarán National Park. Camp at SacracanCHA.

Day 3 SACRACANCHA/SHONCOPAMPA

We slowly ascend the pass at Yana shallash (4,700 m.a.s.l.). We will see the peaks of Umashraju, Huantsan, Rurec and other mountains as we hike over the continental divide into the Callejon de Conchucos on the eastern side of the Andes. The trail coming off the pass is clearly pre-hispanic with flagstones zigzagging down the mountainside. We will pass some family communities during the course of the day. Camp at Shoncopampa.

Day 4 SHONCOPAMPA/CHAVIN/HUARAZ

The trail winds slowly down hill into the valley as we leave the mountains behind through agricultural fields. At midday we will arrive at Chavin de Huantar located on the outskirts of the village of the same name. During the afternoon we will explore the ruins. The site has many galleries and holds carved stone figures of anthropomorphic semblance reminiscent of the Maya culture. It is the oldest known pre-columbian culture discovered known as Chavin-Kotosh. We depart by bus to Huaraz where we stay overnight - again the bus ride brings us over the continental divide at a high pass traversing a tunnel to then pass through the village of Ccatac. Overnight at a country inn, dinner on your own.

Day 5 HUARAZ

Free day with possibility of optional tours to Llanganuco or other sites in the area. Time for shopping. Overnight at hotel.

Day 6 HUARAZ/LIMA

Return to Lima where you will be received and transferred to your on-going program.

Note: Optional overnight available in Chavin at a local hotel, returning the next day at no additional cost (Day 5)

SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek to your city of departure, hotel night at the beginning and end, 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 have a first aid kit available.

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