

Perú / 2026

Alpine Trekking Huayhuash "Walking with the Condors"

Starting with 03 persons

Maxi: 06 people

Trip Duration: 16 days Trip

Grade: Challenging to hard

Activities: Alpine Trekking and Day trekking

Summary: 12 days trip, 3-day to acclimate and 9-day trek, 08 nights camping

Season: 2026 From May 7 to May 18.



The trip

The Cordillera Huayhuash is one of the most spectacular ranges in the Peruvian Andes. It was a region that attracted worldwide attention following Joe Simpson's graphic account of his ascent of Siula Grande in his book 'Touching the Void'. This full circuit trek is the best Way to fully appreciate the sheer scale of these snowcapped summits including Yerupaja, the second highest mountain in Peru. Our trip includes ample time for acclimatization in the Cordillera Blanca and Huaraz before spending 09 days crossing high passes - all in over of 5000m. Each day provides an ever-changing backdrop of soaring peaks including the distinctive needle like peak of Jirishanca and the impressive summit of Yerupaja at 6640m. At night we camp in tranquil locations alongside glacial lakes or alpine meadows in this unrivalled corner of the Andes.

Challenging 100 kilometres circuit around the Cordillera Huayhuash in Northern Peru, considered by many to offer some of the best trekking in South America.



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Explore Huaraz and the Cordillera Blanca

3 hearty meals a day on trek prepared by our cooks.

Exhilarating trek amongst a wondrous collection of towering, fluted peaks over 6000 metres flanked by cascading glaciers, azure blue lakes and alpine meadows.

Experience indigenous communities and fragile ecosystems.

Detailed itinerary

D 1/ Arrive to Lima – [No services included](#)

Flight to Lima. If you are arriving on day one you will be met at the airport and transferred to the group hotel for overnight accommodation. The remainder of the day is at leisure. We plan to have a group briefing before dinner; however, this will be subject to all group members arriving during the day – otherwise we will have the briefing tomorrow.

D 2/Lima – Huaraz (by bus or flight)- [No services included](#)

Drive from Lima to Huaraz by bus, a full day's driving of approx 8 -9 hours

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D 3/Huaraz –First Hike on Cordillera Negra, Huaraz.

Day of acclimatization. We'll walk to Cordillera Negra to have a fantastic view of Cordillera Blanca, we get 3600m and we take our way down to Acopampa 2700 m, and back to the hotel

5h +600 m/ -1000m

B,L,

D 4/Huaraz- Second Hike to Laguna Urus.

Drive to Honcopampa 3500, way up to Urus Lake, great view from Hualcan and Copa. Back to Huaraz.

5h + 800 m/ - 800

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D 5/Huaraz 3100 m - Hike to Ulta and back - ACCLIMATIZING

We leave Carhuaz at 8:30 a.m., then from the Ulta pampa we ascend along a well-marked path to the Huallacocha lagoon 4355 m. We pass in the middle of a forest of quenuales. Some zig zags anticipate the arrival at the dam built in the 80s to contain the waters. We continue along the southern crest of the lagoon, already looking for a path through the vegetation to have the best views. From the lagoon you can see the snow-capped Chopicalqui 6350 m, Huascarán 6768 m with their south faces. To the east is the immense glacier of Cancarcá 5500 m and the fascinating Ulta 5875 m so always vertical. Lunch and return to Ulta by the same path.

3H ascent+455m/ 1H30 descent-455m Approximate.

6.5 km approx.

D 6/ Marcará - Huaraz – Rondoy 4000 m.

We drive to our trek commencement point via Conococha to the south of Huaraz. From there we turn eastward and then south, and gain our first views of the range. We drive through the village of Chiquián and Lllamac (our finishing point) and arrive at our campsite at Cuartehuain, where our “burros” (donkeys) and “arrieros” (muleteers) will be waiting.

5h

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D 7/ Cuartehuain 4100 m – Gara Pass 4910 m- Lag Mitucocha 4300m

From Cuartehuain camp we get to Garagocha Lake (4500m), make a rising diagonal ascent across limestone slabs with good friction to the base of a final 40m rock wall below the col (1h). A broad terrace rises to the left. Follow this until about 150m beyond (north of) the col proper. Climb a steep break with small horizontal ledges for 25m (5.3) to easier but loose slopes above. Aim for the lowest point on the immediate skyline, Garacocha Col (4910m). The ridge itself is narrow and the aspect impressive. Descend to the right (SE) following narrow ledges for 20m to find a rappel station. Make one 30m rappel down a gully to a wide ledge. Scramble off the north end of this ledge to the apex of a large talus fan. Descend to open grassland to the S end of Mitucocha Lake (4230m).



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D 8/ Mitucocha lake 4300 m – Alcay Pass 4800 m – Carhuacocha lake 4180 m. –

Walk up grass slopes to the E of the lake to reach a bench. Turn SE and slog toward a pass (4740m). Descend to Alcaycocha Lake (4670m). From the S Descend scree slopes to the creek that flows out of Carhuacocha Lake.

6h +600m - 650 m

B,L,D

D 9/ Carhuacocha lake 4180 m – Paso Siulá Punta 4830 m – Huayhuash 4400 m.

We walk through the mini-valley to the E of the moraine wall that circles Gangrajanca Lake. Pass Gangrajanca on its E side, a new lake caused by a rockslide on its W side, and Siula Lake on its E side. Make a rising traverse, following a trail system, up a steep grass slope. Eventually gain a shoulder and walk into a hanging valley. Walk up a switchbacking trail at the end of the valley to reach Siula Pass (4834m;) then descend the long, gradual valley to Huayhuash camp Lake (4400m)

8h + 700 m / -400m

B,L,D

D 10/ Huayhuash 4400 m - Trapecio 4700 m –

Traverse grass slopes SW then ascend W into a hanging valley. Ascend grass slopes to the S to gain a hanging grassy bench. Walk S for 1km, the descend briefly to a larger cow pasture. Walk for 1km more and camp anywhere above Barrosocoha Lake that works, below the majestic SE face of Trapecio (4700m)

3h +300m

B,L,D

D 11/ Trapecio Punta 5000 - Jurau Glacier 5100 m- Sarapococha 4350 m –

From camp, hike uphill to gain the crest of a grassy moraine. A cliff band looms above. A trail system that skirts to the left of the cliff on easy terrain, to reach a



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beautiful hanging plateau. Pass alpine lakes then follow a trail on scree up to the continental divide at Trapecio Pass (4910m; 2.5h). Instead, turn right (S) and scramble uphill on redish rock, to a notch (5110m; 3h) to incredible views of Carnicero, Sarapo, and Siula Grande. Walk through the notch, then making a scrambling descent to the left to reach the Huayhuashjanca Glacier. The glacier is flat, aerated ice, with real crevasses. Walk the moraine until directly above the outflow of the lake then scramble down to a pristine camp between Jurau Lake (4343m) and a tiny lake to its W. From camp at Jurau Lake (4343m), walk up-valley to Joe Simpson's Camp. An angular boulder 10m in height marks the spot (1h)

7h +650m/-700m

B,L,D

D12 / Sarapococha lake 4500 m – Cerro Mirador 5150 m – Segya 4400 m. –

As we approach a terminal moraine, gain a trail rising on the left valley wall, which eventually climbs onto a shoulder overlooking Sarapococha. Small cliffs loom above. Once beyond the cliffs, switchback, hiking up steep grass (2.25h). Slog upwards on grass then scree to Velilina Pass (3.5h; 5060m). Hike north along a stunning alpine traverse. The 180-degree views are among the best on the Alpine Circuit, including the famous Simpson crawl route down to the right. Skirt around rocky outcroppings on the right to reach a peak at 5152m (high point of the entire circuit). Walk straight north toward Rasac ("The Toad") over a 5097m summit and down into Seria Pass (6h). Descend easily to a magnificent camp at the outflow of Caramarca Lake

7h +650m/-750m

B,L,D

D 13/ Segya 4400 m- Rasac Pass 5120 m – Jahuacocha lake 4050 m.

We start at camp beside Caramarca Lake. Hike up the crest of a moraine immediately west of the lake to gain a boulder-strewn plateau. Boulder hop to the edge of the Seria Glacier (2h). Hike up the glacier (lightweight crampons and lightweight axe recommended), passing just a few crevasses. Unavoidably, the route crosses an avalanche path coming off Rasac Oeste. The glacier culminates in a 35-degree headwall. Above the headwall, walk up the glacier until about 50m



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away from Rasac Col (5129m. The final 20m to the minor col is 40-degree loose ground above an exposed gully. A rope may be helpful. Traverse the bench toward the east then descend via a 20m 4th class downclimb (rope may be useful for some parties) to reach the top of a grassy moraine. The rest is walking. Walk along micro-valleys past Barrosococha and then join the cows near Rasacocha. Camp at Jahuacocha 4050m.

7h +720m/1170m

B,L,D

D 14/ Jahuacocha lake 4050 m – Sambunya Pass 4750 m - Rondoy 4000 m – Huaraz –

Way up to Sambunya Pass 4750 m a last view from Huayhuash range, it down to main road of the Llamac 3300m and then which we take back then until Huaraz. Arrived and night at Huaraz.

5h +650 m/-750m

B,L, [No Hotel included](#))

D 15/Huaraz – Lima - [No services included](#)

Bus to Lima. Hotel

D 16/ Return Flight - [No services included](#)

Flight to return from Lima.

B,L,D=Breakfast, lunch, dinner

H= hours

+/- = way up/ (down) in metres.

Price:

Shared service 2026, in American dollars:

Starting with 03 people:

Per person US\$ 2546.00



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What's included?

Your services:

Entry fee to Huascarán National Park and Huayhuash communities

Private car for acclimatization day

English/Spanish UIAGM speaking professional guide

Tents - 2 people in a 3 persons tent which allows for greater comfort. Basic foam mattress.

Cook and Cooking equipment, Toilet tent

3 meals per day- Breakfast and Tea, Dinner + Lunch Snack for the personal backpack

Horses (for equipment and personal items) including horsemen. They carry camping equipment, food and kitchen utensils.

02 Porters for the high traverse. And for collective gear

Dining tent with camp tables and chairs & Kitchen tent for the cook to prepare meals

Private transport from Huaraz to Huayhuash and back.

What is not included?

01 Night in a Hotel in Lima

Nights in a Hostel in Huaraz

Transfers in Lima (Airport- Bus station–One way, arriving) - José Luis pick us Up

Bus tickets from Lima ONE WAY – Arriving to Huaraz

International Flight IN-OUT Perú.

Breakfast on the first morning.

Dinner, and luchs on the last days.

Sleeping bags

Tips for the guide, cook and porters

You should bring:

A light day pack with a change of clothes for the whole period of the trek - prepare for a vast range of changes in temperature, Sleeping bag,

Rain gear (jacket and pants if available) or rain poncho.

Strong footwear, waterproof trekking boots recommended. Extra socks are a must.

Sandals or plastic slip on thongs are also good to give your feet a chance to breath in the evenings if you wish to carry them.

Warm clothes, including jacket, fleeces, gloves, scarf and beanie/touk. Thermal clothing is also recommended, especially for sleeping.

Sleeping bag (we can hire these to you)



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Torch/ Flashlight and spare batteries

Camera, films and batteries (batteries consume more quickly under cold conditions)

Hat or cap to protect you from the sun, rain and cold

Sun block

After-sun cream or hydrating cream for face and body

Insect repellent - minimum recommended 20% DEET - although no malaria risk has been reported

Toilet paper,

Non-disposable canteen (Nalgene type) and water for the first morning.

We advise you to bring water sterilizing tablets in case you collect water from streams.

Your own medical kit with any special medications that you might require, paracetamol, second skin for blisters etc.

Small towel or sarong

Bathers/swimsuit (if you intend on swimming)

Cash - sufficient for snacks, tips and souvenirs.

Original passport

Walking sticks or poles



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