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## Cordillera Huayhuash Classic Trek



**This is the most dramatic high altitude trek in the Peruvian Andes** with magnificent views of the mountains of the Cordillera Huayhuash such as Yerupaja 6634m being the second highest mountain in Peru, Siula Grande, Jirishanca, Carnicero, Trapecio. The dramatic and beautiful glacial lakes and valleys of the range provide memorable campsites and good trout fishing. Andean condors are seen more often in the Huayhuash than on other Peruvian treks, attesting to the area's remoteness. Our Huayhuash Classic Trek includes all the best and famous spots in the range such as Siula Lakes, Santa Rosa Viewpoint/Pass, Siula Base Camp and a deep soak in the hot springs of Guñoc – Viconga. You won't miss anything!.

<b>Length</b>	9 nights and 10 days
<b>Grade</b>	Strenuous
	Up to 5 to 8 hours physical activity each day
<b>Start/Finish</b>	Huaraz
<b>Distance</b>	132 Km
<b>Maximum Altitude</b>	5020m
<b>Average</b>	4200m
<b>Season</b>	May to September



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## Day By Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Huaraz – Chiquian – Llamac – Pocpa – Palca – Quartelhuain

You are picked up at your accommodation and begin the journey with a spectacular scenic drive along the Callejon de Huaylas Valley. There are opportunities for photo stops along the way. Today we drive through many rural villages until we reach our camp at Quartelhuain 4150m. 5 hours drive.



*First views of the Cordillera Huayhuash*

### Day 2: Quartelhuain – Cacanapunta Pass – Janca

We slowly climb up to 4690m in the morning to cross the Punta Cacanapunta Pass then, as we descend, we are rewarded with stunning views of the nearby peaks of Ninashanca and Jirishanca. Our camp is situated at Janca Valley 4200m. In the afternoon, we can do a side trip up to Laguna Mitucocha 4250m where we will see Torrent Ducks and Andean Geese. 5 to 6 hours walk.



### Day 3: Janca – Carhuac Pass – Laguna Carhuacocha

We start ascending gradually towards Paso Carhuac 4630m pass from where we have splendid views of Nevados Carnicero, Siula, Yerupaja, Jirishanca. We then descend to our camp at the beautiful Laguna Carhuacocha 4150m. 5 to 6 hours walk.



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*Laguna Carhuacocha Campsite*

#### Day 4: Carhuacocha – Siula Punta Pass – Huayhuash

Today is a big day! We start with a gradual hike before ascending towards Paso Siula Punta 4850m pass with nice views of the surrounding mountains and crossing above the glacier fed lakes of Siula and Quesillococha. From the pass we descend to our camp at Huayhuash 4350m passing a beautiful lake and always enjoying views of the great mountains of the range. 8 hours walk.



*Siula Lakes*

#### Day 5: Huayhuash – Portachuelo de Huayhuash Pass – Viconga

We ascend gradually towards Paso Portachuelo de Huayhuash 4780m pass from where we have great views of the Cordillera Raura. We then descend to the big lake of Viconga and then to our camp at 4350m near by the Guñoc Hot springs. 6 hours walk.



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### Day 6: Viconga – Cuyoc Pass – Cuyoc Pampa

Another pass to cross. We go over Punta Cuyoc Pass with a sustained uphill hike of 3 hours to a breath taking 4950m pass. From here we marvel the spectacular views of the mountains. We then descend to our camp at Cuyoc Pampa 4500m. 5 hours walk.



### Day 7: Cuyoc Pampa – Cerro San Antonio Pass – Calinca Valley - Huayllapa Village

We ascend towards the highest pass of the trek Paso Cerro San Antonio at 5020m from where there are fantastic views of mountains and lakes. We can clearly see the Siula Glacier where Joe Simpson crawled down in his epic battle for survival, and also Siula Base Camp by Sarapococha Lake. We then descend to Calinca Valley by following trails of Vicuñas and mountain cows. From here we come down to Peruvian sea level, following Calinca valley for 4 hours. The community of Huayllapa is one of the highland villages of Lima Region located at 3670m. Villagers are mainly farmers and shepherds and few of them work in tourism sector as cooks and donkey drivers.



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### Day 8: Huayllapa – Tapush Pass – Gashpapampa

A big day! Today from 3670m we ascend to 4770m Punta Tapush Pass, we then descend to Gashpapampa campsite at 4500m. 6 to 7 hours walk.

### Day 9: Gashpapampa – Llaucha Punta Pass – Huacrish Lookout – Laguna Jahuacocha Lake

We start our hike with a short descent before ascending towards Paso Llaucha Punta 4850m pass, which provides fantastic views of the mountains of Rondoy, Jirishanc, Yerupaja Grande, Rasac and Sacra. From the pass, we hike up to a ridge which takes us to Huacrish Lookout to have unique views of the Huayhuash Mountain Range. We then descend to our last camp at the beautiful Laguna Jahuacocha Lake at 4050m. 4 to 5 hours walk.





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*Lagunas Jahuacocha & Solteracocha Lakes*

#### Day 10: Jahuacocha – Pampa Llamac – Llamac – Huaraz

Today is our final day of trekking, with one last climb up to Paso Pampa Llamac 4300m. We can enjoy our final views over the range before descending steadily down to Llamac. Here we meet our transport and drive back to Huaraz. 5 hours walk and 4 hours drive.