

Cordillera Huayhuash Unique Trek



Trek one of the most spectacular mountain circuits in the world. 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 Unique Trek** cuts through Trapecio Pass and includes some of the nicest and famous spots in the range.

7 nights and 8 days
Strenuous
Up to 6 to 8 hours physical activity each day
Huaraz
122Km
5020m
4200m
May to October



Day By Day Itinerary

Day 1: Huaraz – Chiquian – Llamac – Pocpa – Palca – Quartelhuain – Cacananpunta Pass – Janca

You are picked up at your accommodation very early in the morning at 3am and begin the journey along the Callejon de Huaylas Valley. Today we drive through many rural villages until we reach Quartelhuain 4150m. 4 hours drive. Here we have our breakfast (included in the trip price) while the donkeys are loaded. After breakfast, we slowly climb up to 4690m to cross Punta Cacanan Pass then, as we descend, we are rewarded with stunning views of the nearby peaks of Rondoy and Jirishanca. Our camp is situated at Janca Valley at 4200m. 5 hours walk.



Day 2: Janca - Carhuac Pass - Laguna Carhuacocha

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





Laguna Carhuacocha Campsite

Day 3: 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 4: Huayhuash - Trapecio Punta Pass - Cuyoc Pampa

We ascend gradually towards Paso Trapecio Punta 5000m pass from where we have close-up views of Nevado Trapecio Mountain. We then descend to our camp at Cuyoc Pampa 4500m. We will see lovely glacial lakes as we descend to the campsite. 7 to 8 hours walk.





Day 5: Cuyoc Pampa – San Antonio Pass – Calinca Valley – Huayllapa Village We ascend towards the highest pass of the trek Paso San Antonio 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. From here a steep and slippery trail takes us down to Calinca Valley, we follow the valley for another 4 hours till reach the village of Huayllapa. 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.



Day 6: 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 7: 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.



Lagunas Jahuacocha & Solteracocha Lakes

Day 8: 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.