

Alpamayo & Cordillera Blanca Traverse



trip highlights

Admire Alpamayo's striking pyramidal summit from the remote Jancarurish Valley in Peru's Cordillera Blanca

Cross high Andean passes the highest being Toro Pishtanan at 4870 m / 15,977 ft

Discover turquoise Hualcacocha and Cullicocha lagoons beneath the snow-covered peaks of Huascarán National Park

Camp among the peaks of Taulliraju, Pucajirca, Chacaraju and the Santa Cruz mountains

Enjoy two scenic acclimatisation hikes from Huaraz, exploring the spectacular landscapes of the Cordillera Blanca.



Trip Duration	13 days	Trip Code: HPL
Grade	Moderate to Challenging	
Activities	Trekking, Day Walking	
Summary	11 day trek, 2 day walks, 3 nights hotel, 10 nights camping	

welcome to World Expeditions

Since 1975 we have run expedition-style adventures for active travellers, from our first trek in Nepal to remote routes on all seven continents.

Our philosophy is simple: take the paths less travelled. That means small groups, local crew, low impact, and routes most travellers never see.

Everything you need to know about the Alpamayo & Cordillera Blanca Traverse is in these notes.

why travel with World Expeditions?

The Alpamayo & Cordillera Blanca Traverse is a high-altitude trekking adventure in Peru, combining remote wilderness and traditional Andean culture. The carefully planned itinerary includes acclimatisation walks around Huaraz before venturing into the heart of the Cordillera Blanca, allowing time to adjust to the altitude and prepare for the challenging mountain trails ahead. Supported by experienced local guides, cooks and muleteers, you'll enjoy fully serviced wilderness camps while trekking beneath some of Peru's highest peaks, including Alpamayo, Huascarán and Taulliraju. With thoughtfully planned trekking days, mountain passes and opportunities to experience traditional Andean communities, this journey offers an immersive exploration of the Cordillera Blanca.



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Single travellers are required to pay for their own room on this departure operated by our local partner

Inclusions Valued at USD\$:

Park & Entry Fees: USD\$25

the trip

Explore the Cordillera Blanca of northern Peru on the Alpamayo & Cordillera Blanca Traverse, a challenging high-altitude trekking adventure through one of South America's most remarkable mountain landscapes. Beginning in Huaraz, the journey includes acclimatisation walks before venturing deep into Huascarán National Park, crossing remote mountain passes, traversing traditional Andean valleys and camping beneath towering snow-capped peaks. Trek through alpine scenery surrounded by mountains including Alpamayo (5,947m / 19,512ft), Huascarán (6,768m / 22,210ft), Taulliraju and Pucajirca, with opportunities to discover turquoise glacial lakes, native quenal forests and traditional highland communities. Crossing passes reaching up to 4,870m / 15,982ft, this rewarding Peru trekking adventure combines challenging mountain trails, wilderness camping and extraordinary mountain scenery in the heart of the Peruvian Andes. Ideal for experienced trekkers seeking a remote and immersive mountain journey, the Alpamayo & Cordillera Blanca Traverse showcases the remarkable natural beauty and cultural landscapes of Peru's Cordillera Blanca.

at a glance

DAY 1	JOIN HUARAZ (3052M/10,000FT)
DAY 2	ACCLIMATISATION HIKE TO PUKAVENTANA VIEWPOINT (3,675M / 12,057FT, 5.6KM / 3.5MI)
DAY 3	ACCLIMATISATION HIKE TO HUALCACOCHA LAKE (6.3KM / 3.9MI, 5 HRS)
DAY 4	TREK OVER PORTACHUELO DE LLANGANUCO TO VAQUERÍA (4,750M / 15,584FT, 2.4KM / 1.5MI, 1.5 HRS)
DAY 5	TREK THROUGH PARIA VALLEY TO TUCTU (15KM / 9.3MI, 7 HRS)
DAY 6	TREK OVER PUCARAJU PASS TO HUECROCOCHA (4,625M / 15,173FT, 9.6KM / 6MI, 7 HRS)
DAY 7	TREK OVER TUPA TUPA PASS TO JANCAPAMPA (4,351M / 14,275FT, 12.1KM / 7.5MI, 7-8 HRS)
DAY 8	TREK OVER YANAJANCA PASS TO HUILLCA (4,430M / 14,534FT, 11.6KM / 7.2MI, 8 HRS)
DAY 9	TREK OVER MESAPATA PASS TO MOYOBAMBA (4,506M / 14,553FT, 8KM / 5MI, 5 HRS)
DAY 10	TREK OVER CARACARA PASS TO JANCARURISH (4,836M / 15,866FT, 2.6KM / 1.6MI, 2 HRS)
DAY 11	TREK OVER JATUN VIENTO PASS TO OSORURI (4,762M / 15,623FT, 12.3KM / 7.6MI, 7-8 HRS)
DAY 12	TREK OVER TORO PISHTANAN PASS TO HUIHCASH (4,870M / 15,977FT, 9.7KM / 6MI, 6-7 HRS)
DAY 13	TREK TO HUALCAYÁN AND RETURN TO HUARAZ (6.2KM / 3.9MI, 3 HRS)

what's included

- All meals during the trek
- Double occupancy tents
- Expert bilingual guide
- Comfortable central hotel in Huaraz
- All internal transportation
- Use of a gear pack including duffel bag, sleeping bag, fibre filled jacket and sleeping mat
- Pack horses and horse handlers
- Fully serviced campsites on trek
- Acclimatisation hikes to Pukaventana and Hualcacocho Lagoon
- All park entry fees

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trip dates

2026 28 Dec - 09 Jan

2027 12 Jan - 24 Jan
02 May - 14 May
06 Jun - 18 Jun
04 Jul - 16 Jul
01 Aug - 13 Aug
05 Sep - 17 Sep

fast facts

Countries Visited:
Peru

Visas:
Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant*

Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:
Available for this trip*

Leader:
Expert local bi-lingual leader

Advice for people with limited mobility
Not suitable

*Ask our staff for more information.

- Group medical kit including a portable altitude chamber, emergency oxygen and satellite phone
- Arrival transfer to hotel

Many adventure operators ask travellers to hand over cash on the ground. It avoids local taxes and shifts the cost and the risk of carrying cash onto you.

We do not ask for local cash payments on this trip.

what's not included

- International and domestic flights
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Visas (if applicable)
- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges
- Any items not listed as included

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Join Huaraz (3052m / 10,000ft)

Join Huaraz, the gateway to Peru's Cordillera Blanca mountain range, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey, explore the town and begin adjusting to the altitude before your trek begins.

Accommodation: Hotel Cordillera or similar
meals: NIL

DAY 2 Acclimatisation hike to Pukaventana Viewpoint (3,675m / 12,057ft, 5.6km / 3.5mi)

Today you undertake your first acclimatisation walk to the Pukaventana viewpoint, an excellent introduction to the landscapes and altitude of the Cordillera Blanca. A short drive takes you to the trailhead, where you begin ascending a well-maintained path through the colourful Pukaventana Canyon. The surrounding hillsides display remarkable shades of red, ochre, orange and purple, shaped by centuries of erosion. As you gain height, expansive views open across Huaraz and the surrounding valleys, with the snow-capped peaks of the Cordillera Blanca rising in the distance. Reaching the viewpoint at approximately 3,675m / 12,057ft, you enjoy panoramic views towards Huascarán, Peru's highest mountain at 6,768m / 22,205ft. After taking time to appreciate the scenery, you descend along the same trail and return to Huaraz.

Accommodation: Hotel Cordillera or similar
meals: B,L

DAY 3 Acclimatisation hike to Hualcacocha Lake (6.3km / 3.9mi, 5 hrs)

Today we continue our acclimatisation with a rewarding walk to Hualcacocha Lake, set among the dramatic peaks of Huascarán National Park. Travelling by private vehicle from Huaraz, we follow the Carhuaz-Chacas road through the villages of Shilla and Catay before entering the Ulta Valley. Our walk begins by crossing the valley floor, where streams and wetlands give way to a gradually ascending trail. We follow a mountain creek through native queñual forests, passing wildflowers and enjoying views of the surrounding high-altitude landscape. After approximately three hours of walking, we reach the turquoise waters of Hualcacocha Lake, nestled

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thoughtful travel

Every trip runs with local guides and crew, in small groups, using low-impact camping and trekking practices.

Our porter welfare standards are set out in these notes. Our community partnerships and the work of the World Expeditions Foundation are on our website.

trip grading

Moderate to Challenging

This trip is graded moderate to challenging and is suitable for fit and healthy people.

Some multi-day trekking experience is required and you would be expected to be comfortable in the outdoors and enjoy camping for successive days. These adventures involve trekking for up to 6–8 hours a day at a steady pace and may include longer days up to 10 hours. These trips may spend successive days at altitudes not generally exceeding 5,500m and the actual treks are usually between 10 and 15 days in duration. You will need a good level of fitness and be in good health.

* Suggested preparation: 45 minutes of aerobic type exercise, three to five times a week for the three months leading up to your trip. Hill walking with a pack in variable weather conditions is also recommended. To prepare for a walking holiday we recommend you take every opportunity to walk up and down stairs and/or hills, for leg strengthening and aerobic fitness. Please remember the fitter you are the more you will enjoy your holiday.

adventure travel

Adventure travel involves the unexpected. In remote regions conditions change, and itineraries may be altered at short notice.

Flexibility gets you far more out of the trip than a fixed plan will.

If you are unsure whether this trip suits you, talk to us before you book.

beneath the imposing slopes of Hualcán (5,300m / 17,388ft) and Ulta (5,440m / 17,848ft). We enjoy lunch beside the lake before retracing our steps through the valley, where our vehicle meets us for the return journey to Huaraz.

Accommodation: Hotel Cordillera or similar

meals: B,L

DAY 4 Trek over Portachuelo de Llanganuco to Vaquería (4,750m / 15,584ft, 2.4km / 1.5mi, 1.5 hrs)

Leaving Huaraz this morning, we travel north towards Huascarán National Park and the beginning of our Alpamayo Circuit Trek. Our journey takes us through the agricultural landscapes of the Callejón de Huaylas, stopping in Carhuaz to explore the local market and experience daily life in this traditional Andean town. We also visit Campo Santo, a memorial site commemorating the devastating 1970 earthquake and avalanche that destroyed the former town of Yungay. Continuing into the mountains, we ascend towards Portachuelo de Llanganuco, a high pass at approximately 4,750m / 15,584ft. From here, we enjoy outstanding views across the northern Cordillera Blanca and its towering snow-covered peaks. Crossing the pass by vehicle, we descend towards the eastern side of the mountain range and reach our trekking trailhead, where a short introductory walk takes us downhill to Vaquería (3,700m / 12,136ft).

Accommodation: Camping

meals: B,L,D

DAY 5 Trek through Paria Valley to Tuctu (15km / 9.3mi, 7 hrs)

Our first full day on the trail takes us into the remote Huaripampa Valley, following traditional paths through a landscape of small Andean farming communities, cultivated fields and mountain streams. As we gradually gain altitude, the scenery becomes increasingly dramatic, with towering peaks rising above the valley. We continue towards Paria Valley at approximately 3,822m / 12,539ft, enjoying views of the impressive Paria (5,510m / 18,077ft) and Pirámide (5,885m / 19,307ft) mountains. The route then climbs steadily through the upper valley towards Tuctu, where the landscape opens to reveal views of Taulliraju, Rinrijirca and the eastern face of Chacaraju. This section provides our first real experience of trekking deep within the Cordillera Blanca, far from the region's more frequently visited trails. We arrive at our campsite at Tuctu (4,100m / 13,451ft), where our support crew prepares dinner and we settle in for the evening.

Accommodation: Camping

meals: B,L,D

DAY 6 Trek over Pucaraju Pass to Huecrococha (4,625m / 15,173ft, 9.6km / 6mi, 7 hrs)

Today we cross our first major mountain pass, following an ancient trail that climbs steadily towards Pucaraju Pass at 4,625m / 15,173ft. The ascent takes us through increasingly rugged alpine terrain, with views developing across the surrounding valleys and mountain ridges. From the pass, there is a panorama of some of the Cordillera Blanca's most impressive peaks, including Taulliraju, Artesonraju, Chacaraju, Quitaraju and Huascaran. We begin our descent towards Huecrococha Lake, passing through a landscape of open mountain slopes and high-altitude vegetation. Our campsite is located near the lake at approximately 3,837m / 12,588ft.

Accommodation: Camping

meals: B,L,D

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important note

These notes are current at the date shown on each page and replace any earlier version.

The itinerary is a guide. It may change due to weather, conditions on the ground or other circumstances beyond our control.

DAY 7 Trek over Tupa Tupa Pass to Jancapampa (4,351m / 14,275ft, 12.1km / 7.5mi, 7-8 hrs)

Leaving Huecrococha, we continue through the remote valleys of the Cordillera Blanca, passing the small village of Pishgopampa before beginning our ascent towards Tupa Tupa Pass at approximately 4,351m / 14,275ft. The trail winds through woodland and open grassy slopes, where local families graze sheep and other livestock. From the pass, we enjoy sweeping views towards Taulliraju and Pucahirca before descending into the picturesque Jancapampa Valley. This beautiful valley is characterised by native vegetation, traditional agricultural settlements and stands of hardy queñual trees. As we approach our campsite, the landscape becomes particularly impressive, with a vast horseshoe-shaped wall of cliffs rising above the valley. Hanging glaciers cling to the mountainsides, while waterfalls cascade down the surrounding rock faces. We camp at approximately 3,548m / 11,640ft, surrounded by this impressive mountain scenery.

Accommodation: Camping
meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 Trek over Yanajanca Pass to Huilca (4,430m / 14,534ft, 11.6km / 7.2mi, 8 hrs)

Today's trek takes us through another section of the Cordillera Blanca as we climb from Jancapampa towards Yanajanca Pass. Our route initially follows a beautiful valley lined with native shrubs and queñual forests, passing the picturesque Laguna Sactaycocha. As we gain altitude, the vegetation becomes more sparse and the trail steepens, with a final rocky ascent over loose scree leading to the pass. From this elevated viewpoint, weather permitting, we enjoy views of Pucahirca Norte, which rises to approximately 6,050m / 19,849ft. Crossing the continental divide, we begin our descent towards the Pacific side of the mountain range, negotiating a short section of steep scree before continuing along a gentler valley trail. Our destination is the high plateau of Huilca, one of the few areas of the Cordillera Blanca where alpacas are found in significant numbers, where we establish camp at approximately 4,000m / 13,123ft.

Accommodation: Camping
meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 Trek over Mesapata Pass to Moyobamba (4,506m / 14,553ft, 8km / 5mi, 5 hrs)

This morning we continue our journey through the remote northern Cordillera Blanca, enjoying increasingly impressive views of the mountains surrounding Alpamayo. From the Tayapampa Valley, the distinctive north-eastern face of Alpamayo (5,947m / 19,511ft) comes into view, together with the towering summits of Pucajirca Norte and Pucajirca Sur. Our trail climbs steadily towards Mesapata Pass at approximately 4,436m / 14,553ft, where we pause to appreciate the sweeping mountain panorama and surrounding valleys. Condors are sometimes seen soaring above the cliffs in this region, adding to the wilderness experience. After crossing the pass, we descend towards the Moyobamba Valley before continuing to our campsite at approximately 4,506m / 14,783ft. This relatively shorter day provides time to rest and prepare for tomorrow's crossing of Caracara Pass and our approach to Alpamayo.

Accommodation: Camping
meals: B,L,D

DAY 10 Trek over Caracara Pass to Jancarurish (4,836m / 15,866ft, 2.6km / 1.6mi, 2 hrs)

Today we cross Caracara Pass at approximately 4,836m / 15,866ft and enjoy views of Alpamayo. The morning begins with a steady ascent through rugged mountain

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terrain, with the surrounding peaks becoming increasingly visible as we approach the pass. From the top, we see Alpamayo's distinctive pyramid-shaped summit. Continuing towards Jancarurish Valley, we have the opportunity to undertake an additional walk towards the moraine, where views extend across a turquoise lake towards the mountain's summit. This is a location well suited to photography, taking in the landscape of the Cordillera Blanca. We establish camp in Jancarurish Valley at approximately 4,206m / 13,799ft, with views of Alpamayo and the surrounding peaks.

Accommodation: Camping

meals: B,L,D

DAY 11 Trek over Jatun Viento Pass to Osoruri (4,762m / 15,623ft, 12.3km / 7.6mi, 7–8 hrs)

We wake to views of Alpamayo before continuing our journey through the high mountains of the Cordillera Blanca. Leaving Jancarurish Valley behind, our trail begins a long and steady ascent towards Jatun Viento Pass at approximately 4,762m / 15,623ft. The climb follows a series of numerous switchbacks, gradually gaining altitude through rugged alpine terrain. As we ascend, we enjoy changing perspectives across the surrounding valleys and mountain peaks, with expansive views from the upper slopes. Reaching the pass marks a milestone on our circuit, before we begin descending towards Osoruri. Our campsite is located at approximately 4,556m / 14,947ft, making this the highest overnight stop of the trek.

Accommodation: Camping

meals: B,L,D

DAY 12 Trek over Toro Pishtanan Pass to Huishcash (4,870m / 15,977ft, 9.7km / 6mi, 6–7 hrs)

Today we cross the highest pass of our journey, Toro Pishtanan, at approximately 4,870m / 15,977ft. Beginning with a steady ascent of around one and a half hours, we reach the pass and enjoy a final opportunity to take in the high-altitude scenery of the Cordillera Blanca. From here, our route descends towards Cullicocha Lake, an alpine lake in the region. Its striking blue-green waters lie beneath the peaks of the Santa Cruz massif, marking our final full day of trekking. Continuing along the trail, we enjoy expansive views towards the Cordillera Negra, the mountain range running parallel to the Cordillera Blanca on the western side of the valley. We descend to our final wilderness campsite at Huishcash, situated at approximately 3,997m / 13,113ft, where we celebrate our journey through this mountain landscape.

Accommodation: Camping

meals: B,L,D

DAY 13 Trek to Hualcayán and return to Huaraz (6.2km / 3.9mi, 3 hrs)

Our final morning on the trail begins with a descent from Huishcash towards the village of Hualcayán, passing through a landscape of traditional farmland and rural Andean communities. Along the way, we encounter the remains of pre-Incan archaeological sites, providing a fascinating reminder of the long history of settlement in this region. As we lose altitude, the rugged mountain scenery gradually gives way to cultivated fields and the broader landscapes of the Huaylas Valley. Reaching the trailhead near Hualcayán, we farewell our trekking support team and board our private vehicle for the scenic return journey to Huaraz. After several memorable days exploring the remote valleys, alpine lakes and high mountain passes of the Cordillera Blanca, we return to Huaraz. We will reach Huaraz late in the afternoon. If you would like to book a post trip night of accommodation, please contact our reservations staff.

meals: B,L

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suggested extensions

- Classic Inca Trail
- Amazon Jungle Extension
- Colca Canyon & Arequipa
- Galapagos Islands Cruise

country information

Peru is located on the Pacific coast of South America, spans over 1.3 million square kilometres and is one of the most culturally and geographically diverse countries in the region. Its population is a rich mix of Indigenous peoples, including the Quechua and Aymara, and those of mixed Indigenous and European descent (mestizo). The capital, Lima, is a vast coastal metropolis and home to more than a third of Peru's population. Founded in 1535, Lima served as the seat of Spanish colonial power in South America for nearly three centuries. Today, it's a dynamic hub where colonial architecture, contemporary culture, and sprawling urban neighbourhoods converge. Geographically, Peru is shaped by three distinct regions: the narrow coastal plain, where the cold Humboldt Current creates one of the world's richest marine ecosystems; the towering Andes mountains, which run north to south and form the backbone of the country; and the Amazon Basin, a vast area of dense rainforest and biodiversity. At an altitude of 3,400m / 11,155ft, Cusco was once the capital of the Inca Empire and remains the cultural heart of the Peruvian Andes. The city is renowned for its Inca stonework, Spanish colonial churches and plazas, and vibrant artisan markets. It also serves as the gateway to Machu Picchu, the UNESCO-listed citadel and one of the world's most significant archaeological sites.

climate

Peru's climate varies widely by region. In the Andes, the dry season runs from May to September, with sunny days and cold nights. Daytime temperatures average 15–20°C (59–68°F), dropping to 0–5°C (32–41°F) at night. The wet season is from October to April, with heaviest rainfall between January and March. Along the coast, including Lima, summers (Dec–Mar) are warm and humid, around 24–30°C (75–86°F), while winters (Jun–Sep) are cooler and overcast. In the Amazon, it's hot and humid year-round, with temperatures between 28–34°C (82–93°F). Expect daily rainfall from November to April, with drier conditions from May to October. The trekking season in Peru lasts from the end of April (the last month of the wet season) through to mid-October (by which time the rains have returned and hiking becomes more difficult due to muddy trails and snowed-in passes). In the highlands of Peru, where the treks take place, daytime temperatures will be in the range of 10–20°C (50–68°F) falling as low as -10°C (14°F) at night. Also it is possible that we'll get some snow on the higher ground and some of the higher passes.

a typical day

Trekking Routine:

Trekking days usually begin at around 6.30am with a cup of tea and washing water brought to our tent. Before breakfast we prepare for the day ahead, including packing our daypack and kitbag for portage by the animals. Whilst we have breakfast, camp is broken and loads prepared for the donkeys to carry directly to the next camp. We would aim for trekkers to get underway by 8.30am with the donkeys leaving independently of us, around the same time or shortly afterward.

Closer to lunch time, camp staff will trek ahead to set up a picnic lunch and boil water for hot drinks on a small fuel stove they have carried with them. In the cooler, dry climate we are able to carry more fresh food including bread rolls, cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and ham or tinned fish. The pickled gherkins, onions and peppers are also tasty. There are usually some sweet biscuits to go with your hot drink or fresh fruit.

In the afternoon we continue on for several hours until camp, which we would aim to reach by mid-afternoon for practical reasons, as well as the chance to relax and/or explore the area.

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Throughout the day the weather can vary from pleasant 't-shirt and shorts' weather through to snow or hailstorms which may occur on one of the passes. We are at altitude, in the winter period, with a close proximity to the Amazon and these factors mean that we must be prepared for all seasons in one day. A good waterproof, warm jacket, hat, gloves, glasses and thermals should be carried with you on most days, as well as a water bottle and camera, however your guide will advise you on this in daily briefings. A larger rucksack gives ample space to pack everything in, and also provides support on your hips and shoulders with a good harness. Sturdy, well worn in boots are also important for a trek over rough terrain and the numerous passes that this trek encompasses. Other clothing and equipment is straightforward for a trekking adventure to a cool climate, and is detailed in our pre-departure booklet issued on making a booking with us. A sleeping bag, insulated mat, fibre-filled jacket and kit bag is provided to you for the trek duration within the trip cost. Please check with one of the World Expeditions consultants if you have any questions about your clothing and equipment requirements for the trip.

meals during the trek

We provide a full service while on trek. An important aspect of this service are the meals that are prepared for you and we are frequently complimented by returning travellers about the food provided. Ensuring that you stay healthy is one of our highest priorities. Therefore, each of our treks is accompanied by a trained cook as well as kitchen staff who provide you with three hearty meals each day. High levels of hygiene are engaged to ensure that our travellers stay healthy and fit. Our cooking staff has mastered the preparation of a varied and balanced menu and there is always plenty of food for those who may like seconds. Our cooks are trained to provide excellent food for vegetarians and anyone who has a limited diet including those who are lactose or gluten intolerant. Our meal inclusion on your trek is for your benefit and takes all the hassle, expense and worry out of your holiday. Typically, you can expect breakfast to consist of muesli or cereal, eggs, local breads and pancakes and hot drinks. Lunch will generally be vegetables, salads, bread, cheese pasta style dishes, tinned fish and meats and are normally eaten picnic style. Dinner is always three courses and includes soup, seasonal vegetables, meat, rice or pasta and bread with some local specialties also in the mix. Dessert is always served after the main meal each evening followed by hot beverages.

dietary requirements

Tell us at least one month before departure and we can cater for vegetarian diets and most medically recommended diets, including allergies and intolerances. Options are limited in remote locations. Some alternatives cost more or are not available, and on some trips you may need to bring your own food. We cannot guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip. Travellers with severe allergies must carry their own medication and be able to self-administer it.

equipment provided

You will be provided with the following equipment to use during your trip; a kit bag, sleeping bag, mountain jacket and an inflatable thermarest sleeping mat. You will also be provided with a fibre filled jacket. All general camping equipment including 2 man tents and eating utensils will be provided. A dining tent with tables and camp stools and lighting will be erected at each campsite.

accommodation on the trip

The Cordillera Hotel is a 3-star hotel located in a quiet neighbourhood in the heart of Huaraz, about a 5–7 minute walk from the main square (Plaza de Armas) and Huaraz Cathedral. Every room comes equipped with a private bathroom, flat-screen TV, desk, and wardrobe.

During the trekking section, enjoy our fully supported camping experience in quality two person tents with plenty of personal space and storage for your luggage. Our team are on hand to ensure your comfort and safety with a dining tent and a separate cooking tent. Private toilet tents with

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portable sit-down toilets are provided exclusively for our group at each campsite, while washing facilities are basic, with no hot showers available during the trek.

pre and post tour accommodation

If you would like to extend your stay in Peru we would be more than happy to assist with your pre or post tour arrangements. Please ask your reservations consultant for further details.

what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry extra warm clothing (depending on the altitude, location and weather), a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip-eze etc. All group gear and your luggage is moved by our team.

equipment required

Specialist gear required include walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

acute mountain sickness

Above 2,500 m / 8,202 ft your body has to adjust to less oxygen. Our itineraries are built to ascend slowly so that adjustment can happen.

While you acclimatise you may get a headache, tiredness, disturbed sleep, loss of appetite or nausea, shortness of breath, a cough, palpitations, or swelling of the hands and face. These are common and do not always mean you should stop.

People acclimatise at different rates. Take your time and drink plenty of water.

Tell your leader about any symptom, every time. All our leaders hold extensive first aid training and monitor the group daily.

The only cure for acute mountain sickness is to descend. Your leader has the final say and may ask you to descend.

porter initiatives

Porters make this style of trekking possible. We take travellers off the beaten track, away from congested trails, on often remote tent-based adventures. On the trail, travellers, guides and porters are one team with the same need for safety.

Our Peruvian porters receive:

The same access to medical services as our travellers

Three meals a day from a menu the porters choose, plus gas stoves for all cooking

Basic life and accident insurance

Full cover of medical costs for porters and their families, work-related or not. If a porter is hurt in their fields or falls ill, we fund treatment until they are well again.

Interest-free long-term loans, for a clearly stated purpose

Private bus and train transport to and from the trek start and finish

Sleeping tents, sleeping pads (sleeping bags on request), shoes or boots, warm jackets and raingear

A yearly meeting to discuss porters' needs

Load limit 20kg of camp gear plus 5kg of personal gear. Minimum age 20, maximum age 58.

We support international organisations working for the health and education of porters:

International Porter Protection Group: www.ippg.net

International Mountain Explorers Connection: www.mountainexplorers.org

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vehicles & safety

We use a range of vehicles, each chosen for the route and the conditions.

Transport safety laws differ from those at home. We use vehicles with seatbelts wherever they are available, but some vehicles will not have them fitted.

visas

A visa is exempt for passport holders from the following countries visiting Peru for short term tourism purposes:

Australia

New Zealand

Canada

United States

United Kingdom

For all other nationalities and longer stays please contact the relevant embassy.

If you are entering Peru from Bolivia, Ecuador, or any land border, please ensure you source a Peruvian entry stamp at the border. Take initiative at the immigration checkpoint, as they may not approach you. Failure to obtain an entry stamp requires applying for an exit or expulsion order at the Immigration Office in Lima. Without this order, air travel out of Peru is not allowed, and it may lead to a 10-year ban on re-entry. Please note however that passports will not receive immigration entry or exit stamps at any international airport in Peru. Instead, entry and exit from the country will be digitally recorded.

You may also need visas for countries you transit on the way. Check the requirements for every country on your route.

Visa costs and rules change often, so confirm with your Reservations Consultant or travel agent. Obtaining your visas is your responsibility.

carbon neutral

We measure the estimated carbon emissions of our trips to better understand their environmental impact and identify opportunities to reduce emissions, rather than relying on carbon offsets.

Our Carbon Labels, calculated with independent carbon consultancy ecollective, estimate emissions from accommodation, meals, ground transport, activities and guiding. International flights are not included and can represent a significant proportion of your overall travel footprint.

You can help reduce your travel emissions by choosing direct flights where practical, flying economy and taking fewer, longer trips.

Learn more under Climate Action in the Responsible Travel section of our website.

webinars & events

Join a live webinar to hear about a trip from the people who run it, and ask your questions directly. Can't make it live? Watch it on demand.

Upcoming sessions are on our website and in our newsletter.

private groups

The adventures you see on our website are just the starting point. We can tailor an itinerary around your interests, preferred dates and group.

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Whether you're travelling with friends, family, colleagues, a club or community, talk to our team about creating an adventure that's uniquely yours.

subscribe to our e-newsletter

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social networking

Follow @worldexpeditions on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Tag #WorldExpeditions on your trip photos and videos to be featured.

trip availability

We run small groups, so places go early. Check availability online, or call our team, who can often find options the website does not show.

Some trips depend on services we cannot confirm until you book, such as internal flights or permits. Booking early is the surest way to get the departure you want.

how to book

Book online, or call or visit one of our offices. You will complete a Booking Form and pay a non-refundable deposit.

Please do not book flights or make any other arrangements until your Reservations Consultant has confirmed every service on your trip.