

Choquequirao

4 days / 3 nights

Day 1: Cusco, Cachora, Chiquisca

- In the morning we are leaving Cusco heading towards the Apurimac valley in our private vehicle.
- Three hours later we reach Cachora (2900 m). In this typical and quite Andean village we arrange the equipment on mules and horses.
- After a delicious breakfast we start our trek.
- On the route we will pass the lookout points Capuliyoc (2915 m) and Cocamasana (2330 m), where we get our first beautiful view of the Apurimac canyon stretching below as well as sights from the snow-capped peaks of the Vilcabamba range.
- In the late afternoon we arrive at the beautiful place of Chiquisca (1800 m), where we will spend the night in our first camp above the Apurimac river.

Day 2: Choquequirao

- After an invigorating breakfast we will begin with the descent to the bottom of the canyon (1550 m) and continue with a steep ascent.
- After a six hour hike, passing small settlements like Maranpata, you will reach the archeological site of Choquequirao (3085 m), which is situated on a spectacular plateau above the Apurimac canyon. In the afternoon sunlight of the you will have a first visit of these majestic Inca-ruins by your own.
- Camp inside the archeological site of Choquequirao.

Day 3: Choquequirao to Santa Rosa

- During the morning we will explore with our guide the Inca ruins of Choquequirao.
- After an abundant lunch we will leave Choquequirao. We will go downstairs to the camp of Santa Rosa, where we will spend the last night of our hike.

Day 4: Return to Cusco

- After breakfast we will take the last ascent of our trekking tour back to Cachora. On this easy upward hike you will pass the two lookout points from the first day again, which offer the last fantastic views of the glacial peaks of the Cordillera Vilcabamba and into the Apurimac canyon.
- At midday you will arrive at Cachora, where we can enjoy a delicious lunch. Our bus is already

waiting for you in order to bring you back to Cusco after these impressive days.

- Arrival in the early evening.

Choquequirao to Machu Picchu

7 days / 6 nights

Day 1: Cusco, Cachora, Chisquisca

- Early morning departure from Cusco. Our private transportation will take us to the town of Cachora where our mule wangers and horses are waiting.
- We hike for about 5 hours down into the Apurimac Canyon camping at Chiquisca (1800 m)
- L, D

Day 2: Chisquisca, Maranpata, Choquequirao

- After a good breakfast we start our strenuous hike up hill for about 5 hours to our lunch spot at Maranpata, and then for another hour and a half to Last city of the Incas, where we camp.
- Choquequirao (Golden Cradle) is considered the Sister city of Machu Picchu, because of several similarities, it hangs 1500 meters above the Apurimac canyon, Machu Picchu hang above the Urubamba canyon. It is at the same latitude and it is a large citadel with more of 8 hectares.
- B, L, D

Day 3: Choquequirao, Maizal

- Early morning departure, walking through Choquequirao, to find our way behind the upper plaza, going up through high cloud forest to the Choquequirao Pass.
- Afterwards the trail continues through some agricultural terraces (Andenes) called Pichiyoc which means (water jumping forward). In the Inca times this terraces where cultivated to provide food for the locals.
- We will continue up toward the Rio Blanco for lunch.
- In the afternoon we enter another Inter Andean valley to the hamlet of Maizal where we camp.
- B, L, D

Day 4: Maizal, Yanama

- Early morning trek around the Corihuarachina glacier, important due to some archeological remains such as Inca channels.

- Then we pass through Minas Victoria, a place where during the colony was extracted silver from a mine.
- Continuing the trek to the valley and town of Yanama at the shadow of the Pumasillo Glacier where we camp.
- B, L, D

Day 5: Yanama, Totorá

- Today we trek surrounded by the high mountains of the Vilcabamba Range full of Ichu grass and of Tarwi brush, we go up to the Yanama Pass (4580 meters), highest pass on the trail.
- You continue down river arriving to the hamlet of Totorá, where we camp. This place has indescribable beauty, tranquility and pure nature surrounded by the glaciers Salcantay, Padreyoc, and Pumasillo.
- B, L, D

Day 6: Totorá, Wiñaypoco

- Following the Totorá river you enter an area of high cloud forest arriving at Colcapampa, known for its hot springs.
- Then we descend the trail on the left side of the Santa Teresa river where we will see small plantations of bananas, passion fruit and coffee, arriving later to Wiñaypoco where we camp.
- B, L, D

Day 7: Wiñaypoco, Paltallacta

- Following the trail down the Santa Teresa River through more plantations, arriving to Miscabamba where we cross the river, continuing on the slope of the hill to our right going through an Andean cloud forests to the Puncuyoc pass, then descending through grass land and fruit trees where there is cattle, arriving to Paltallacta, to camp.
- The panoramic view from this place is breath taken, you can see a different angle of Machu Picchu and the Aobamba canyon, where another Inca trail can be seen.
- B, L, D

Day 8: Paltallacta, Aguas Calientes

- Descent through orchids and ferns, until we reach the Aobamba river, then crossing a metal bridge with views of an impressive water fall that goes to the hydroelectric plant.
- Arriving to the rail road tracks and then taking a two hour walk on the rail road tracks to Aguas Calientes.
- Spend the night in a hotel and visit the local hot springs.
- B, L, Dinner on your own

Day 9: Machu Picchu, Cusco

- Early morning bus up to visit this archeological world marvel.
- Late afternoon train back to Cusco.