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Choquequirao Trek

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Day 01: Cusco - Cachora – Chiquisca

Distance: 18 km/11.2 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 7 hours

Before first daylight the day of your trek, we jump in the car to travel to where the adventure begins! Breakfast will be in your hotel at around 5 AM. Don't forget any of your gear as we then start our journey to the village of Cachora, about a 5-hour drive from Cusco to the trail head. During this morning drive, we will first move toward the Cunyac Bridge between the departments of Cusco and Apurimac. Next, we will travel through the district of Curahuasi and the Saywite Andean Community, then arriving at Cachora (**2800 MASL – 9186 FASL**) at approximately 10 AM. Here, we will meet with our horsemen and other staff will begin our trek! We will walk for about 2 hours along sloping paths leading down to the pass of Capuliyoc (**2915 MASL – 9563 FASL**). Here, we will have an energizing lunch with our first views of the Apurimac valley stretching below and the snow-capped peaks of Padrayoc and Wayna Cachora. From Capuliyoc, we will have the first view of Choquequirao from far away. Then, we will then descend toward Coca Masana (**2330 MASL – 7644 FASL**) where the climate becomes noticeably warmer and the flora and fauna begin to change. Finally, we arrive at Chiquiskä at 1900 MASL – 6233 FASL, closer to the Apurimac River, where we will set up camp and spend the night in tents. In this camping area, we will find humble huts where people from Cachora live offering refreshing soda to the trekkers.

At approximately 6:30 am, our guide will pick you up from your hotel to transfer you by bus to the km 82 where you will arrive at approx. 10:30 am. Here you will meet the team that will join you during the trek, such as the porters, camp assistants and cooks. You will begin the walk, the first day is quite easy and during the first kilometres you will have a beautiful view of the snow peaked Veronica Mountain, walking alongside the Vilcanota River until you arrive at the Archaeological Complex of Patallacta, where you will have lunch and gain energy to reach Huayllabamba, where the first camp is set up.

Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner

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Day 02: Chiquisqa – Playa Rosalina – Santa Rosa – Maranpata

Distance: 17 km/10.6 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 hours

Today will be full of adrenaline as we climb up to the ancient city! At the top are the highest views of the landscape. After breakfast around 6:00 AM, we will continue our trek. We will walk for about an hour downhill to cross the Apurimac River in the cable car, just for some more fun! Then, we will start trekking uphill toward Santa Rosa (**2115 MASL – 6938 FASL**) where we will rest after the hard climb. This stretch is the hardest, and it will take three hours. When we are ready, we will continue up to Maranpata (**2850 MASL – 9350 FASL**), a bit easier of a climb. During our journey, we will observe various types of Andean vegetation that exist in the area. When we will arrive at Maranpata beside the Chunchumayo River, we will have lunch and take another rest around 2 PM. Along the way, we will observe many orchids and wild flowers as well as different types of birds. In this same spot, we will again find small huts, and next to them we will make our camp.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 03: Maranpata – Choquequirao - Chiquisqa

Distance: 22 km/13.7 miles

Climate: Warm day and cold at night

Hiking Time: 8 hours

Waking up in the middle of the Andes is one of the delights of spending these days as a trekker! It is an amazing experience! Breakfast will be ready early, around 6:00 AM, and afterward we will walk from Maranpata to Choquequirao (**3035 MASL – 9957 FASL**); a 2-hour hike. The

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wildlife in Choquequirao is already active by sunrise and will fill you with a deep joy! We will arrive at the archaeological site in time to enjoy the impressive views of the deep canyons and maybe even have the opportunity to see a Condor flying nearby. We will walk around the archaeological complex once we arrive. Your guide and his knowledge of this important and mystic Incan town will make you feel as though you have travelled through time! Around 3 PM, we head to Maranpata to have lunch and rest with the magnificent view. Soon we start the descent into the forest back along the same trail to the cable car crossing. Our base camp for the night is called Chiquisca..

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 04: Chiquisqa – Capuliyoc - Cachora - Cusco

Distance: 17 km/10.6 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 7 hours

The last Andean breakfast is the biggest and most special with the noise of the river hanging in the background. We spend most of the day heading back to the beginning of the trail. We will return along the same route to Cachora (2800 MASL – 9186 FASL). During our journey, we will observe the exotic flora and fauna as well as sights of the majestic snow-capped peaks and the impressive canyon of the Apurimac. After we get to Capuliyoc where the climbing path finishes, we will have lunch. We have our final view of the apurimac valley and Choquequirao from here. It will take us another four hours to get the village of Cachora at around 3pm. In the afternoon, we will drive a car back to Cusco (approx. 5 hours). Arriving around 8 PM, trekkers will be dropped off at their hotels.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch



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Price per Person: 550.00\$USA

Include:

- Pick-up from your hotel in the morning
- Transportation by private bus to the start of the trail (Cachora)
- Professional, bilingual guide (English/Spanish)
- Igloo tents - 2 people each
- Double thickness foam camping mattress
- Kitchen tent, Dining tent, Camp tables and chairs
- First Aid Kit including emergency oxygen bottle
- Choquequirao Inca Site entrance fee
- Hot water every morning and evening for washing (while hiking)
- Chef and equipment
- Excellent Meals (3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, 4 snacks)
- Food includes: pancakes, omelets, soups, fresh fruit, avocado, pasta, chicken, fish, beef/pork, rice, all rich in carbohydrates and protein, definitely suitable for trekking. Also included: hot drinks including coca leaf tea which is excellent for the altitude.
- We supply boiled water (safe for drinking) to fill your water bottle at any time (while hiking) and if you may need more, please request it ahead of time.
- Tea time the first three days (tea, coffee, biscuits, popcorn)
- Cargo mules days 1-4 (for equipment and trekkers' personal items including your main heavy items; you only carry a small day bag with necessary items during the day)
- Private bus returning from Cachora to Cusco
- Drop-off at your hotel

NOT INCLUDED:

- Sleeping bag
- Trekking poles
- Inflatable mattress

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