

Choquequirao Trek 5 Days

The Classic Choquequirao Trek 5 days is an awesome option for true adventurers, history lovers, and nature enthusiasts. You'll head off-the-beaten-path and away from other tourists as you venture through the incredible scenery along a rarely traveled trail to a real archaeological gem.

Choquequirao trek 5 days is an exciting alternative trek to the Inca Trail. The lesser-known ruins of Choquequirao feature similar architecture and layout to the more famous complex of Machu Picchu. The fact that you can only get there on foot, however, means that far fewer people visit this incredible site.

On this adventurous trek, you'll hike into an ancient world, walk on Incan highways, trek through high Andean landscapes with majestic glaciers, descend into deep canyons where the condors fly, and pass through biologically diverse cloud forest ecosystems. You'll also see native animals, such as Andean Condors, other smaller local birds, and native flora and fauna, including orchids, and so much more!

- ✓ Escape the big crowds while you visit a site just as incredible as Machu Picchu.
- ✓ Trek through stunning Andean landscapes and see how they change drastically from one area to the next.
- ✓ Discover and explore one of the most significant Inca sites that very few people have had the privilege of seeing.
- ✓ Hike into one of the deepest canyons of Peru and Latin America, the Apurimac.
- ✓ Spend time with locals in the Andean community and learn more about their culture.
- ✓ Immerse yourself in this epic trip and feel like you've been transported back in time to the last days of the Inca Empire.
- ✓ Discover the ancestral secrets of the preparation of Cambray, known as the 'liquid diamond of the Andes'.
- \checkmark Learn about the coca plant, cacao plant, and other local fruits.
- ✓ Enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable with unique flora and fauna to this part of the world.





CAPULIYUC PASS



☐ Walk through some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.



Cusco - Capuliyuc - Chiquisqa



We will start our exciting adventure very early in the morning. We will pick you up from your hotel at 4:30 am. and we will travel in our private transportation to the beginning of the trail, called Capuliyoc (2900 m/9512ft). On the way we will contemplate in the distance the impressive glacial mountains of Salkantay and Humantay.

Upon reaching the trailhead, we meet the rest of our trekking team: cooks and muleteers, who will carry our belongings all the way. After having breakfast and reviewing the last details, we will take a walk through the Apurimac Canyon. We will zigzag down for approximately three hours to Chiquisca (1,900 m / 6,234 ft), a beautiful village full of fruit orchards.

During the tour we will be able to contemplate the impressive landscape offered by the Apurimac Valley, as well as have the opportunity to appreciate the majestic flight of the condor and the impressive views of two giant glacial mountains called Padreyoc (5,571 m/18,387ft) and Qoriwayrachina. As we go deeper into the valley, the heat, the abundant vegetation and the rhythmic sounds of the mighty Apurimac River become more and more noticeable.

Once we arrive at the place called Chiquisca, it will be the place for our lunch.

After lunch, we continue for another to 2 hours approximate until we reach the first night's camp called La Playa Rosalina located at (1500 m/4920 ft). Once in the camp, you will have time to settle in your tent, which is already set up, in the late afternoon we will have tea time, later dinner.





☐ Entering Choquequirao for the first time and being amazed.



Chiquisqa - Santa Rosa - Marampata



Very early in the morning, we will wake up with a good coca tea, and a nutritious breakfast will prepare us for the hard day, just after breakfast, we will ascend for about 5 hours along a zigzag path passing through the Santa Rosa (1,970 m / 6,463 ft) area, at this point We take a half-hour break, where those who wish can try Cambray, a local sugar cane extract.

We continue our trip until we reach the town called Maranpata (2,900 m / 9,514 ft), where we will have our lunch. Upon our arrival at this place we will have the first views of Choquequirao in another direction.

This section of the Choquequirao trek 5 days will be the most impressive of our entire trek because we will have incredible views from the summit to the Apurimac canyon. We will also see orchids, among other flowers and black bears if we are lucky. If you still have energy left, that afternoon you can take a 30-minute walk to enjoy the beautiful sunset from the Choquequirao ruins. When it starts to get dark, we will see the beautiful sunset accompanied by a sky full of thousands of stars that cover the surrounding landscape and vegetation. Then it will be time to have dinner before going to bed to rest.





☐ Discover the secrets of Choquequirao.



Marampata - Archaeological Complex of Choquequirao

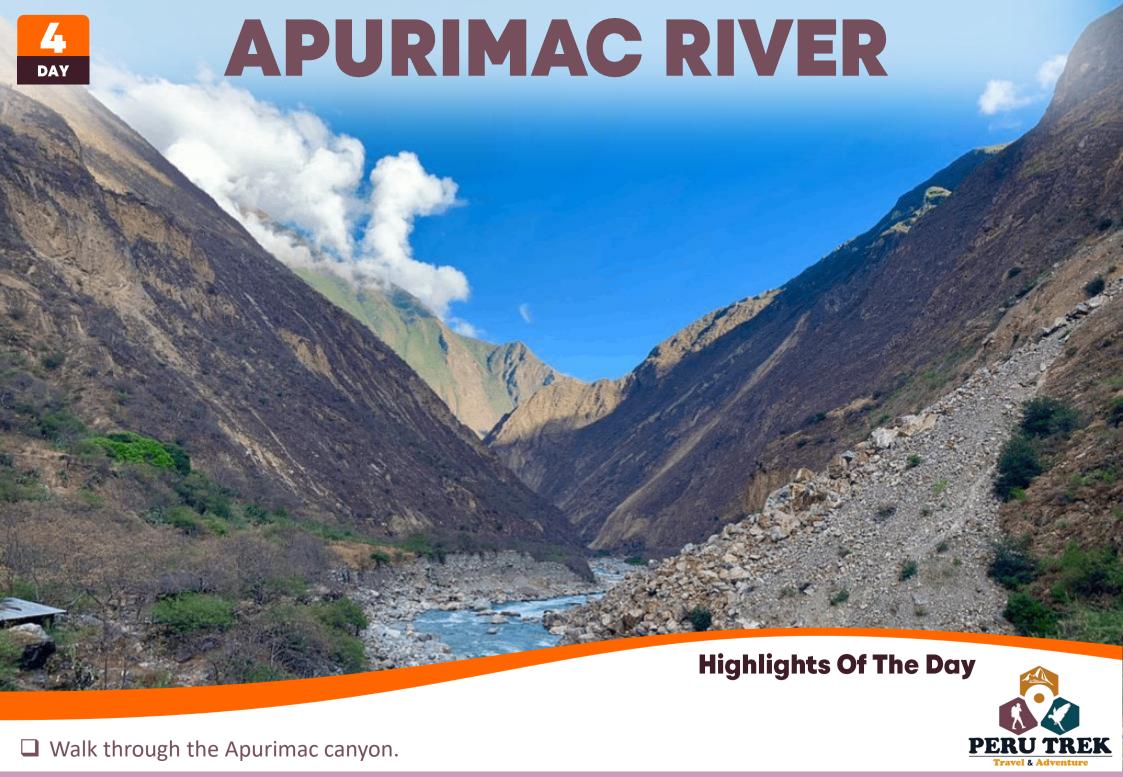


We will start the day with a delicious breakfast that will give you an energy boost. Then, we will take the day to explore every detail of this incredible Inca site located in the mountains and very close to the deepest canyon in the entire South American continent. You can already imagine the incredible landscapes that surround this colossal Inca construction. We will visit the most impressive corners of this place and our guide will share with you the fascinating stories of the past and the reason why it was built and will explain the highlights of Choquequirao trek 5 days to get to know the entire site with its 8 sectors, such as granaries, temple houses and we will also observe the three levels of the excavated ruins of this late Inca town, such as the ruin in the progress of the excavation and finally the unexplored areas that can tell us about this last refuge of the oppressed platforms of the Inca Empire.

Do not miss the famous white stone llamas that adorn the platforms built on the hillside and are located in the direction of the mountain that protects this sector known as the Apu Qoriwayrachina. According to experts, only an average of 40% of the entire site is seen, and in many ways Choquequirao remains a mystery. We are sure that in the years to come we will learn even more about this amazing complex.

After our exhaustive explorations of this impressive Inca site, we will return to our same camp to enjoy our lunch. In the afternoon, we will have time to relax and take a nap. Enjoy your last night next to these magical ruins, under an incredible sky of southern stars.







Marampata - Santa Rosa - Chiquisca



After another delicious breakfast, we will return from Choquequirao. It's goodbye for now to this unique site, so be sure to take one last look before you go. First, we will have another opportunity to take pictures of the Marampata Grand Canyon; then, we will descend for two hours until we reach Santa Rosa (2,970 m / 6,463 ft), lunch point. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to observe the enormous variety of vegetation on this part of the trail.

After lunch, we will continue to Playa Rosalinas and dip our feet and refresh ourselves in the cold waters of the Apurimac River in the middle of the canyon. Then, we will go up to the Chiquisca camp (1,900 m / 6,234 ft), located in the backyard of a local family's house. Take advantage of this time to make new friends and learn about the Andean way of life, such as its customs and traditions. You will be able to closely observe the deep relationship that the Andean communities have with the Pachamama or, as you know her, Mother Nature.

After a delicious dinner, you can rest easy at night in our cozy camp and reflect on your journey to this point.





APURIMAC CANYON



☐ We appreciate the Apurimac canyon from the highest point.



Chiquisca - Cocamasana - Capuliyoc - Cusco



Today we will enjoy the last breakfast of our epic adventure while listening to the powerful roar of the river. Afterwards we will leave as early as possible to avoid the sun hindering our walk, since at altitude it can make things very difficult. Breathe deeply and focus on Mother Nature's energy as you hike for 4 hours to Capuliyoc.

Once there, we will say goodbye to the trekking team and board the private transportation, we will continue to the Conoc hot springs to relax and rest in the warm waters. Our lunch will be ready after enjoying these refreshing pools, and then we will begin our trip back to the city of Cusco.

Take advantage of this last opportunity to observe the immense glacial mountains that have embraced you with pure affection during the journey and that have allowed you to arrive safely at each destination on the route. Your body will probably be very tired, but the joy and satisfaction you will feel in your soul will be incomparable. We will arrive in the city of Cusco at approximately 6:00 p.m. and we will leave you at the door of your accommodation so you can finally relax.



INCLUSIONS

Included / Not Included

☐ High Quality Service & Safety

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced tour guide in English and Spanish
- ✓ Private Camping Equipment
- ✓ 1 duffle bag
- ✓ Medical Kit or First AID Kit
- ✓ A professional chef
- ✓ Customer service 24/7

☐ Transportation

- ✓ Day 1: Private transportation from Cusco to the hiking point
- ✓ Horses, and muleteers; cargo mules will carry your (7 kg / 15.4 lb) personal items
- ✓ Day 5: Private transportation back to your hotel in Cusco

☐ Extras included in our service

- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ Extra oxygen
- ✓ Hiking poles
- ✓ PRO Air sleeping pad

■ Meals

- ✓ Meals: Breakfast (5), lunch (5), dinner (4)
- ✓ Food: (vegetarian and vegan food options available)
- √ Wake up tea
- ✓ Tea Time or Happy Hour
- ✓ Snacks on the trail daily
- ✓ Water during the hike
- ✓ Products for hygiene

☐ Permits & Entrance Tickets

- ✓ Entrance ticket to Choqueguirao trek
- ✓ Entrance ticket to Choquequirao Complex

☐ What is not included?

- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for our staff
- Additional costs or delays beyond our control



TRIP CHECKLIST

5 Days & 4 Nights

- ✓ Original Passport, important!.
- √ Sun hat, cap
- ✓ Water bottle or canteen
- ✓ Good hiking boots with ankle protector or similar, and one pair of flip-flops or light sandals
- ✓ Comfortable hiking clothes
- ✓ Rain gear (especially if traveling in the wet season, from October to March)
- √ Hiking poles
- ✓ Insect repellant
- ✓ Personal medication
- ✓ Sunblock and sunglasses
- ✓ Comfortable trousers
- ✓ Toiletries and hand sanitiser
- **✓** Hiking long-sleeve T-shirts
- ✓ Camera and film with extra batteries
- ✓ Phone and Camera charger and adapter
- ✓ Some snacks such as chocolate, cereal bars, candies, nuts, energy bars
- ✓ American dollars and Peruvian soles in cash
- ✓ Backpack to carry your things



