

CORDILLERA HUAYHUASH TREK

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Jerupaja from Yauche Pass

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Trek through the incredible Cordillera Huayhuash with IMG! Rated as one of the most beautiful trekking experiences in the world, this high-altitude trek will traverse nearly 90 miles through 8 high altitude passes, the highest at an impressive 16,700'.

The mountains of northern Peru, including the Cordillera Huayhuash, include the most well-known and spectacular peaks in the Andes. High, stunning peaks piercing the sky with beautiful turquoise lakes and alpine meadows surround many of our camps; this is without a doubt one of the most beautiful mountain destinations in the world. In transit, our group will have incredible views of dozens of peaks, many over 5,000 and 6,000 meters.

Upon your arrival to Lima, you'll be met by your local guide and driver and ushered onto a private van/bus at the airport. From Lima, your 8-hour drive to Huaraz will allow time to get to know the rest of the team, talk about the upcoming program with your guide, and perhaps catch up on some sleep.

In Huaraz, you'll check into our nice European-style hotel, get oriented in this hospitable and scenic town and enjoy your first in-country dinner. The guides will be full of useful information and will organize the group's activities over the next two days. Huaraz is located at 10,200 feet in elevation, so this is a crucial time to start the acclimatization process. The first full day is limited to mild exertion only, touring town and trekking above the city. On day two, our guides will lead you on an acclimatization hike to one of our favorite local hikes for the day, a gain of 2,000 to 3,000 feet in elevation. Three nights in Huaraz will allow plenty of time to start adjusting to altitude prior to the start of the actual trek.

During the trek itself, you'll trek for 4-8 hours a day, with an average time of 6 hours, depending on terrain and distance to be covered. Most of your gear will be

DATES & PRICES

Huayhuash \$4,700

Add Single Supplement \$500 (in hotel & tents as available)

August 4-18, 2024

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PREREQUISITES

Excellent all-around fitness and previous hiking, trekking, and backpacking experience, preferably at altitude is needed for the Cordillera Huayhuash trek.

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REGISTER

- [IMG Application Package](#)
- Application Fee \$1500
- Passport copy

FEE SCHEDULE

Non-refundable application fee is due at registration and applies to program fees. **Balance of all fees are due 120 days prior to trip departure.** Please refer to the application package for payment instructions. Program fees are quoted in US dollars. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments must be received by IMG on or before the due dates.

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carried by mule or porter, and you will carry only necessary items for that day's travel on your back: water, snacks, camera, shell clothing and insulating layers. You'll be crossing passes up to 16,700 feet in height, and generally camping at elevations around 12,000' to 14,800'. The scenery is spectacular, and the hiking terrain varies from good trail to cross country grass and scree slopes. The mules and porters usually travel in advance of the team, and camp is normally set up and waiting when you arrive.

THE GUIDES

An IMG veteran guide will lead the trip, in addition to local guides who we've worked with for years. In addition, this trek will be accompanied by a local veteran guide knowledgeable of the geography, history and culture of the area. During the trek portion of our program, we will use mules to transport our gear and supplies. This permits us to enjoy the walk each day, as we move along unencumbered, free to take photos and investigate our surroundings. Meals will be served by our experienced cook in a dining tent set up for your comfort during breakfast and dinner.

THE ITINERARY

Day	Date	Itinerary
1	August 4, 2024	We'll pick most trekkers and climbers up at the airport at about 7:30AM after their early-morning arrival, and then travel from Lima to Huaraz. There's a modest place for breakfast just out of town if you're hungry for breakfast. After a drive through the Pacific desert, we'll stop for lunch or snack along the way. During our 7-8 hour drive, other stops will include a visit to a fresh fruit stand where it's possible to purchase some exotic treats for the day. Our travels will take us over a 13,000'+ pass, and back down again to Huaraz (10,000'), our base of operations for the trip. After a short rest, we'll have dinner and a quick orientation for our next day. Overnight in Huaraz.
2	August 5, 2024	An acclimatization and sightseeing day. After breakfast in our hotel, we'll travel by van into the Cordillera Negra, the 'black' mountain range that sits opposite of the Cordillera Blanca, the 'white' mountain range. From the Negra, there is an awesome overview of the Blanca and all its grandeur. There are a couple of hiking options in the Negra, so we'll decide while in Huaraz what fits best for our group. One option is to hike through the traditional village of Santa Cruz up to Lake Wilcacocha, which sits at 11,811' and provides incredible views of the Blanca range. Another option begins from the trailhead at Punta Callan (13,100'), where we'll walk down to Huaraz for 3 to 4 hours on an ancient Incan trail. Prior to dinner, we'll organize our gear for the trek, and prepare for our following day's hike. Overnight in Huaraz.
3	August 6, 2024	After breakfast, we'll have a little bit of time to do some more organization for the trek, before preparing for another day hike. Like the day before, there are many options, and we'll decide the night before what's best for our group. One option is a hike to Lago (Lake) Churup, which starts with transport in cars/van to Pitec, at 12,467', and then hike for 3-4 hours to the lake, an incredibly beautiful area located at 15,091'. After taking in the views and eating lunch, our group will descend about 2 hours back to the trailhead and return to Huaraz. We'll relax at the hotel, have dinner, and then finish any remaining preparations for our Huayhuash trek, which will start the next day.
4	August 7, 2024	An early breakfast will get us fueled up for our 6-7 hour private bus drive to Llamac, and then finally onward to Cuartelwayin, our first camp at 13,600'. We'll meet our mule drivers at Cuartelwayin and organize loads for the start of our walking the next day. Camp is placed near the cars, where we are left off for the trek, and after camp is set up, we'll likely take a short acclimatization hike up a local hill towards 15,000'... yes, the views start here! IMG's traditional base camp service will begin with dinner, a hearty whole-food based meal, complete with good company and excitement about our trek.
5	August 8, 2024	After breakfast at camp, we'll start our walk into the Huayhuash. From Cuartelwayin, we'll slowly climb the trail for 2-3 hours to the spectacular Paso CCaccananpunta (yes, spelled correctly!), at 15,400'. After a brief rest there to enjoy the views, snap some pics, our group will descend for another 3 hours towards Lagoon Mitucocha; camp will be placed an hour or so from the lake, at 13,940'. Tents will be set up prior to arrival, allowing us to move into the tents with little effort. We'll migrate to the dining tent for our usual afternoon tea and snacks. Often times there's time in the afternoon for a short nap, reading, or some easy walks around our beautiful alpine camps. Dinner will follow as we swing in to the daily routine, with a recap of our day and the laying of plans for the following day. Note: Many of the land features, mountains, lakes, and areas, are named in the local Quechan language. Our local guides will help translate and pronounce them for our group throughout our experience.

6	August 9, 2024	Our trek routine will continue with fresh, warm water for washing that's presented at trekkers' tents with our wake-up call, along with tea or coffee. After breakfast, our trek will continue from Mitucocha, over Carhuac Pass, 15,252'. A descent to Lagoon Carhuacochoa (13,700') will provide a lower camp for the night. While the Quechan names in the area present some challenges for English speakers, the names will easily flow as we learn them from our local fluent speaking Quechan guide and mule drivers. Time today on the trail will be 6-7 hours.
7	August 10, 2024	Today, we will be rewarded with one of the most spectacular views of the trip. From Lagoon Carhuacochoa, we will trek through the impressive Siula Pass, 15,740', where the Cordillera Huayhuash will stretch out in its grandeur, with spectacular peaks surrounding the views. From the pass, we will descend to an area known as Huayhuash (14,100'). After 7-8 hours of effort this day, we'll be rewarded with a hearty meal and some good rest.
8	August 11, 2024	From Huayhuash, yes, we head towards another pass! Paso Portachuelo Huayhuash will be our goal on this day, with a height of 15,670', our highest pass to date. While the passes are at high altitude, our acclimatization is improving daily, allowing us to trek with less effort and with the crossing of each high pass, things become easier. Again, the views continue to stretch out as we move along our trek. The trail is easier walking today to our next camp near Lagoon Viconga (14,470'), and we'll pull into camp after 5-6 hours of trekking.
9	August 12, 2024	A trek of 5-6 hours will take us from Viconga through another, pass, Cuyoc, at 16,550'; this is our highest pass of the trek and will require some celebration! These highpoints throughout the trek are not summits, but they are spectacular viewpoints and achievements in amazing terrain. Camp at Hatun Cuyoc will await our group at 14,770'.
10	August 13, 2024	A day we will remember for its views, as we trek from Hatun Cuyoc over San Antonio Pass, another high point for our group at 16,400'. From the pass, we will see many impressive peaks, including Siula Grande, Jurao, Rasac, Jerupaja, all icy-clad steep Cordilleran peaks. Our descent from the pass will take us into the Callinca Valley, and we'll arrive at our camp near the village of Huayllapa, at 11,500'. The lower camp will be a nice reward after our 8-9 hours of trekking today.
11	August 14, 2024	"Just" another day in a spectacular area! From Huayllapa, we'll climb up the river valley, through Punta Tapush, at 15,645', and then descend to camp at Gashpapampa (14,840'). The trekking routine will have set in, and it'll allow trekkers to take in the incredible terrain we'll pass through. Time on the trail today will be 6-7 hours.
12	August 15, 2024	The morning's breakfast will start the day, as we trek from our camp at Gashpapampa around the nearby peak, Diablo Mudo. Continuing the journey around this lofty peak, we'll climb up to the top of Punta Yauche, at 15,825 ft and take in the views, and then begin our descent towards Jahuacochoa. After about 5 hours of trekking, we'll arrive later in the day at Jahuacochoa (13,300') with incredible lakeside views of the Cordillera Huayhuash. It'll be a lovely day, and we'll be ready for a solid night of sleep!
13	August 16, 2024	We'll wake early, our last day, and trek to the village of Pampa Llamac, at 10,660'. Our last day of trekking will take us along the side of the river valley and up and over Pampa Llamac Pass, at 14,048', giving us our last views of the incredible mountains behind us. We'll be met by our transportation in the village of Pampa Llamac, and we'll start the long drive back to Huaraz. Memories of our incredible trekking experience will lull us to sleep by the time we arrive in Huaraz. Upon arrival there, we'll have a group dinner in town and celebrate our trek over 8 high passes passing an endless display of impressive summits! Overnight in hotel in a comfy bed.
14	August 17, 2024	There may be some time in the early morning before our departure for Lima for some last minute shopping, then our 8 hour drive to the coast for flights home. There is lots of time to sit back and remember our time trekking through the Cordillera Blanca during the drive, listen to music, read, and sleep. We may stop again for lunch, and then make our way to the airport for late flights home.
15	August 18, 2024	Flights home (if not departing the night prior)

THE DEAL: Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

Included

- IMG Leadership & local guides/cultural expert
- Cook team, drivers, porters, mules
- Group equipment (kitchen, tents, etc.)
- Private tours described in itinerary
- Climbing permit fees, park fees

- Airport transfers to/from Lima airport
- Ground transportation
- Shared accommodations in hotel for published itinerary with continental breakfast
- All meals during trek, except snacks
- IMG carries a Gamow bag & pulse oximeter on the trip

Not Included

- International airfare/tax/baggage fees
- Taxis or transportation outside of itinerary
- Single Supplement hotel accommodations
- Food and lodging, should you arrive in Lima or Huaraz early or stay longer than itinerary
- Beverages, bottled water, alcoholic drinks during the trip
- Personal shopping and snacks
- [Personal gear](#)
- Travel insurance; evacuation, hospital or medical costs
- Covid tests (if required for travel); any Covid-related expense resulting in delays or quarantine
- Tip pool for local guides and support staff- \$250 USD per person
- Optional but customary gratuity for your IMG guide, 5% is a good starting point

THE ODDS & ENDS:

Single Supplement

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you prefer a single room in the hotels and tents (as available), this can be arranged for an additional \$500. If we cannot pair you with a roommate, you will be charged the single supplement fee.

Travel Insurance

Emergency evacuation coverage and emergency medical expense coverage are required for International Programs. IMG strongly recommends the addition of trip cancellation/interruption coverage due to the IMG refund policy. Information is on our [website](#).

Flights

Our team will fly to Lima via an overnight flight, preferably arriving in Lima in the early morning of Day 1. This is arrival time easily meshes with our transportation, and most participants will take the same flight. Please provide your complete flight itinerary to us so we can book your hotel reservation, and do keep us informed of any changes to your itinerary. If you arrive a day early, we can assist in reserving an additional hotel night for you (at your expense).

Passport & Visa

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity at time of entry to Peru and one full page required for entry stamp. A tourist visa is required on arrival for U.S. citizens to enter Peru, this is free and issued at the port of entry.

Immunizations + Covid

Participants are required to comply with the Covid-19 vaccination and documentation requirements of the destination country or area. For the most up to date information on Covid-19 vaccination requirements and any other immunization requirements, visit the website of your destination country embassy in the USA, [US Embassy website for your destination country](#), the [CDC](#), and [US State Dept Travel pages](#). Requirements are subject to change. Plan to carry a digital copy of your Covid-19 vaccination record with you.

LET'S TALK! Questions about the trip? [Email](#) or call (360) 569-2609