



Huchuy Qosqo Trek 2D/1N

This is easily the shortest of the treks and is best suited for those with a limited amount of time, but who would still like to do a bit of trekking before they see Machu Picchu. It is the lowest in altitude (4350 meters) of the 3 alternative treks and also the shortest in distance (17 kilometers) but still sees some great examples of Inca Stairs and other Inca ruins along the way. As there are only 2 days of trekking, you will only camp for one night and then sleep in our Hotel on the next night. This trek is also available in 1 or 2 Day versions as well (without Machu Picchu).

Program Itinerary

Day 1: TAMBOMACHAY, PUCAMARCA.

At 06:00 am Early pick up from your hotels, private vehicle for 25 minutes to Tambomachay located at 3700 masl. (for our mid day we have a 8 Km of moderate walk with a gradual climbing of 450 meters ; 4-5 Hrs till the lunch place) we start our hike walking at the ancient Inca Trail used by Inca people to connect with the Sacred Valley, Pisac and probably to Machupicchu at the XV century. From this point you can observe panoramic views of Cusco traditional neighborhoods as Santa Ana, Santiago, Puquin etc, and the Valley of Qorao, at this high Andean level we observe llamas and alpacas eating the andean grass named Ichu, small cactus and some bromelias bushes locally known as Puyas. At the left side on the path we can see ancient Incas terraces used by farmers in order to gain more potatoes farmings areas, A gentle walking down to the trail as it curves sharply up-hill to reach a pass of near 4180 meters. Then we descend along the trail from top we gain the view to see Queullococha Lake, the trail takes us up over the second pass (4300 meters) and into high open country. Just reaching the top we can see another Lake Qoricocha The Golden Lake in Quechua (Language of the Incas) where we descend for 20 minutes to find our lunch spot , free time to rest.

After lunch and time for rest , we continue another 300 meter to climb in 3 Hrs walk in a normal pace to reach the highest point 4380 masl, from this top it is easy to see Chincheros and the lake of Piuray and some snow sacred mountains as Salcantay, Veronica, (2 passes) then a 1.5 Hrs downhill walk to Pucamamarca our camping place. Here, we set up camp and enjoy our supper underneath the great starry sky. This community is located at 3,980 masl nearby there few houses that belong to the farmers. (8- 9 horas 16 kilometers of moderate walk). (L.D)

Distance Travelled: 13 Km walking in about 8 hours.

Day 2: PUCAMARCA,HUCHUY QOSQO,TAUCCA,CHINCHEROS,CUSCO.

Early wake up at 6:00 am, after breakfast we leave our campsite at 07:00 am (1 hour to walk to Huchuy Qosqo) a soft walk to end the valley and we walk through Leon Punku a narrow canyon to see a recently restored trail with wooden bridges and some steps, a lot of native trees and bushes , a panoramic views of Lamay Valley and Calca, the sacred river of the Incas, Willcamayo ; the walk is one hour to reach the Inca site of Huchuy Qosqo, recently restored by archaeologists, located at 3450 mals from this point it is clear to see many beautiful mountains as Chicon, Pituisiray, Sawasiray, Waccaywilca and Veronica ancient Apus so respected and venerated by the locals which most of them are Incas- Quechuas descendents. We have a guided tour for 1.5 hours to visit and explore this interesting Inca complex. Huchuy Qosqo was originally an administrative and military center as PISAQ, with many constructions around, Inca buildings with perfect fine stones work, graneries structures called Collcas to store and preserve food, because it was an important agricultural center to

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produce corn. By 10:00 am we continue our hike for nearly 3-hours of gradually climb to Taucuca Pass 4400 masl. After reaching the top we start our last gentle descend for 1 hour until our lunch place from here it is possible also to see the Piuray Lake. After lunch our private vehicle will transport us to return to Cusco. If someone of the group do not feel well due altitude symptoms of physical problems we can descend for 2 hours to Lamay then return to Cusco. (B.L)

Distance Travelled: 9 Km walking in about 5 Hours

What is Included:

- Pick up from your hotel at 06:30
- Transfer in private vehicle to Tambomachay (starting point of the trek)
- 2 people per tents (tents are comfortable and spacious)
- Comfortable roll mattresses
- Experienced english speaking guide
- Meal: 2 lunch 1 dinner 1 breakfast
- Dining tent with tables and chairs
- First-aid kit including emergency oxygen tank
- Chef and cooking equipment and kitchen tent
- Horses (to carry tents, food, cooking equipment)
- 6 Kg personal porter for your items: (Duffle bag provided by SAS)
- Emergency horse
- Hot water every morning and evening for washing purposes
- Boiled water to fill in your bottle (and at lunch time if requested with enough time ahead)
- Return in a private vehicle to Cusco.

What is not Included:

- Sleeping bag, (this can be rented at our office US\$8 per day)
- Trekking poles
- Snacks, bottle drinks
- Breakfast on the first Day and dinner on the 2nd Day
- Tips for your staff (20\$ per person).

Things to Bring

- Note: On this trek will carry up to 6 kg of personal gear per client, so please try and keep baggage to a minimum.
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- A good strong day back (around 30 litres is a reasonable size)
- Good hiking boots.
- Sandals for relaxing around camp at night. Wind and water proof jacket (Gore-Tex is good)
- Water bottle
- Water purifying tablets
- Camera (water proof case is useful)
- Extra batteries for camera

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- Extra money for your own expenses – dollars are easily exchanged, there are ATM's in major cities and travelers checks are a secure method of carrying funds
- A photocopy of your passport/travel documents
- A copy of your travel insurance
- Mosquito repellent (DEET is good)
- Sun block
- Sunglasses
- Sunhat
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Swimsuit
- Binoculars (good for wildlife watching!)
- International Student Card (for trail discounts)
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Regional/Country Information

Weather/Altitude/Geography/Temperature.

- Weather: May to October is generally considered the dry season (best time to visit) in the Peruvian Mountains and Jungle, however it can be cool and misty on the Peruvian coast at this time of year. Altitude means that even within the tropics it can be very cold high up (above 2000m) – bring warm cloths and light clothes for lower, more tropical parts of the tour. Temperatures can range from below freezing in the highlands to around 35°C in the tropical lowlands. On arrival in high altitude areas clients should drink plenty of water and relax for the first couple of days until fully acclimatized.

Culture/language.

- Peru possesses a mix of both Colonial European and Indigenous Cultures. Indigenous groups generally form the poorer part of society, and there is sometimes tension regarding these inequalities. Spanish is almost universally spoken, with the Indigenous Languages of Quechua, Aymara and other languages used within ethnic groups.

Food.

- A wide range of interesting dishes are available throughout Peru. One of Peru's most famous dishes is ceviche, a raw fish dish marinated in Lemon Juice. Fish dishes in the Amazon basin can be equally excellent. Peru is the home of the potato – so just remember that

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when munching some chips at your local restaurant! In the mountains an excellent potato based dish to try is papa a la huancaína, potatoes topped with a spicy milk and cheese sauce. A wide variety of soaps are also available, and you can also try an Alpaca steak at a top Peruvian grill. A wide range of international dishes are also available in larger cities.

Health/precautions.

- This is quite a demanding trekking tour and clients should possess a good standard of fitness and some hiking/country walking experience. Don't drink tap water – purify or buy bottled water (water will be boiled on the trek). Consult your doctor for the latest advice regarding regional health risks/immunisations. Although a generally safe country, always be aware of the possibilities of theft/robbery – consult local staff for further information.