

PERU - CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK



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6 Days

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INTRODUCTION

This is an excellent alternative to Machu Picchu. Choquequirao is thought to be larger in area than Machu Picchu but with fewer buildings. Only 30% of the site has been uncovered to date, so it is a true adventure! Be one of the first to visit!

The site occupies a ridge spur about 1600m above the raging Apurimac river. Please note that this is a camping trip, and all accommodation is tented. Meals are provided during the trek and are provided by our support staff. Please notify us of any dietary requirements.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Pre-Trek Briefing

This evening the trek operator will hold a pre-trek briefing at your hotel. Time will be reconfirmed with you directly on arrival. Please note your sleeping bag which is included will be provided to you at this briefing.



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DAY 1: Cusco

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobble-stoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.



DAY 2: Travel from Cusco to Santa Rosa

Transfer from your hotel in Cusco to the town of Cachora taking in the majestic snow-capped peaks of Padrajoc and Wayna Cachora. Embark upon the seven hour trek through small mountainous villages and to the deep Canyon of Apurimac. Arrive at Santa Rosa at 2115m above sea level for your overnight camp.



DAY 3: Discover the Inca City of Choquequirao


Today involves a visit to the recently discovered Inca City of Choquequirao. The little known site could well be larger in size than Machu Picchu, and is yet to be fully uncovered. From Santa Rosa, a five hour trek brings you to the site on a ridge spur about 1600m above the raging Apurimac River. The guide will provide a tour explaining its history and importance. Camp overnight in nearby Rayacpata.



DAY 4: Visit Chiquisqa and the Apurimac Canyon

An eight hour trek is in store, heading towards Chiquisqa and the Apurimac Canyon. Along the way, pass through small settlements and observe the flight of the Condors and the vegetation, flowers and orchids. The overnight camp will be in Chiquisqa.



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DAY 5: Explore Cachora area


A six hour trek will lead to the town of Cachora to then transfer to your hotel in Cusco. If time permits, stop en route at Cconoc to enjoy the Hot Springs.



DAY 6: Cusco

The services end after breakfast.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel in Cusco and camping while on the trek.
Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast Tours as stated on the itinerary Airport transfers as stated on the itinerary Meals as stated on the itinerary Sleeping bags
Difficulty Rating	4 (average fitness required).
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Extra mules can be hired to carry excess personal items. Extra nights' accommodation in Cusco can easily be arranged.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations

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including:

1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.

2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.

3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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