

# Choquequirao Tour

the famous four day *Choquequirao Tour* is one of the most beautiful and spectacular treks in the Cusco region. On this trek you will see the great Choquequirao ruins and have a real adventure enjoying the spectacular views of snow-capped mountains, great valleys, and amazing canyons. You will also see native animals such as Andean Condors, birds, and native flora and fauna .

Grandiose and mysterious, this abandoned city has lots of parallels with Machu Picchu and there are a variety of theories about its function. It is only relatively recently, however, It is twice as large and much more isolated than Machu Picchu.

Lying in a cloud forest, a dramatic 1,150 meters (3,772 feet) above the Apurimac River and surrounded by a fascinating landscape created by the Vilcabamba mountain range,

It is an amazing experience to hike down to the depths of the Apurimac Canyon and then up to the site in the clouds...

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1:

#### Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chiquisca

We will pick you up early from your hotel and drive for 4 ½ hours in our private transport to Capuliyoc (2,915 meters/9,564 feet). Along the way there are spectacular views of villages, valleys and snow-capped mountains. Once at Capuliyoc, we will have brunch and then meet our horsemen and horses and pack all our equipment onto the horses.

After brunch, we descend for three to four hours to our first campsite at Chiquisca (1,900m/6,270ft), where we will spend the night.

- Meals: Brunch/Dinner
- Accommodations: Camping at Chiquisca
- Lowest Elevation: 1,900 m/ 6,270 ft
- Highest Elevation: 2,915 meters/9,564 ft
- Distance to walk: 8 km / 5 miles
- Approximate walking time: 3-4 hours
- Level of Difficulty: Moderate

## Day 2:

### Chiquisca – Maranpata – Choquequirao

After an early breakfast we descend to the magnificent Apurimac River (1,550 m/5,117 ft) and then walk uphill to the rural village of Maranpata (2,850 m/9,350 ft) where we have lunch whilst enjoying the spectacular views of the archaeological site of *Choquequirao* (3,150 m/10,397 ft). Then we will walk through a myriad of flora and fauna to the brilliant archaeological site of *Choquequirao* where a private guided tour awaits us in the afternoon.

During the *Choquequirao tour* we will explore all the important sections, such as: palaces, temples, ritual water fountains, agricultural terraces, llama's section and much more. Finally we head back to our second evening's campsite located just one hour from the *Choquequirao ruins*, where we will have our dinner. At our campsite you will be able to relax surrounded by the beauty of the nearby canyons and snow-capped mountains .

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

- Accommodations: Camping
- Lowest Elevation: 1,550 m/ 5,117 ft
- Highest Elevation: 3,150 m/ 10,397 ft
- Distance to walk: 14 km / 8 ¾ miles
- Approximate walking time: 6 hours
- Level of Difficulty: Demanding
- Sights: Apurimac river, Soray and Tuncarway mountains

### Day 3:

#### Choquequirao – Chiquisca

After an early breakfast we will head back towards the Apurimac River (1,550m/5,117ft) for three hours. Finally we walk up a moderate hill for to our third evening's campsite at Chiquisca (1,990m/6,270ft).

- Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- Accommodations: Camping
- Lowest Elevation: 1,550 m/ 5,117 ft
- Highest Elevation: 3,150 m/ 10,397 ft
- Distance to walk: 14 km / 8 ¾ miles
- Approximate walking time: 6 hours
- Level of Difficulty: Moderate

### Day 4:

#### Chiquisca – Capuliyoc – Cusco

After a delicious breakfast, we walk up a moderate hill towards the Capuliyoc pass. Once there we may enjoy the spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and the Apurimac Canyon. At Capuliyoc, our private transport will be waiting for us. On the way home, we will visit the archaeological site of Saywite and have time to explore. Finally our private transport will bring us back to Cusco and we will drop you off at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

- Lowest elevation: 1,900 m / 6,270 ft
  - Highest Elevation: 2,850 m/ 9,407 ft
  - Distance to walk: 8 km / 5 miles
  - Approximate walking time: 3-4 hours
  - Level of Difficulty: Moderate
  - Sights: Saywite ruins
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## INCLUDED

- Bilingual English speaking tour guide
- Pre-Departure Briefing at your hotel 1 or 2 days before your *Choquequirao Tour*.
- Pick up from your hotel and transportation to Capuliyoc
- Four person tent for each 2 persons.
- Mattress
- Kitchen tent
- Dining tent with tables and chairs
- Chef
- Wranglers and horses to carry all the equipment (food, tents, chairs, table, etc)
- Horse to transport 8 kg of your personal gear
- Emergency horse in case we need it
- Three breakfasts, four lunches, and three dinners
- Daily hot water for washing.
- Daily morning boiled and cold water to fill the water bottles.
- Return transportation from Cachora to your hotel in Cusco on day 4
- Emergency oxygen bottle and medical kit.

## NOT included

- Sleeping bag (can be rented from us)
- Trekking poles (can be rented from us)
- Day 4 dinner
- Tips for the crew (muleteers, chef and guide)
- Travel Insurance

## What we recommend that you bring

- Original passport (if you have acquired a new one after you made your booking, bring both)
- Down or synthetic sleeping bag (can be rented from us)
- Clothes (trekking boots, warm fleece jacket, a few t-shirts, socks, sun hat, warm underwear, light long pants, gloves, rain jacket)
- Toiletries (toilet paper, wet wipes, personal towel)
- Sunscreen SPF 35+ recommended

- Head lamp
  - Sunglasses
  - Camera with spare batteries (batteries run down faster at high altitudes)
  - Binoculars
  - Book to read (you will have some spare time at every camp to read your favorite book)
  - Trekking poles (recommended especially for the steep descents, can be rented from us)
  - Insect repellent
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## PRICES & ADD-ONS

**Group: USD \$**

**Private: USD \$**

Group versus Private Treks: What's the difference?

- Depending on the number of people in your booking, additional people may join the trek to make a full group.
- If you choose "private", no additional people will be joining your group, no matter the size.
- Minimum booking size is two people; one person may book a group trek if our company is able to join that person with additional groups.

Discounts

- Under 18 years Discount: USD \$\_\_
- Under 7 years Discount: USD \$\_\_

Rentals

- Hiking Poles – USD \$\_\_\_\_\_ (pair)
- Sleeping Bag – USD \$\_\_\_\_\_ per person
- Private Tent – USD \$\_\_\_\_\_