



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL CLIMBS

Grade: PD+/AD

Altitude: 6354m.a.s.l.

Chopicalqui is located in the Llanganuco valley, between Huascarán and Contrahierbas mountains. With a summit elevation of 6,354 meters (20,846 ft.) above sea level it is one of the highest peaks of the Cordillera Blanca. This climb has some technical sections and requires some climbing experience. There may be some steep sections depending on mountain conditions, and climbers will use their alpine climbing, glacier travel, rope and rappel skills. Climbers are rewarded with spectacular views of Huascarán, Yanapaccha, Chacaraju, Pisco, and the Huandoyes.

Day 1: Huaraz - Chopicalqui Base Camp

This morning we'll pick you up at your hotel and head towards the Callejón de Huaylas on the north side of Huaraz. As we head out of Huaraz the scenery quickly changes to beautiful traditional Andean villages and farmland. We'll pass



through Carhuaz, its name derived from qarwash which means yellow, and the color of the retama flower (broom flowers) known to the area (2650m/8692ft). Here we will find traditional homemade ice-cream, fresh milk, and the freshest local fruits. We continue and eventually reach the small town of Yungay. This town was completely buried by an avalanche that crashed down from Mt. Huascarán's north peak in 1970. From here we begin our climb up the Llanganuco Valley to the entrance to the Llanganuco Valley where we will register at the National Park Control station. After we will visit the two sublime lakes of Llanganuco and pause for lunch. After we'll continue driving up the Ancush Valley between Huascarán and Chopicalqui. From here we hike just about an hour and arrive at base camp around 2pm. Dinner and rest at camp (4200m).

Day 2: Chopicalqui Base Camp - Moraine Camp

After a good breakfast we'll pack up our gear and walk for about 4 hours over a boulder-strewn path to reach the Moraine camp. Here we'll enjoy awesome views of Mt. Pisco, Chacaraju and many others. We'll have time this afternoon to discuss the plan for our following days and check our climbing equipment. Dinner and rest at camp (4612m).

Day 3: Moraine Camp - Camp 1

After breakfast we'll hike up for about 45 minutes until we reach the glacier. We gear up here and begin climbing on glacier up to Camp 1. (About 3 hours). We'll set up camp and sleep on the glacier tonight. (5500m).

Day 4: Camp 1 - Chopicalqui Summit (6354m) - Moraine Camp

We'll have an early breakfast today and plan to break camp by 3AM. Depending on fitness level and weather conditions, we expect to climb for about 4 hours to reach the summit (6354m). After enjoying the views we head back down the same route to the moraine camp. Our cook will prepare some good but simple high altitude food for us and we'll rest one final night here on the glacier. (4612m).



Day 5: Moraine Camp - Base Camp - Huaraz

After a final breakfast we'll pack up and hike down all the way to the trailhead, where our transport will be waiting for us and we'll continue to Huaraz. End of our expedition.

INCLUDED:

- UIAGM guide.
- Private transport to/from trailhead.
- All meals while on the mountain (excellent, high energy meals prepared fresh on the trail)
- High altitude mountaineering tents.
- Complete kitchen equipment (tables, chairs, dining tent etc.).
- Porters/arrieros and/or pack animals to haul the heavy gear.
- Technical climbing equipment such as ropes.
- Ice screws.
- Snow anchors.
- Basic First Aid kit.
- Radio communication.

EXCLUDED:

- Flights to/from your country of origin to Peru/Huaraz.
- Bus ticket Lima-Huaraz-Lima and associated hotels if needed.
- Transfers between bus station/airport.
- Personal items such as expedition clothing.
- Harness, helmet, ice axe & boots (rentable if needed).
- Extra meals outside the trip itinerary (in Lima or Huaraz).
- Sleeping bag & mattress.
- Travel insurance (recommended).
- Huascarán National Park entrance (payable at park gate).
- Tips to guide and staff

