



## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL CLIMBS

**Grade:** AD

**Altitude:** 5412 m.a.s.l.

Huarapasca is a less-frequented mountain, in the southern part of the Cordillera Blanca. It is a great climb for those short on time, as the approach from the car is very short. It is similar in difficulty to Yanapaccha, with about 7 pitches in total of climbing to reach the summit, along with some less-steep glacier travel. Climbers will enjoy views across to the Huayhuash mountain range. This is a great mountain to develop skills on steeper terrain, or to bag a peak and acclimatize for more challenging peaks for those short on time.

### **Day 1: HUARAZ - Moraine Camp (4700masl/15419')**

We'll depart Huaraz at around 8AM heading south. After driving for approx. 45 minutes we'll leave the main highway and enter the Carpa Valley, around 3900masl. Here is where we'll check in at the Huascarán National Park Office. After checking in we'll take a quick break to enjoy the giant Puya Raimondi - these



are considered the tallest flowers in the world. 30 minutes more driving up the valley and we'll stop to see pre-Inca petroglyphs. Finally we cross the Huarapasca high pass heading west and around 4700masl we'll stop and begin our approach to moraine camp. Tonight we'll sleep close a small lake. Today is 7 hours driving and about one hour hiking.

## **Day 2: Moraine Camp – summit – Huaraz**

After a quick breakfast we'll break camp at about 3:00AM. After 40 minutes we'll reach the glacier, switch into our climbing equipment, and begin the approach to the snow wall. This wall starts out at 50 degrees, then 60, and 70 degrees. After climbing 7 pitches we arrive at the plateau (flat snow area), and then 15 minutes later we arrive at 3 easy pitches to the summit. Here we'll enjoy great views of the southern area of the Cordillera Blanca and most of the beautiful summits of the Cordillera Huayhuash. We'll return by the same route and arrive at our moraine camp. We'll enjoy lunch and we walk to meet our bus and back to Huaraz.

### **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

