



## **ADVANCED LEVEL**

**Grade:** PD+/ AD-

**Altitud:** 6768 m.a.s.l.

The south summit of Huascarán is the highest point in Peru, and in all of the Earth's Tropics, and the second tallest summit in South America. When measured from the center of the earth, it is the second highest point in the world and is the point with the lowest gravitational pull. Needless to say, this is a big mountain, a great peak for climbers who have acclimatized on other peaks in the area. Avalanche hazards and large crevasses are unavoidable on this peak, necessitating strong skills and glacier travel experience.

### **Day 1: Huaraz - Musho - Base Camp Huascarán (4100masl/13451')**

We'll pick you up in the morning and head out of Huaraz to the town of Musho. From here we'll join up with our expedition staff, load up and begin our hike to the base camp of Huascarán. (Hiking time approx. 5 hours).



## **Day 2: Base Camp - Moraine Camp (4800masl/15748')**

After breakfast we'll head out of camp carrying light loads up to our next camp. Our guides will fix a rope for protection as we navigate a small rock wall of 5 meters. From here we continue hiking over granite rock slabs for about one hour until reach the route that leads to the refuge of Huascarán. We'll walk about 1k more past the refuge until we reach the Moraine Camp. If you're feeling good and acclimated you can opt to hike up to the glacier and back to camp. (Hiking time approx. 4 hours) Dinner and rest at camp.

## **Day 3: Moraine Camp - Camp 1 Huascarán (5100masl/15748')**

After breakfast, we'll again organize our gear, break camp and carry light loads to camp 1. A short rock scramble (no ropes needed) behind base camp leads onto an expanse of open rock slabs. An interesting walk across the slabs leads across the front of the mountain to the area where the glacier is most accessible.

## **Day 4: Camp 1 - Camp 2 Huascarán (5950masl/19520')**

After breakfast we'll head out of camp for an interesting climb, up through the Garganta Icefall to the Col between Huascarán North and South summits. This will be the crux of the climb. Conditions of the ice and snow in this part vary greatly year to year and some years this section has not been passable. Our guides will access the conditions and make the best decision on how to proceed. From here, we will have a clear view of the remaining route to the summit. We set up our high camp, have dinner and rest for the evening. (Hiking time is approx. 4 hours today).

## **Day 5: Camp 2 - Summit Huascarán (6768masl/22204') - Camp 1**

After a quick breakfast, today we're ready to attempt the summit. We'll plan to break camp at 1:00am for the summit ascent. The final push to the summit should take approximately 8 hours, and approx. 3-4 hours back down to Camp 1. Dinner and rest at camp.



### **Day 6: Camp 1 - Base Camp Huascarán (4100masl/13451')**

After breakfast we'll pack up and head down to Base Camp, approximately 2-3 hours.

Final dinner and rest at camp.

### **Day 7: Base Camp - Musho - Return to Huaraz**

We'll enjoy one final breakfast at camp, pack up all our gear one final time, and descend back down to Musho where we'll be met by our transportation for our return 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

