



Grade: PD (moderate)

Altitude: 5,460m.a.s.l.

Pisco is a mountain in Peru, located in the Llanganuco Valley about 60 km north of Huaraz. The approach to the glacier is demanding, but Pisco's amazing views and accessibility to beginners makes it well worth the effort. This peak is recommended for both experienced and non-experienced climbers, with 360-degree summit views of the neighboring giants Huascarán, Chopicalqui, Artesonraju, and Alpamayo.

We suggest you arrive in Huaraz at least 2 days prior to the start of the trip. This will allow for proper acclimation as Huaraz sits at 10,000' in elevation. It also allows us to meet up with you to review the days ahead and check to ensure you have proper clothing and gear. Gear is rentable upon request.



Day 1: Huaraz - Cebollapampa - Pisco 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. Continuing up the valley we reach our stopping point at Cebollapampa. After lunch, our staff will organize and load up all the gear as we continue hiking up to Pisco Base Camp (approx. 3 hours hiking slowly). On a clear day we will be humbled by the giant peaks of Mt. Huascarán, Chopicalqui, Pisco, Huandoy, and more. We'll set up camp, relax, and enjoy the views. Overnight at (4500m).

Day 2: Pisco Base Camp - Moraine Camp

Today is a fairly relaxed day. After a hearty breakfast we will check our climbing equipment and discuss the plan for the summit bid tonight. We will have lunch around 12PM, pack up and start hiking up to the Moraine Camp, about 3 hours walking over the boulder-strewn moraine. At the moraine camp we will review the plan and make sure all our gear is ready for our 3:30AM departure for the summit tonight. Moraine camp is at 4850m.

Day 3: Moraine Camp - Pisco Summit (5750m) - Pisco Base Camp

Wake up at 2:30AM for a quick breakfast at 3:00AM. Departing camp at approx. 3:30AM we begin our hike up until we reach the glacier, approximately 1 hour.



Here we'll gear up and continue climbing the glacier at a moderate grade. Depending on weather/level of fitness we should reach the summit in about 4 or 5 hours. The views from the Pisco summit are astounding - in close range are Huascarán, Chopicalqui, Chacaraju, Artesonraju, and Huandoy among others. After some photos and enjoying the views we will return via the same route, pack up at moraine camp, and continue all the way back to Pisco Base Camp. We'll arrive back at base in the afternoon, enjoy lunch, rest, dinner and sleep.

Day 4: Pisco Base Camp - Cebollapampa - Huaraz

Fully rested we enjoy a final breakfast, pack up and make our way back down to Cebollapampa. We'll break for lunch, load up our gear and head back to Huaraz and return you to your hotel.

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.

