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Altitude: 5686m.a.s.l.

Vallunaraju is a mountain in the Cordillera Blanca in the Andes of Peru, about 5,686 meters (18,655 ft.) high and located in Huaraz Province, Ancash. Vallunaraju lies south west of Ranrapalca and Ocshapalca. It is a great climb for beginners, or an excellent acclimatization climb for those who have their sights set on bigger peaks in the region. Climbers will enjoy great views from the summit of this moderately easy climb.

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 – Vallunaraju Moraine Camp

This morning we'll pick you up at your hotel and drive out to Llaca valley. As we leave the city the scenery quickly changes to beautiful traditional Andean villages



and farmland. We'll pass through the small towns of Marian and Cachipampa, continue to the entrance of Llaca valley, and eventually reach Base Camp Llaca. We will break for lunch, and then continue hiking to the higher Moraine Camp (about 3 hours hiking). Overnight camping (4800m).

Day 2: Moraine Camp – Vallunaraju Summit (5686m) – Vallunaraju Base Camp

Wake up at 3:30AM for a quick breakfast. We'll plan to break camp by 4:00AM. It's about a 1-hour approach hiking over the rugged moraine until we reach the glacier. We gear up here and begin our ascent. Depending on weather/level of fitness, we expect to reach the summit (5636m) in about 4 hours. We return via the same route back to the base camp. Dinner and camping overnight at (4000m).

Day 3: Vallunaraju Base Camp – Huaraz

After a final breakfast at Moraine Camp we'll pack up our gear and head back down to where our transportation will be waiting for us. We should be back to Huaraz around 12:00PM. Transfer to your hotel.

NOTE: for those in excellent physical condition and well-acclimated we can modify this climb to two days, camping lower on day 1 at Llaca base and aiming for the summit this first night - please inquire.

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.

