



Peru Cordillera Blanca Trekking

Trek Among the White Mountains in a Stunning Glacial Wilderness

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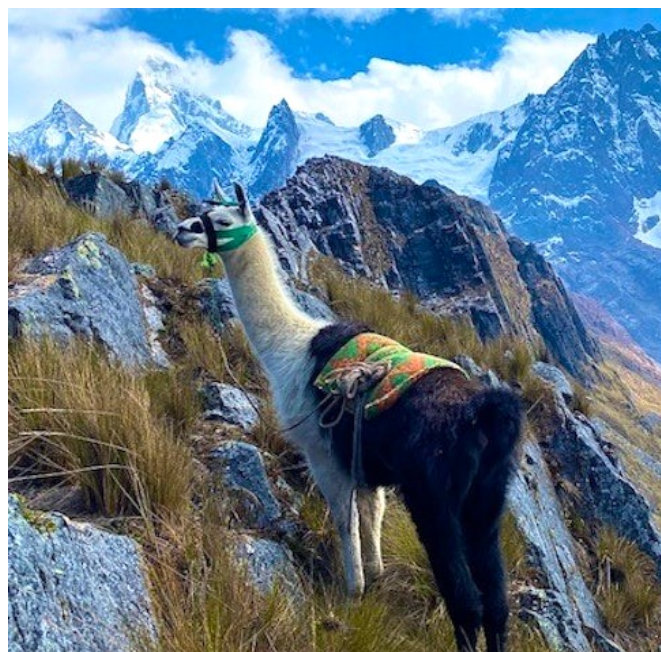
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek has been designing pioneering trekking adventures in the Andes since 1969. We scouted the Cordillera Blanca in 1988.

REASON 2

This Ultimate Challenge adventure has been carefully designed to test your mettle in one of South America's most breathtaking mountain ranges.

REASON 3

We work with expert local guiding teams who have over 40 years' experience leading groups through the Cordillera Blanca.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Hardcore, high-elevation hiking that rewards you with seldom-seen views of staggering mountain peaks.



LODGING

Comfortable camps with spacious tents and sleeping pads, bookended by stays in the comfortable Andino Club Hotel.



CLIMATE

The Cordillera Blanca Mountains are cold in the mornings and evenings, often below 30F. Around noon temperatures can reach 70F at 13,123 feet.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Experience the extraordinary beauty of Peru's Cordillera Blanca on this high-altitude trek for experienced hikers. Explore the highest tropical mountain range in the world, with 27 peaks over 19,000 feet, linked by isolated valleys. Hike through a glacial wilderness of translucent turquoise lakes, hidden waterfalls, and striking pinnacles, and keep an eye out for vicunas and soaring condors. Drink in vistas of sharply ridged peaks, including the remarkable "perfect" pyramid of Alpamayo. Challenging? Yes, but a fantastic, bucket-list triumph for those who choose to undertake it.

14 Days

Start: Huaraz, Peru

End: Huaraz, Peru

Departing: May, June, July, August

Activities: Hiking & Trekking, Adventure Camping

Lodging: Comfortable Camping, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 5-15 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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"The Cordillera Blanca is an epic trip of a lifetime. Beyond the personal physical challenge, it exposes one to an other worldly, almost magical realm where mountain peaks float at the top of the sky, condors are seen roaming and soaring up high, the local people are cast in a timeless tradition of living, and all of nature seems to be thriving."

- Dave S.

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Huaraz

Arrive at Huaraz-Anta airport and meet your MT Sobek guide for a private van transfer to the hotel in Huaraz. Rooms have been booked from the night before so you are able to check in immediately on arrival this morning and have a restful day to begin acclimating to the altitude (10,000'). This evening, meet up for a welcome dinner.

There is currently one daily flight that departs Lima at 7:00 am and arrives Huaraz at 8:10 am (subject to change). We recommend arriving Lima the previous day and overnighting at the convenient Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel before taking the morning flight to Huaraz. You are also welcome to book the flight from Lima to Huaraz for a day or more early, to allow more days to acclimate or explore on your own.

ACCOMMODATION: Andino Club Hotel, Huaraz

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer

DAY 02

Discover the Ancient Center of Chavin de Huanter

Continue your acclimatization with a day trip from Huaraz to the monumental site of Chavin de Huanter, one of the oldest archaeological sites you can visit in Peru - first inhabited as early as 1500 BC! Nestled at 10,500 feet, between the eastern and western ranges of the Andes, this complex of temples, terraces, and underground mazes belonged to the Chavin culture, who pre-dated the Inca by over 2,000 years. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985, Chavin was a gathering place for worshipers from around the region. Admire the pyramidal temple and buildings of the ceremonial center, with outstanding examples of zoomorphic stone carvings. Step inside recently uncovered passages of underground tunnels, and visit the small on-site museum that houses artifacts found at the site including carved stone figurines and musical instruments.

ACCOMMODATION: Andino Club Hotel, Huaraz

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3-hour guided visit to archaeological site



Hike to Ararcocha & Huilcacocha Lakes

Take in the breathtaking scenery of the Cordillera Blanca as you travel into the mountains by private van, then hike to two pristine Andean glacial lakes. This is a great acclimatization hike to help you adjust to the thinner air and prepare you for more challenging future hikes. From Rumichuco Bridge, ascend toward Ararcocha (12,116') and Huilcacocha (12,221') Lakes, boasting some of the best panorama views of the Cordillera Blanca range, including the highest peak in the Cordillera Blanca — Mount Huascarán — whose glacier-topped pinnacle sits at 22,204 feet! After a hearty lakeside lunch, meet your van for the drive back to Huaraz.

ACCOMMODATION: Andino Club Hotel, Huaraz

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/3.5 miles hiking with 2746' elevation gain & 121' elevation loss



Journey to Huascarán National Park

Check out of the hotel in Huaraz and depart by private vehicle, stopping in the charming town of Carhuaz for a visit to the local market. Visit Campo Santo, site of the single worst natural disaster in the Andes. Today, it's a peaceful cemetery, with spectacular views of Huascarán, flower-filled gardens, and monuments honoring the dead. Enter Huascarán National Park, stop for a box lunch, then cross a pass of about 15,580' with a stunning panorama of the northern Cordillera Blanca. Here you'll leave the Pacific side of the range and begin a descent on the Amazon side. From the trailhead, hike downhill to camp at Vaqueria (12,136') — a short and easy warm-up for the next nine days.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4.5-hours private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1-1.5 hours/1.8 miles hiking with 1,627' elevation loss



Hike to Tuctu Pampa

Begin your trek in earnest with an all-day hike down Quebrada Vaqueria (10,824'), passing near Colcabamba, then up the Tuctu Valley, passing small settlements and farmland. Camp at Tuctu Pampa (13,451'), with views of Taulliraju and Rinrijirca looming at the head of the valley and the massive wall of Chacaraju's east peak — all over 19,000 feet.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6–7 hours/9.5 miles hiking with 2,627' elevation gain and 1,247' elevation loss



DAY 06

Hike to Laguna Huecrococha

Continue up the Huaripampa Valley on pre-Inca trails, with views of Contrahierbas behind you. Cross Pucaraju Pass (15,252'). If it's clear, take in beautiful views of Piramide, Paron, Chacaraju, and Huascaran. Continue on to Laguna Huecrococha, a lake situated at about 13,000', then camp slightly below the lake, in the Tuctupampa Valley at 12,588'.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 7 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,788' elevation gain & 2,785' elevation loss

DAY 07

Hike to the Jancapampa Valley

Hike up to the village of Tingopampa, crossing the Tupatupa, a grassy pass at 14,274', and camp at Jancapampa (11,640'), one of the most beautiful valleys on the trek, situated below the Pucajirca massif. In the afternoon and evening, you'll likely enjoy the company of the curious children of Tingopampa in camp. Settle in for a good night's sleep in the trip's lowest-altitude camp.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 7–8 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 1,916' elevation gain & 2,805' elevation loss



Climb to Huilca

From Jancapampa, climb with ever-changing views of the immense glaciers of the east face of Pucajirca (19,844'). Continue climbing steeply through woods, across grassy meadows, and over glacially polished cliffs while enjoying an array of spectacular wildflowers. Make a steep ascent to the narrow Yanajanca pass (15,134'), then head downhill on the Pacific side toward the small settlement of Huilca. Camp just below the pass at 13,123' with spectacular views of Pucajirca.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 8–9 hours/7.2 miles hiking with 3,786' elevation gain & 2,273' elevation loss



Hike to Moyobamba

Continue up Quebrada Tayapampa with beautiful views of the northeast face of Alpamayo (19,455') and the three peaks of Pucajirca in the distance. Ascend over a grassy pass at 14,553', crossing a ridge, and camp at Moyobamba at 14,783'.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5–6 hours/5 miles hiking with 2,053' elevation gain and 397' elevation loss



Enjoy Views of Alpamayo

Hike over Caracara Pass (15,800'), enjoying fantastic views of Alpamayo's cirque, the Santa Cruz Mountains, and the Cordillera Blanca stretching southwards. After lunch, those who wish can hike up to the moraine — about two hours roundtrip, over scree — and enjoy stunning views of Alpamayo's famed classic pyramid shape and the turquoise green lake below the peak. Camp at 13,599' and take in dazzling views of Alpamayo as the sun sets and rises.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/4.7 miles hiking with 1,552' elevation gain and 2,297' elevation loss; optional side trip 2 hours/1.6 miles hiking with 508' elevation gain & loss



Hike to the Highest Campsite

Begin a long ascent with about 50 vueltas (switchbacks) to arrive at Jatun Viento Pass (15,623'). Descend to camp at 14,947', the highest campsite on the trek, and a well-deserved rest.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6–7 hours/6.1 miles hiking with 2,740' elevation gain and 1,627' elevation loss



Reach Huischcash

Hike 1.5 hours to your last and highest pass, Toro Pishtanan (15,977'). Descend to Cullicocha Lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in this area of the Andes, with its blue-green waters and view of the three peaks of the Santa Cruz Mountains in the background. Enjoy views of the Cordillera Negra, the snowless mountain range running parallel with the Cordillera Blanca to the west. Continue to Huischcash (13,100') and camp near a modern aqueduct that has replaced an ancient Inca one.

ACCOMMODATION: MT Sobek Camp

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 7 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,549' elevation gain and 3,347' elevation loss



Downhill to Hualacayan & Back to Huaraz

Continue downhill to the ruins of Hualacayan and meet your van for the ride back to Huaraz. As you leave the mountains behind, see farmers working small plots of land overlooking the Huaylas Valley and the Cordillera Negra. After checking into the hotel in Huaraz, meet your group for a final farewell dinner in Huaraz.

ACCOMMODATION: Andino Club Hotel, Huaraz

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/3.8 miles hiking with 286' elevation gain and 3,061' elevation loss



Depart Huaraz

Take an early morning group transfer back to Huaraz-Anta airport and begin your journey home.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Andino Club Hotel

Surrounded by lush gardens, the Andino Club Hotel offers panoramic views of the Callejon de Huaylas mountain range. Each room is comfortably outfitted with modern amenities, including Wi-Fi, LCD TV and a hairdryer.

MT Sobek Camp — Cordillera Blanca, Peru

Remote trekking means remote camping, with different tranquil settings each night. Rest up from your day's adventure in comfortable camps outfitted with three-person tents for every 1-2 guests and sleeping pads. Delicious food is served each night, and guests can enjoy a selection of authentic Peruvian fare before retiring to their tents for a good night's rest in the beautiful Cordillera Blanca.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: May, June, July, August

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 15-28, 2025

July 20-August 2, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and drivers
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and camp staff
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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