



Trekking in the Cordillera Carabaya

12 Days



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➤ Trekking in the Cordillera Carabaya

On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, feast your eyes on the colonial beauty of Arequipa and the spectacular Colca Canyon — one of the deepest canyon's in the world and famed worldwide for its condor sightings! Experience the beauty of Lake Titicaca and its dreamy islands, then tackle the legendary Cordillera Carabaya on a multi-day high-altitude trek, camping along the way supported by our experienced team of mountain guides. Marvel at this remote and wild Andean dreamscape of golden pampas, turquoise lakes, and large herds of llamas, alpacas and vicunas all framed by a stunning backdrop of knife-edged, 18,000-foot ice peaks.

Details

Arrive:	Lima, Peru
Depart:	Cusco, Peru
Duration:	12 Days
Group Size:	6-15 Guests
Minimum Age:	14 Years Old
Activity Level:	5

Testimonials

"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides."

Carol

"I've taken six MT Sobek trips and they have all exceeded my expectations. The staff, the food, the logistics and the communications have always been exceptional. Thank you for being my "go to" adventure travel company!"

Margaret I.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

We are the only company in the world that runs this trip, drawing on over 40 years of experience in Peru.

REASON #02

Follow expert local guides to the fabled Lake Titicaca, Colca Canyon and a heart-pumping trek through an off-the-radar region of the Andes.

REASON #03

This trip is perfect for active adventurers seeking an alternative to the more frequented mountain treks in Peru - and we are the only company offering this trip.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

A guided city tour, moderate hikes to pre-Incan ruins and on lake islands, and strenuous treks in remote mountain passes, valleys and high-altitude lakes.



LODGING

A charming boutique lodge, a five-star lakeside hotel, six nights of camping, and a comfortable city hotel.



CLIMATE

Weather can be erratic in the mountains at higher altitudes, so you should be prepared for rain, wind and clouds at any time of year. Temperatures can range from the high 60°Fs to the low teens.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Sergio is a legendary trekking guide with over 30 years of experience and 300 trips to his name! Besides leading our expeditions in Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and Argentina's Aconcagua, he also loves to lead some of our more challenging treks in Nepal and Peru. In 2019, Sergio will be leading a 50th Anniversary Base Camp Trek, a new hiking trip in Chile's Dientes de Navarino mountains, and an epic hiking adventure in the Dolomites. Sergio has acquired a loyal following, and is one of our most respected guides.

Sergio Fitch Watkins

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Itinerary

DAY 1

TOUR AREQUIPA & TRANSFER TO COLCA CANYON

Arrive in Lima in the morning and transfer to the connecting flight to Arequipa. Upon arrival, set out for a guided tour of this striking city with its elegant colonial architecture and dramatic setting dominated by the cone-shaped volcano called El Misti. Visit the Santa Catalina Convent, a 400-year-old walled compound, and continue on to Colca Valley. Marvel at splendid volcano vistas, Andean birds and, with luck, small herds of vicuña. Arrive to Patapampa Pass (16,076') for pictures of the Chila range, descend to Chivay, and transfer to the hotel.

Meals: L, D

DAY 2

WONDER AT CRUZ DEL CONDOR & HIKE TO UYO UYO RUINS

This morning head out to Cruz del Condor (Condor's Cross), a stellar point for observing majestic condors as they leave their overnight roosts, rising high into the sky on the strong thermal currents which blow up the canyon, one of the deepest in the world (9,800'). Visit a string of villages on the way to the hotel, enjoy lunch and transfer to Coporaque village, the starting point for a 2-hour hike on pre-Incan trails to the archaeological site of Uyo Uyo. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Activity: 4 hours hiking with 300' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

SEE THE RUINS OF SILLUSTANI & REACH LAKE TITICACA

This morning head out toward the city of Puno, set on the shores of Lake Titicaca. En route pass through the stone forest of Imata, stop at Lagunillas to see flamingos and the Andean caracara, and visit the fascinating ruins of Sillustani, with their chullpas (pre-Columbian funeral towers) on a barren, windswept peninsula jutting out into Lake Umayo. Continue on to Puno and check into the hotel.

Activity: 1-2 hours hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

VISIT THE FLOATING ISLANDS OF UROS & HIKE ON TAQUILE

After breakfast at the hotel, depart by boat from Puno to the island of Taquile, en route visiting the floating islands of the Uros people, famous for their totora reed rafts. On Taquile, renowned for its community of traditional weavers and spinners, hike through scenic terraces of fava beans and grains, admiring vistas of Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world (elevation 12,500'), and of snowcapped Cordillera Real on the Bolivian side. Boat ride back to Puno and overnight at the same hotel.

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Activity: 2-3 hours/3 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

DRIVE FROM PUNO & HIKE TO LAKE COMERCOCHA

Leave Puno this morning and drive toward the town of Azangaro, on a paved road which is part of the Interoceanic Highway joining the Brazilian Atlantic with Peru's Pacific coast. Passing the town of Macusani, take a dirt road to the village of Corani, a small community of farmers turned miners. Admire the first views of the glorious Carabaya Cordillera and start the 2-hour hike to the camp at Lake Comercocha.

Activity: 2 hours/3.5 miles hiking with 400' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

TREK FROM COMERCOCHA TO ANANTA CAMP

After breakfast in camp this morning, start the trek through spectacular valleys to the community of Huarocani (14,928'). Surrounded by incredible mountain views, continue hiking to our campsite at Acoyo (15,370'), the base for tonight.

Activity: 5.5 hours/9 miles hiking with 2,020' elevation gain and 1,050' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

HIKE FROM ACOYO VIA THE CHIMBOYA PASS TO CERO

Today hike over the Chimboya Pass (16,450'), from where you can see the Quelccaya glacier, the largest tropical ice cap in the world. Marvel at spectacular views of Cordillera Vilcanota, a glacier-topped range, and pass small scenic lakes before reaching the campsite at Cero (15,912'), set in a large pasture near Mates River.

Activity: 5 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain and 1,335' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

TREK FROM CERO TO QASQARA LAKE

This day starts with a steep ascent to a high valley all the way to the Cero Pass (17,273'), showcasing a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains, including Mt. Ausangate (21,063') in the distance. Descend past small lakes with a great view of the Carabaya glaciers to Qasqara Lake, also called Amayani Lake. With luck,

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witness an exquisite sunset over the lake and the snow-capped peaks as the backdrop. Camp at 16,175 feet tonight, the trip's highest camp.

Activity: 6 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 1,610' elevation gain and 1,325' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9

TREK FROM QASQARA LAKE TO MUMURANI LAKE

Leaving the camp, begin the ascent to Sibiria Pass (16,535'), next to Mt. Yayamari, a snow-covered peak surrounded by a beautiful panorama of lakes and glaciated summits. On the way to the pass, take in Lake Sibinacocha below. At 16,076 feet, Sibinacocha is one of the highest lakes in Peru. Camp at 16,076' at Murmurani or Cocha Uma ("headwaters" in Quechua).

Activity: 6 hours/10 miles hiking with 1,260' elevation gain and 1,375' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

HIKE FROM MURMURANI TO TIQLLACocha LAKE

Today trek over the highest pass, Huayruro (16,404'), surrounded by snow-capped peaks, turquoise glacial lakes, and unique Andean flora. Look out for more vicuña, wild relatives of the camel. Impressive 19,000- to 20,000-ft peaks such as Jatunjampa, Pico Tres, Puca Punta, Colquecruz, and Acero form an amphitheater all around. From here, descend on the trail leading down to tonight's campsite at Tiqllacocha Lake (15,899').

Activity: 7 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 2,210' elevation gain and 2,355' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11

ASCEND THE JAMPA PASS & RETURN TO CUSCO

Today hike uphill for about an hour before reaching the last pass at Jampa (16,580'). Looking north towards the Cusco Valley, see a rolling landscape of pasture land and potato plots — like a quilt blanket — interspersed with small houses and villages. Leaving the Colque Cruz glacier behind, descend past some small lakes and reach the community of Pacchanta (14,366') and the road head where the vehicle awaits for drive to Cusco.

Activity: 5 hours/7.25 miles hiking with 1,190' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 12

DEPART FROM CUSCO

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Transfer to the Cusco airport and fly to Lima to connect with your international flight.

Meals: B

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Dates

Jun 28 - Jul 9, 2020

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\$ 5,795 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 250 Internal Air

\$ 800 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary camping gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving or departing outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection

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