



# Peru Cordillera Huayhuash Trekking

## Epic Mountain Passes & Unspoiled Glacial Wilderness of the Andes

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **Unrivalled Expertise**

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 Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best 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 first led commercial treks in the Cordillera Huayhuash back in 1982. Due to popular demand we've taken it out of the vault and are operating it again.

## REASON 2

Test your mettle in one of South America's most breathtaking mountain ranges, perfect for those seeking a superlative trekking challenge away from the crowds.

## REASON 3

We work with expert guiding teams who have over 30 years' experience leading groups through the Andes.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

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



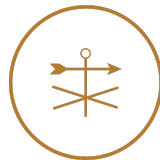
### LODGING

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



### CLIMATE

The Cordillera Huayhuash Mountains are cold in the mornings and evenings, often below 30°F. Around noon temperatures can reach 70°F.



### 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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Tackle one of the world's most spectacular mountain circuits in the Cordillera Huayhuash, a compact yet magnificent range that's richly glaciated, steep, and dramatic. Six of Peru's highest mountains rise from this striking massif. This classic, multi-day trek in the Peruvian Andes is challenging but rewarding, with unequalled views of its turquoise glacial lakes, jagged, snow-capped peaks, and stunning hanging glaciers that extend thousands of feet from the peaks. Let our experienced team of mountain guides support you in this trek of a lifetime through remote and rugged terrain.

### 16 Days

**Start:** Lima, Peru (Huaraz in 2025)

**End:** Lima, Peru (Huaraz in 2025)

**Departing:** May, June, July, August, September

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Adventure Camping

**Lodging:** Comfortable Camping, Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** Up to 15 Guests

**ACTIVITY:**



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*“We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek.”*

- Dennis G.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Lima & Transfer to Huaraz

Arrive at Lima airport early (we recommend arriving in Lima the day before). Transfers to Huaraz depend on your travel dates. For departures through June 30, 2024, transfer together ~8 hours by private van or bus from Lima to Huaraz, enjoying a box lunch en route. For departures starting July 1-August 30, 2024, take a 7:00 am commercial flight from Lima to Huaraz. In 2025, guests book their own flight to and from Huaraz, together with international flights, and the tour starts with an airport transfer on arrival in Huaraz. All groups enjoy a welcome dinner in Huaraz this evening.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Andino Club Hotel, Huaraz

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 8-hour private van transfer or 1-hour flight transfer (July 1 2024 onwards)

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02

## Discover the Ancient Center of Chavin de Huantar

Continue your acclimatization with a day trip from Huaraz to the monumental site of Chavin de Huantar, 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

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03

## Hike to Ararcocha & Huilcacocha Lakes

Take in the breathtaking scenery of the Cordillera Blanca as you travel into the mountains by bus, 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 bus 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

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04

## Journey to Chiquian & the Cordillera Huayhuash

Starting out in the early morning, enjoy a 2-hour transfer south along a paved road to the town of Chiquian. Stop at a vista point to admire views of the Cordillera Huayhuash including Yerupaja, the second highest peak in Peru. The last section of the drive is on a dirt road towards the village of Llamac, gateway to the Cordillera Huayhuash. Past the village of Pocpa and the Pallca mine, arrive at the entrance of the Rondoy Valley at 13,287 feet. Here, the scenery opens up into rolling grasslands, dominated by the snow-capped peaks of the Cordillera Huayhuash. Set up camp in Cuartelhuain at 13,772 feet.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 5-hour private van transfer

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05

## Hike over Cacanapunta Pass to Lake Mitucocha

Begin your trek in earnest, ascending up and over the Cacanapunta Pass (15,367') at the northern end of the range, keeping an eye out for Andean condors soaring overhead. This is the Continental Divide, and from this point on, rain that falls on the western slopes flows to the Atlantic and rain that falls on the eastern slopes flows to the Amazon. From here, descend through a multicolored landscape to the beautiful, flat, and grassy campsite at Janca (13,923'), not far from Lake Mitucocha. Marvel at the turquoise waters reflecting the Ninashanca, Rondoy, and Jirishanca peaks. This is a short walking day to aid acclimatization, but if you're still feeling energetic, you can take the short walk to Lake Mitucocha in the afternoon.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/5 miles hiking with 1,853' elevation gain & 1,719' elevation loss

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06

## Hike over Carhuac Pass to Lake Carhuacocha

Today's pass, the Carhuac (15,174') takes a bit longer but is not too steep, with splendid views of Yerupaja (21,765'), the highest mountain in the Huayhuash. Descending to the rim of a hanging valley, look down on the crystalline blue-green waters of Lake Carhuacocha. Tonight's campsite below the lake (13,710') offers an incredible vista of peaks and hanging glaciers, proving you don't need 26,000-foot peaks to have the most inspiring mountain scenery.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,270' elevation gain & 3,064' elevation loss

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## Hike over Siula Pass to Huayhuash Camp

Wake up before dawn if you'd like to catch the sunrise over the lake. The sun's first rays catching the peak of Yerupaja certainly make the effort more than worthwhile. After breakfast, set out on a long but gradual climb up a verdant valley, surrounded by the snowcapped peaks of Yerupaja, Yerupaja Chico, Siula Grande, Jirishanca, Santa Rosa, and Carnicero. Also pass a series of pristine and crystal clear lakes - Gangrajanca, Siula, and Quesillacocha. Then, climb steeply to the top of the rocky Siula Pass (15,866'), before descending to Huayhuash Campsite (14,281'), where you'll sleep nestled at the foot of Mount Trapecio and the three peaks of Jurua.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 8-9 hours/8.6 miles hiking with 3,032' elevation gain & 2,047' elevation loss

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## Hike to the Viconga Thermal Bath

Start your day with a gradual, three-hour climb towards the Portachuelo de Huayhuash pass (15,675'). From this beautiful vantage point, descend along the valley, passing grazing llama and sheep. After a walk beside the large Viconga Lake, take a short climb up to reach Viconga Thermal Baths (14,327'), a natural hot springs, and your camp for the night.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/7.2 miles hiking with 1,759' elevation gain & 1,634' elevation loss

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## Climb to Cuyoc Pass

Tackle a long, challenging day ascending to Cuyoc Pass (16,558'). Stop to take in the marvelous views of the surrounding high mountains before descending down over a rocky section. Finally, hike along the valley to camp at Pampa Cuyoc (14,862').

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/5.5 miles hiking with 2,342' elevation gain & 1,693' elevation loss

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10

## Hike over Santa Rosa Pass to the Calinca Valley

Start the day's trek with a very steep ascent to Santa Rosa Pass, the highest pass on the trek (16,617'). Take in incredibly panoramic views of snowcapped peaks, then start the descent into the Calinca Valley. Set up camp for the next two nights at Cutatambo Camp (14,068'), not far from the base camp of author Joe Simpson before his climb of Siula Grande that resulted in the 1988 book, 'Touching the Void.'

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/4.2 miles hiking with 2,067' elevation gain & 2,743' elevation loss

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11

## Enjoy a Rest Day at Camp

Take a break from hiking and enjoy the dramatic setting of icy glaciers and crystalline lakes. There are some fine walks nearby, and you can choose to explore the area more if you wish - take a short walk to the base camp of Joe Simpson, or climb the Cerro Gran Vista, a panoramic lookout over the peaks of the Cordillera Huayhuash.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/5.3 miles optional Cerro Gran Vista hike with 2,064' elevation gain & loss

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DAY  
12

## Climb to the High Meadow of Huatiac

Retrace your steps down the Sarapococha Valley and drop to warmer climes, continuing to the cultivated lands belonging to the remote village of Huayllapa (11,797'), with beautiful views of alpine waterfalls. In the afternoon, climb steeply again to spend the night at Huatiac, a high grazing meadow at 14,101 feet, under the shadow of Diablo Mudo, the 'Mute Devil'. This is probably the hardest day, but tomorrow will be shorter and easier.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 8-9 hours/10.2 miles hiking with 3,031' elevation gain & 2,831' elevation loss

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DAY  
13

## Cross Punta Tapush Pass

Enjoy an easy day crossing the Punta Tapush Pass (15,715'), then descend approximately one hour to camp at Gashpapampa (14,947'). From the campsite, take in a glorious sunset behind Mount Diablo Mudo, weather permitting.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/4 miles hiking with 1,775' elevation gain & 784' elevation loss

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## Hike over Yaucha Pass to Laguna Jahuacocha

Trek down to Angoshcancha Valley, with its forest of *quenua* (paper bark) trees, then ascend to steep and scree-covered Yaucha Pass (15,912'). On a clear day, you'll get magnificent views of the highest peaks of the Huayhuash range and long-distance panoramas to the peaks of the Cordillera Blanca. This is also another good spot for sighting Andean condors. After a long descent, reach the indescribably beautiful Laguna Jahuacocha, which lies beneath the glacier-covered west faces of Jerupaja, Jirishanca, Rasac, Rondoy, and El Toro and is widely held to be the scenic gem of the whole range. Overnight at 13,372 feet.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/6.2 miles hiking with 1,525' elevation gain & 3,517' elevation loss

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## Climb Mancanpunta Pass, Descend to Pocpa & Return to Huaraz

After breakfast, depart early to return to Huaraz. Ascend a steady but gradual climb up to your ninth and last pass: Mancanpunta Pass (15,000') and take a brief rest, taking in the surrounding Andean ranges. Then, descend a steep, gravelly trail to Pocpa (11,427') to meet your private transportation to transfer back to Huaraz.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Andino Club Hotel, Huaraz

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 4.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/5.8 miles hiking with 1,801' elevation gain & 3,622' elevation loss

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## Transfer to Lima & Depart

Transfers from Huaraz to Lima depend on your travel dates. For departures ending before June 30, 2024, transfer together ~8 hours by private van or bus from Lima to Huaraz, enjoying a box lunch en route. For departures ending July 1-August 30, 2024, take an 8:45 am commercial flight from Huaraz, arriving Lima 9:35 am. In 2025, guests book their own flight from Huaraz to Lima, together with international flights, and the tour ends with a morning transfer from our Huaraz hotel to the Huaraz airport.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 8-hour private van transfer or 1-hour flight transfer (July 1 2024 onwards)



## 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 Huayhuash**

Remote trekking means remote camping, with different tranquil settings each night. Rest up from your day's adventure in comfortable camps outfitted with four-person tents (one tent for every two travelers, or one tent per single traveler) and sleeping pads. Sturdy 3-season-plus tents each have 61 sq.ft. of floor space and an interior height of 60 inches. Delicious food is served each night, and guests can enjoy a selection of authentic Peruvian fare in the separate dining tent, equipped with solar energy lamps, standard-height table, and folding stools, before retiring to their tents for a good night's rest in the beautiful Cordillera Huayhuash.

# Departure Dates

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

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 15-30, 2024

August 3-18, 2024

# 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 portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage
- 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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