



## PERUVIAN ANDES ADVENTURES

### CLIMB YANAPACCHA 5460m (17913 ft)

**Timing:** 2 days climb or 3 / 4 days with instruction day(s)

**Grade:** AD- / Moderate snow slopes – some steep climbing

#### **Not suitable for first-time climbers**

Looking for a challenging short climb or an acclimatisation peak away from the better-known and more popular Pisco?

Yanapaccha (5460m) is situated in the Llanganuco Valley and, as the Condor flies, is located very close to Pisco. Yet it is much less known and less frequented by climbers than Pisco.

It is a moderately difficult climb with some steep sections and a final slope of up to 65 deg. to the summit.

**Note 1:** *Yanapaccha is not suitable for first-time climbers, but is an ideal practice peak for advancing skills of novice climbers who have received instruction, as well as for experienced climbers wanting to practice techniques. Yanapaccha is also a superb preparation peak for more technical climbing or any 6000m peak.*

**Note 2:** *The guide in charge of your climb will be one of our local, experienced & professional UIAGM International Mountain Guides.*



**Note 3: Acclimatisation** *It is important that you are well acclimatized to the altitude before attempting to climb any peak in the Cordillera Blanca, thus avoiding any potential problems with lack of energy or any altitude-related illnesses when climbing. Climbing above 5000m is physically demanding, even when the climbing itself is not steep or technical. We always recommend a trek of minimum 4 to 6 days for acclimatisation and extra fitness.*

*This climb goes up high very fast. Starting in Huaraz (3090m), you ascend directly to 5000m on day one. It is vitally important you already be well acclimatized.*

*If you will not already be well acclimatized when you arrive in Huaraz or are not independently planning an acclimatization trek, then we will be happy to recommend and organize a suitable trek for you.*

**Note 4:** *The routes used and the conditions on all the peaks are changing year by year, and even from month to month. The descriptions we have given are general only, and the routes used, conditions on the mountain and description of routes may change considerably by the time we are climbing and we may encounter more difficult climbing than is indicated here. Conditions on all the mountains are changing rapidly due to global warming and rapid recession of glacial ice, and descriptions of routes that you may find in some guide books can be out dated within 12 months.*

**Note 5:** We do not use donkeys to carry equipment up to our camp on Yanapaccha. You need to carry your own personal gear, climbing gear, clothes sleeping mattress and sleeping bag. Porters carry tents, food, cooking equipment and climbing rope



*Yanapaccha Summit*

**Day 1: Drive Huaraz to Llanganuco Trail. Ascend via Grass & Moraine to Camp**

Drive from Huaraz to Cebollapampa (3850m - 2½ hours) in the Quebrada Llanganuco Valley, passing the famous twin lakes of Llanganuco. We continue driving another half hour up an impressive zigzag road towards the Portachuelo de Llanganuco pass. Some 200 metres below the pass we stop at a hairpin bend known as the "Curva 45km" (4580m) and unload backpacks & equipment.

From here, we hike towards Yanapaccha Morena Camp, carrying our backpacks as we traverse and climb gradually on a faint trail, sometimes over grass and then over moraine rock for about 3 to 3 ½ hours until we reach the campsite (5000m).



*Hike to Morena Camp*



*Camp by the Lake*



*Sunset on Yanapaccha*

**Day 2: Camp to Summit. Descend via Morena Camp to Road. Drive to Huaraz**

We leave very early in the morning, first crossing large moraine rock for about 30 minutes until we gain the glacier. Here we put on crampons and rope up. The initial ascent onto the glacier is usually a steep ice climb for up to 45m before reaching the glacier with slopes varying from 45 deg. to 60 deg. We negotiate a large crevasse field to arrive at the west face of Yanapaccha. From here we make a traverse to a bergschrund where we have to climb steeply for 15m on a gradient of 65 deg. to 70deg. to arrive at the summit ridge which we follow to the summit. The final pitch to the summit is at 35 to 40 deg. Depending on clients' experience and confidence, we may fix a rope on certain sections. About one 20m rappel is required during the descent.

We return to Morena Camp (about 7 to 8 hours for the climb & return) and then, having eaten some lunch and broken camp, we walk back by the same path back to the road (2 more hours' hiking) where our private vehicle will be waiting to take us back to Huaraz.



*Arriving at the Glacier Face*



*Climbing Glacier Face*



*Climbing on Yanapaccha*



*Snow Bridge*



*Near the Summit*

**Three & four day option:** *We can stay in Morena Camp extra day(s) for climbing instruction, practice ice climbing & some rescue techniques up on the glacier before the summit climb*

**Climbing Hours:**

Climbing times are estimated times and based on our average climbing groups from past experience. Some people may be much faster and others slower.

**Trek Roads:** Access roads to and from treks are generally dirt mountain roads (not paved) and in some places can be bumpy. Road travel times are slower than you may expect for the kms travelled.

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