



PERUVIAN ANDES ADVENTURES

QUEBRADA QUILQUEYHUANCA TREK to COJUP High Alpine Trek

4 Days (if need extra acclimatisation)
or 3 Days (if already well acclimatised)
Grade: Hard
Highest Point: 5100m

The Quillqueyhuanca to Cojup Trek is an exciting high alpine short trek for strong hikers who want to stay away from the popular & busier Santa Cruz trails and is also an excellent acclimatisation hike for climbing expeditions to climb 6000m or technical peaks.

The trek starts with gentle acclimatisation with a day hike to the famous Laguna Churup and a first night camping at 3750m and finishes with crossing over a 5100m pass between two deep glacial valleys with amazing 360 degree mountain views



Chocu Pass

Notes: This is a physically demanding trek with crossing a high alpine pass. The route ascending to and descending from the pass is steep and on unformed trails. Clients need to be physically fit and comfortable hiking in alpine conditions.

It is important to be well acclimatised to the altitude before departing for this trek. You go up very high quickly and good acclimatisation is necessary to avoid possible altitude related illness or lethargy.

Day 1: 04 day trek option

Laguna Churup Hike & Camp at Pitec (acclimatisation day)

Drive 1½ hours from Huaraz to Pitec and set up camp (3750m). We then hike up with a steady continuous climb on a good path up a ridge to beautiful Laguna Churup 4450m, towered over by the peak Nevada Churup (5495m). The final 50m to the lake is a steep but safe climb up a rock gully. Return to Pitec to camp.

4 to 5 hours hike

For 03 Day Option:

For clients who are already well acclimatised to the altitude, we can omit the hike to Laguna Churup and the night camping at Pitec.

One day 01, we hike direct from Pitec to camp at Olivos (see below)



Pitec



Laguna Churup



Laguna Churup

Day 2: *Hike Quillqueyhuanca Valley to Olivos (or Day 01 for 03 day tek)*

At Pitec we meet our donkey drivers and all equipment is loaded onto donkeys. We carry just a light day pack. An easy walk up the valley Quebrada Quillqueyhuanca to camp at the top of the valley at Olivos at the base of Andavite mountain (4250m)

In the afternoon we can hike into the valley Quebrada Cayesh, where we are very close to the glacier covered mountains San Juan, Cayesh and Chopiraju.

Approx. 12kms

3 hours hike to Olivos



Quillqueyhuanca Valley



Hiking Through Lupins Cayesh Valley



Olivos Campsite

**Day 03: Olivos to Huapi Camp
(Day 02 for 03 day trek)**

We start with a 2 hour easy hike up to visit Laguna Tullpacocha (4300m). We then follow an ascending zig zag trail climbing steadily for around 3 hours to our high campsite on a plateau at 4850m by a small lake, close to the mountain Huapi. From the campsite we are treated to close views of many snowy peaks including Huapi, and the massive 6000m+ peaks of Chinchey, Pucarranra & Huanzan.

Approx. 7kms

5 hours



Tullpacocha Lake



Hiking to Camp Huapi

**DAY 04: Chocu Pass to Cojup Valley & return to Huaraz
(Day 03 for 03 day trek)**

We leave early & ascend to the Pass Chocu 5100m. The donkeys cannot come this way but carry all the equipment back down the Quillqueyhuanca Valley to Pitec from where it is sent back to our base in Huaraz. We carry just day packs. The route up to the pass offers some of the most panoramic mountain views in the Cordillera Blanca and we are surrounded by several 6000m+ peaks. There can be snow at the top of the pass, but it is not deep and is soft. The descent down from the pass is not on a well marked trail and we follow our noses & cattle trails. In places the route is steep and can be slippery, but we will go slowly and take our time. After about 2 hours descending we gratefully come to the Cojup Valley floor from where we have a pleasant flat walk down the valley following the river.

Approx. 15kms hiking

6 to 8 hours

Our vehicle is waiting at the road end & we return to Huaraz with a short 27kms one hour road journey



Chocu Pass



View Ranrapalca and Palcaraju from the Pass



Cojup Valley

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