

American Alpine Institute
– Program Itinerary –
Toqllaraju - Chopicalqui Itinerary
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Part One

- Day 1 Arrive in Lima; hotel in Lima. ***This is the first scheduled day of the program.**
- Day 2 Travel from Lima to Huaraz (10,000') by bus; hotel in Huaraz.
- Day 3 Acclimatize in Huaraz with a day hike to Lago Churup (14,600')
- Day 4 Second day to Acclimatize in Huaraz, short day hike, organize gear in the evening; night in Huaraz
- Day 5 Make Base camp in the Ishinca Valley (14,000')
- Day 6 Acclimatize / review alpine climbing skills in preparation for our climbs
- Day 7 Climb Nevado Urus Este (17,783') This is a moderate climb on a glacier up to 30 degrees
- Day 8 Additional skills practice or weather day.
- Day 9 Climb Ishinca (18,143') More challenging than Urus, with major crevasses to skirt, steeper slopes, and a dramatic belayed finish on a 40 to 45-degree headwall just below the summit.
- Day 10 Rest day
- Day 11 Move to high camp (17,060 – 5200m) for Toqllaraju
- Day 12 Climb Toqllaraju (19,790 ft.) Quite varied glacier travel, with gradually steepening slopes, major crevasses and schrunds to avoid or negotiate, and short, steep steps that we belay intermittently. This is a very challenging climb at altitude. Descend to bascamp.
- Day 13 Extra day for weather or acclimatization
- Day 14 Hike out, night in Huaraz. **End of Part 1.**
- Day 15 For Part-1-only-climbers, travel back to Lima. Travel back to Lima. **If flying home this day, arrange your flight to depart Lima after 10pm.** Otherwise, fly out the next morning.

Part Two

- Day 15 Prepare for Part 2 with a day of packing in Huaraz.

- Day 16 Drive to the Chopicalqui trailhead. Hike to the Moraine Camp at approximately 16,000'.
- Day 17 Move up the glacier to a high camp at approximately 18,300'.
- Day 18 Climb Chopikalki's classic southwest ridge. Our route begins with travel up a major glacier, followed by gradually steepening terrain on a broad ridge with some interesting route finding to avoid crevasses and seracs. As we move higher the ridge narrows and steepens, and while this finish to our ascent is not highly technical, the exposure to either side is striking. Descend to the Moraine Camp.
- Day 19 Descend to basecamp near the road. This may also be used as a weather day.
- Day 20 Hike out, drive back to Huaraz and have a celebratory dinner together.

End of Part 2.

- Day 21 Travel back to Lima. **If flying home this day, arrange your flight to depart Lima after 10pm.** Otherwise, fly out the next morning.

Land Cost Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions: Hotel in Lima (1 night) and Huaraz (4 nights for Part 1; 2 nights for Part 2) on a shared twin basis; transportation between Lima and Huaraz; tents while trekking or climbing on a shared basis (all lodging on a private basis is subject to availability and at a added cost); meals while trekking and climbing; admissions to parks; group cooking equipment; group climbing equipment.

Exclusions: Airfare; personal equipment; meals except while trekking and climbing; climbing snacks (bring your personal preferences); gratuities to guides; insurance; government and airport taxes; inoculations; excess baggage; all items of a personal nature.