



Tocllaraju Skills and Chopicalqui Expedition

Cordillera Blanca, Peru

Program Itinerary

– Part One: Tocllaraju Skills Expedition –

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 ft / 3048 m) by bus; hotel in Huaraz.

Day 3 – Acclimatize in Huaraz with a day hike to Lago Churup (14,600 ft / 4450); hotel in Huaraz.

Day 4 – Second day to acclimatize above Huaraz with a day-hike. Organize gear in the evening; hotel in Huaraz.

Day 5 – Drive to and establish base camp in the Ishinca Valley (14,000 ft / 4267 m)

Day 6 – Acclimatize and review alpine climbing skills in preparation for our climbs

Day 7 – Climb Nevado Urus Este (17,783 ft / 5420 m). This is a moderate climb on a glacier up to 30 degrees

Day 8 – Additional skills practice or weather day if needed.

Day 9 – Climb Ishinca (18,143 ft / 5530 m). This climb is 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. High quality climbing and beautiful views.

Day 10 – Rest day

Day 11 – Move to high camp (17,060 ft / 5200 m) to be in position for an ascent of Tocllaraju

Day 12 – Climb Tocllaraju (19,790 ft / 6032 m). This ascent offers quite varied glacier travel, with gradually steepening slopes, major crevasses and a bergschrund to avoid or negotiate, and short, steep steps that we belay intermittently. This is a rewardingly challenging climb that is scenic throughout and an exciting finish to Part 1 of the program. Descend to basecamp.

Day 13 – Extra day for weather or acclimatization as needed earlier.

Day 14 – Hike out and drive back to Huaraz. Hotel

– End of Part One –

Day 15 For Part-1-only-climbers: Travel back to Lima. **We recommended that you choose a flight that departs Lima after 10pm. Otherwise, fly out the next morning.**

– Part Two: Chopicalqui Ascent –

Day 15 – Prepare for Part 2 with a day of packing and rest in Huaraz. Hotel in Huaraz

Day 16 – Drive to Chopicalqui trailhead. Hike to Moraine Camp at approximately 16,000 ft / 4875 m.

Day 17 – Move up the glacier to a high camp at approximately 18,300 ft / 5578 m.

Day 18 – Climb Chopicalqui'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. After time enjoying being on the summit and photographing the many peaks that surround us, we descend to Moraine Camp.

Day 19 – Descend to the road; drive back to Huaraz; celebratory dinner together.

Day 20 – Travel back to Lima. **We recommended that you choose a flight that departs Lima after 10pm. Otherwise, fly out the next morning.**

– End Part Two –

– Land Cost Inclusions and Exclusions –

Inclusions:

- Hotel in Lima (1 night) and Huaraz (four nights for Part 1; two nights for Part 2) on a shared twin basis; round trip 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 an added cost.
- Meals while trekking and climbing, group cooking equipment, admissions to parks
- Group climbing equipment.

Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Personal equipment
- Meals except while trekking and climbing; climbing snacks (bring your personal preferences);
- Gratuities to guides
- Personal insurance
- Government and airport taxes
- Inoculations
- Excess baggage
- All items of a personal nature.