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TRIP DETAILS

4 days / 3 nts - Peru

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Cusco-Chiquisca

Chiquisca-Choquequirao Choquequirao-

Rosalina

Rosalina B.-Cachora



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Choquequirao

From the beginning of the Colonial period this series of Inca constructions appears in documents. It was the last refuge of the Inca Imperial Court, which isolated itself in this zone of the southern Andes range as a reaction to the European invasion. Hiram Bingham, who was to discover Machu Picchu for the rest of the world in 1909, initially confused Choquequirao with the sacred city of the Incas. Today a 60 km walk takes the traveler along this enigmatical historical route, through ecological extremes: from the start, in Cachora -located at more than 3200 meters above sea level, - one descends to the beaches of the Apurimac river, at less than 2000 meters above sea level, to ascend again to the high lands where the archeological remains are to be found. A paradise for observing nature (landscape, Andean flora and fauna), history and living culture, because on the route one will come across native communities. Recently the site archeologists have discovered a wall with outstanding friezes that represent Andean Camelidae, something unknown, until today, in Inca architecture.

Day 1: Arrive in Cusco - Chiquisca

We leave Cusco at around 7.00 am in our private transportation, and drive towards Cachora, an Andean community located 4-5h from Cusco. After driving for two and a half hours, we stop in Tarawasi, where we visit the archaeological remains of an Inca Usno, a place where ceremonies and celebrations to mother earth were conducted. We leave Tarawasi and continue along the road, across the Apurimac River and up again through Curawasi and to Saywite, our second stop an hour and a half later. Here we visit the famous Inca rock that was believed to be the construction plan for the Tahuantinsuyo Empire, with carvings of animals representing the main deities. From Saywite, we continue on to Cachora only 30 minutes away and at 2800m/9184ft, where we will enjoy our box lunch. In the afternoon we start our hike climbing for two and a half hours towards the Abra Capuliyoc at 2750m/9020ft, where we may enjoy beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and the Apurimac River Canyon. We then continue descending two more hours towards Chiquisca, where we set our camp and spend the night. L, D



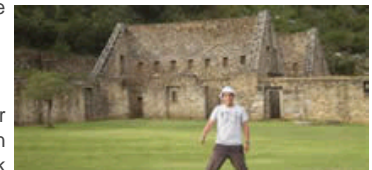
Day 2: Chiquisca - Choquequirao

We leave Chiquisca as early as 6.00am to go down to Rosalina Beach, which will take about one hour. We then cross the Apurimac River and start climbing towards Santa Rosa, zigzagging up a steep slope. This climb will take an approximated 2h, and it is important that we leave early so that the heat does not make it more difficult than it has to be. In Santa Rosa, we make a half an hour break, where those who wish may try Cambray, a local sugar cane extract. Afterwards, we continue our hike slowly climbing for two and a half hours until we reach our lunch spot in Marampata. From here we walk another two hours until we reach the archaeological complex of Choquequirao, located at 3103m/10178ft, where we will set up camp and enjoy some free time to explore the terraces and buildings. When the sun starts to set, you might want to sit and contemplate the canyon, where condors are sometimes spotted. B, L, D



Day 3: Choquequirao - Rosalina beach

Today, we enjoy a complete guided tour of the Choquequirao complex during the morning: we will visit the high parts (Hanan), and the lower parts (Urin), and some areas that are still covered in wild foliage and ready to be restored into the way it was when the Incas owned it. After the tour, we start our walk back towards Santa Rosa, where we have lunch. We then continue descending for another 2 hours until we reach Rosalina Beach at 1450m/4756ft, where we might have time to take a refreshing dip in the waters of the Apurimac River. We camp and dine here. B, L, D



Day 4: Rosalina beach - Cachora

We leave camp after breakfast to start the two to three hour climb to Chiquisca, to then make our way back to the Abra Capuliyoc, close to which we have our lunch. In the afternoon, we continue on our two hour return route to Cachora, where a private transportation will be waiting to take us back to Cusco. Estimated arrival time around 9.00pm. B, L

Key: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Price in USD

Services	Per person
Land	\$600

Prices subject to change without notice. 5 people minimum
Do not apply on special days like Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan 1

Includes:

- Transfers from/to hotel
- Tents of 4 people for only 2 people
- Dining, kitchen and toilet tents
- Professional bilingual guide.
- Cook and equipment of Kitchen.
- 1 emergency horse each 5 people
- Food: 3 breakfast, 4 lunch, 3 dinner + snack (am) + tea
- Hot water every day for washing purposes.
- Water for drink
- First Aide equipment

Does not include:

- Breakfast for first day
- Dinner the last day

Difficulty level:

Rigorous = requires people to be in a good physical condition and to have previous trekking/hiking and/or rock climbing experience.

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