

TOUR OVERVIEW

Explore Choquequirao, the “sister city” of Machu Picchu, an awe-inspiring Inca site perched above the majestic Apurímac Canyon. This unique trek blends history, breathtaking landscapes, and the vibrant culture of the Andes. “From hidden ruins to spectacular views, experience the magic of Choquequirao.”

Choquequirao Trek - 4 Days Choquequirao, often referred to as the “sister city” of Machu Picchu, is a hidden gem nestled in the heart of the Andes. Renowned for its majestic beauty and rich historical significance, this ancient Inca site sits high above the breathtaking Apurímac Canyon. With lush landscapes, sparkling rivers, and challenging mountain trails, this trek promises an unforgettable adventure. The route takes you through remote Andean villages where local communities live in harmony with their ancestral heritage and the natural world. Along the way, you’ll encounter terraced fields, vibrant flora, and a remarkable diversity of wildlife, making this journey as culturally enriching as it is visually stunning. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive from Cusco, giving you time to acclimate to the altitude and prepare for a trek that is both demanding and deeply rewarding.

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DAY 1

Cusco - Capuliyoc - Chiquisca - Playa Rosalinas - Santa Rosa

Your memorable tour begins with a 4:30 a.m. pickup from your Cusco hotel. Settle in for a scenic five-hour drive to Capuliyoc, where majestic views of the Salkantay and Humantay snow-capped peaks set the tone for your adventure. After a hearty breakfast and introductions to your trekking crew, your cook, and horseman—you'll hit the trail for a 3-hour downhill hike into the spectacular Apurímac Canyon. Marvel at towering peaks like Padreyoc and Qoriwayrachina before stopping for lunch in Chiquisca. In the afternoon, continue to the roaring Apurímac River, whose Quechua name means "Talking God," then ascend for about two hours to reach Santa Rosa (1,970 m), your first campsite. Enjoy a nourishing dinner before resting under the Andean sky.

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Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cusco
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- ✓ Playa Rosalinas
- ✓ Santa Rosa

DAY 2

Santa Rosa - Marampata - Choquequirao Archaeological Complex - Marampata

Fuel up with breakfast before tackling a 3h zigzag climb to Marampata (2,900 m), where panoramic canyon views and snowy peaks reward your effort. After a short rest, trek another 90 minutes to the awe-inspiring Choquequirao ruins (3,050 m), often called the "sister city of Machu Picchu." You'll explore vast stone terraces, ceremonial plazas, and temples that tell the story of a civilization still shrouded in mystery. Only 40% of this massive complex has been uncovered, making your visit a rare and sacred experience. Discover highlights like the white stone llama carvings facing sacred mountain Apu Qoriwayrachina, and enjoy a picnic lunch amidst the ruins. In the afternoon, return to your camp at Marampata for dinner and a peaceful night beneath a sky bursting with stars.

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DAY 3

Marampata - Santa Rosa - Playa Rosalinas - Chiquisca

After breakfast, start your return via the canyon, retracing your travels to Santa Rosa. Along the way, stop at a local farm to learn about the production of Cambrey, a traditional sugarcane liquor. Enjoy lunch and some well-earned rest before descending to Rosalinas Beach (1,500 m), where you can cool your feet in the river's glacial waters. From there, begin a steady uphill trek for about 1 hour and 15 minutes until you reach Chiquisca (1,900 m). Unwind over dinner and swap stories with your fellow trekkers after another rewarding day on the trail.

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- ✓ Chiquisca

DAY 4

Chiquisca - Capuliyoc - Saywite Monolith - Conoc Hot Springs - Cusco

Start the day early to beat the sun on your final climb to Capuliyoc. After bidding farewell to your trekking team, hop aboard private transport and head to the Saywite Monolith, an ancient Inca ceremonial rock believed to represent the world in miniature and used for water rituals. Then, relax your tired muscles in the soothing thermal pools at Conoc Hot Springs. After a final lunch with mountain views, you'll return to Cusco. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. You will be physically exhausted but profoundly gratified after completing one of Peru's most spectacular hikes.

MEALS:

Breakfast

Lunch

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- ✓ Capuliyoc
- ✓ Saywite Monolith
- ✓ Conoc Hot Springs