

## CHOQUEQUIRAO – THE LAST INCA REFUGE

**Duration:** 4 days / 3 nights

**Fitness level:** High but you can ride a horse

**Option:** This trek can be done over five days to allow more time to explore the ruins and to take the trek at a slower pace.

**Includes:**

- Private transport from Cuzco-Cachora-Cuzco
- English speaking professional guide
- Entrance fee into the ruins
- Camping equipment: large tents, double thickness sleeping mats
- Camping equipment for the guide, horsemen and chef
- All meals including snacks
- Professional chef with assistant and kitchen equipment
- Kitchen and dining tent with camp tables and chairs
- Toilet tent
- Mules/Horses to carry all equipment
- First-Aid kit including an oxygen bottle and an emergency horse

**Not included:**

- Breakfast on first day
- Sleeping bag
- Riding-horses can be hired for an additional US\$50
- Tips for the guide, chef and horsemen



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## **DAY ONE: CUZCO-CHIQUISCA (Approx 6 hours trekking)**

We leave Cuzco very early in the morning (approx. 4.00am) to start our drive to Cachora. First, stop is at Tarawasi, where we visit the Inca Usno archaeological remains, a place where religious ceremonies and festivals were held in honor of Pacha Mama (Mother Earth).

After leaving Tarawasi we continue down through the Apurimac Canyon and cross the Apurimac River before heading up again through Curawasi towards Saywite, the 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. You will see animal figures that were carved to represent the main deities.

(Depending on whether the trip is over four or five days, these stops may not be included).

From Saywite, we continue on to Cachora only 30 minutes away and at 2800m/9184ft. While our mules and horses are being packed up with all our gear we will enjoy a box lunch to gain energy for the trek ahead.

In the afternoon we start our hike ascending and descending for two and a half hours towards Abra Capuliyoc at 2750m/9020ft. Here we will enjoy beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and of the Apurimac River canyon. After soaking up the views, we continue to descend in a zig-zag pattern for two more hours towards Chiquisca where we will camp for the night.

**Meals included:** Lunch and dinner

## **DAY TWO: CHIQUISCA-CHOQUEQUIRAO (Approx 8.5 hours trekking)**

Today is considered the hardest day. After an excellent breakfast we will leave Chiquisca (approx 5:00am) to walk down to the Apurimac River at 1550 metres above sea level (masl). We will cross a foot bridge and then start our steep zig-zag ascent to the small village of Santa Rosa. Here we will have a well-deserved break. We then continue to ascend slowly for two hours until Marampata. Here we will stop for lunch and you can see the first views of Choquequirao.

After lunch, it is a nice two hour walk to the Choquequirao archaeological complex at 3,035 masl (10,107 feet). Camp will be set up near the ruins and you have free-time to explore and enjoy some of the eight different sections of the famous ruins. If you are lucky, condors may appear flying over the ruins before the sun starts to disappear.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner

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**DAY THREE: CHOQUEQUIRAO-ROSALINA BEACH (Approx. 4 hours trekking)**

Today we will enjoy a complete guided tour of the incredible ruins of Choquequirao. Your tour guide will explain the history and importance of this pre-Columbian archaeological complex which first reports date back to 1710 when Juan Ariaz Diaz explored the area.

After the tour, we will start to walk back down to Santa Rosa, where lunch will be waiting. After lunch we will continue to walk down to Rosalina Beach where we will camp for the night. A refreshing dip into the Apurimac River is a great way to relax this afternoon.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner

**DAY FOUR: ROSALINA BEACH-CACHORA-CUZCO (Approx. 6 hours trekking)**

After an early breakfast, we will leave the campsite heading uphill to Coca Masana for lunch. In the afternoon, we will arrive back into Cachora where private transport will be waiting to take us back to Cuzco. We will arrive back into Cuzco at approx 7.00pm.

**Meals included:** Breakfast & lunch

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