



## Peru High Altitude Climbing Itinerary

### Cordillera Blanca, Peru

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1

Arrival in Huaraz. We stay at the Swiss-run hotel Andino, one of Huaraz's nicest hotels. Evening meeting.

##### Day 2

Acclimate in Huaraz and explore the town along with some afternoon lectures on gear and planning. Huaraz is the hub of climbing in the Cordillera Blanca (10,000 feet).

##### Day 3

Travel by private van to the Pastouri Glacier for snow climbing skills. (15,000 feet). We teach a full snow school on how to properly use an ice axe and crampons and ice axe self arrest as well as proper snow climbing technique. Overnight in Huaraz.

##### Day 4

Travel by private van to the Pastouri Glacier a glacier skills seminar (15,000 feet). We will teach all the glacier travel and rope skills you will need on the climbs. Overnight in Huaraz.

##### Day 5

We trek mule-supported from Pashpa to the Ishinca hut, a very scenic hike. We stay in a clean, comfortable Italian run hut in the Ishinca Valley (14,435 feet).

##### Day 6

Rest and enjoy the Ishinca Valley while acclimating with some rope technique practice.

##### Day 7

Summit day on Urus Este (17,782 feet). After an alpine start, the climb is relatively straightforward with a small section of roped glacier travel... a great warm up for the higher peaks. We overnight back at the Ishinca hut.

##### Day 8

Another rest and acclimating day in the Ishinca Valley.

##### Day 9

Summit day on Ishinca (18,142 feet), with spectacular views of the surrounding Cordillera Blanca. After a three hour hike to the toe of the Ishinca glacier, this is an easy climb across a moderate glacier to with a short steep section near the top. A perfect place to practice all the skills you have learned. Descend back to the Ishinca hut.

**Day 10**

Rest day at Ishinca Valley and prepare to move to our Tocclaraju high camp.

**Day 11**

Travel to Tocclaraju high camp (17,060 feet). A steep hike after which we set up a high camp in tents.

**Day 12**

Summit day on Tocclaraju via NW Ridge (19,790 feet, 6000 meters), a little harder than Ishinca, this is real high altitude mountaineering where we apply all the skills you have learned. We then descend all the way back to Ishinca base camp and overnight at the hut.

**Day 13**

Hike out to the trailhead with mule support and then back to Huaraz for a well deserved celebratory dinner and rest.

**Day 14**

Depart Huaraz. Flights home.

**Itinerary subject to change**