



DESCRIPTION

Huchuy Qosqo Trek 2 days venture into one of the most fantastic places near Cusco and walk the original Inca trail surrounded by mountains and beautiful landscapes. A fantastic two-day trek in the surroundings of Cusco traveling from Tambomachay, located just 15 minutes from Cusco, to Huchuy Qosqo, an ancient Inca archaeological site perched on a cliff with stunning views over the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The trail crosses mountain passes and Andean communities, offering a view of a large array of local flora and fauna. This is an excellent hike off the beaten path that can be complemented with a visit to Cusco and as an alternative to the saturated Inca Trail.





FULL ITINERARY

HUCHUY QOSQO TREK 2 DAY

Why Take the Huchuy Qosqo + Patabamba Trek?

- ✓ On this hike, the views are spectacular. (Peru Hike Adventures) arranges the Huchuy Qosqo 2 day trek on a private basis only.
- ✓ The Huchuy Qosqo Trek is a short two day, one night, camping trek that takes you through diverse terrain, from high altitude plains to fertile agricultural corn and potato fields.
- ✓ The highlight of this trek is the Inca site of Huchuy Qosqo, meaning 'Little Cusco' in Quechua, which can only be reached on foot.

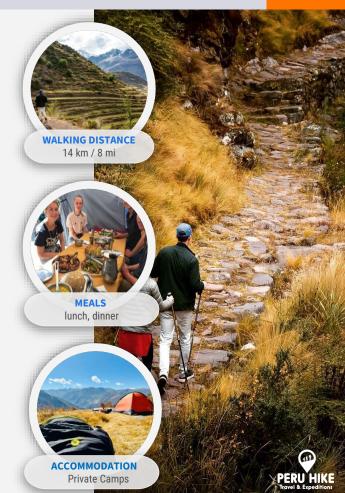
Early morning pick up from your hotel in Cusco will be at 7:30 AM. We will drive to Tambomachay (3,800 m / 12,467 ft), an archaeological complex situated in the Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park. Tambomachay is comprised of a series of ceremonial water fountains, which are thought to have been dedicated to a water cult. The day's hike will start at this point, and will continue through puna landscapes and over the Sicllaccasa pass at (4,100 m / 13,186 ft) where we will have spectacular views of two valleys.

To your right, you will see the capital of the Incas, Cusco, with stunning mountains surrounding it. Your tour guide will tell you about how and where the Incas arrived to this area, and about its conquest by the Spaniards. There are two Inca sites at the bottom of the valley and, on your left, there will be a beautiful landscape of mountains and farmlands.

From the pass, we will follow the side of the valley, making our way toward the top to cross over to the other side. It's about a 45 minute walk to the top end of the valley. Once we get there, we will cross a small stream that divides the valley and begin making our way to our lunch spot at Qoricocha Lake.

The scenery at the lake is quite barren because the whole area is a high puna between the mountains, and is covered with tough, Andean grass called Ichu. It may be possible to see a variety of bird life, such as Andean geese, lapwings, and partridges, among others. After lunch, we will continue on to our campsite at the village of Patabamba. We will make our way to the top of one of the ridges and, as we descend, loop around Qoricocha Lake (Golden Lake).

It is about a two and a half hour walk to the village where we will be greeted by groups of locals who are always happy to welcome us into their community! After we have settled in and had a steaming cup of coca tea, we will visit one of the local families to learn about their way of life. If you have brought any gifts with you, you can share them with the family at this time. After visiting the family, we will have time to relax, and your tour guide will teach you more about the Andean way of life.



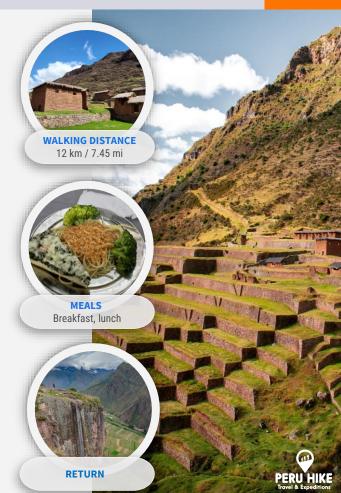
This trail will first take you to the little village of Sihua and then up to the Pukamarca pass (4,150 m / 13,615 ft) which overlooks the village with the same name. Here, you will have a splendid viewpoint of the Urubamba mountain range and the Sacred Valley. After reaching the top of the pass, there is a 2km/0.6 mile (approximately 30 minute) downhill hike to the Pumamarka Community.

After this, you will continue your trek to the Puma Puncu canyon ("the puma door"). From here, you will hike along an original Incan trail, which has been restored as part of the Qapacñan project. This trail will lead you to the isolated and mysterious Inca site of Huchuy Qosqo ("the little Cusco") perched above the Sacred Valley of the Incas at (3,600 m / 11,811 ft).

Once in the site, your guide will walk you through and show you all the site's amazing Inca buildings like sacred temples, storehouses, Inca terraces for agriculture and the Inca reservoir used to store water during the dry season.

Also in this same place we will have lunch, with views of snow-capped mountains surrounding this archaeological complex and the sacred valley of the Incas.

After your guided tour of the site and lunch, we will begin our 40-minutes walk downhill to the village of Lamay (2,800 m / 9,186 ft) by the Urumbamba River in the Sacred Valley where a bus will be waiting to take you back to your hotel in Cusco.





INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

At Peru Hike company, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour ineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logiscs, but please pay aenon to the details to avoid missing anything. Some items may be different for specific programs, so please read carefully before booking with us.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

High Quality Service & Safety

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced Guide speaks English and Spanish
- ✓ A professional cook only for our group
- ✓ Medical Kit First Aid Kit
- ✓ Private Camping Equipment
- ✓ One duffle bag per person
- ✓ Customer Service 24/7
- ✓ Extra oxygen

Permits & Entrance Tickets

✓ Entrance ticket to Huchuy Qosqo Trek

Transportation

- ✓ Private transportation from your hotel in Cusco to the start of the trek.
- ✓ Horses, and muleteers horses carry your 8-kg / 16-pound personal items.
- ✓ Private transportation from the end of the trek to Cusco to your hotel.

Meals

- ✓ Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, and 1 Dinners
- ✓ Meals: vegetarian and vegan
- ✓ Water to drink on the trail every day
- ✓ Wake up tea
- ✓ Tea Time or Happy Hour
- ✓ Snacks on the trail daily
- ✓ Products for hygiene

Accommodation

✓ Personal Accommodation in Private Campsites

Extra inclusions

- ✓ Pillows throughout the tour
- ✓ PRO Air sleeping pad, Therma-Rest brand
- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ Trekking stick



WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED?

What Is Not Included?

- Travel Insurance
- Tips for our staff





BEFORE YOU GO

Is it for me?

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this secon, you'll find the answers to all the quesons you have about traveling with Peru Hike Company in one place. Please read the following informaon carefully – it will help you with any quesons about our services.

How many days do I need to acclimate in Cusco before the Trek?

It's very important to be well acclimated to the altude before exerng yourself on a trek. We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 2 or 3 days before the trek starts to help you adjust and avoid possible problems with altude sickness while on the trek. You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we sll recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before deparng for the trek. Here some suggesons for acvies to do in the Cusco vicinity before starng your adventure trek:

City Tour and Sacred Valley







Sacred Valley



Briefing or Informave Meeng

All informaon meengs and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meengs last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to aend, you must coordinate another me by email, by phone or at the Peru Hike Company office.



Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

The trek has to be paid for in full at most 6.30 pm one day before your departure (generally aer the briefing). It would be much appreciated if you pay the trek balance in cash US dollars or local currency at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw some money from several ATMs along Avenida Sol (either in US dollars or local Peruvian Soles). You can pay by credit card or PAYPAL online, but you will have to pay an charge, charged by VISA and PAYPAL. We do not accept bank checks or payment of the balance by traveler's checks.



Group tours

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical condions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route. It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, aer consulng with all the parcipants, if such modificaons are possible.



Duffel Bag or Canvas Case

You'll receive a canvas case or duffel bag during your briefing. Our horses will carry them, and the horsemen will hand them to you when you get to each camp. They measure 60 x 24 x 22 cm (23.6 x 9.45 x 8.66 in). A maximum of 8 kg / 17 lb is allowed for each duffel bag, including the weight of your sleeping bag, sleeping mat, clothes, and other personal items.



Strikes and demonstraons

Strikes and demonstraons are usually common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date. Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellaons, everything will be coordinated with you by our operaons department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.



Can I store my luggage at your office?

Of course! During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge. Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of the, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.



Lost Objects

Please pay aenon to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport, tents, or restaurants. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour



Pick up of guests

Peru Hike Companycan pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup me in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the me may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic. Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodaon with good access.



DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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