



# QUELCCAYA GLACIER & SIBINACOCHA LAGOON HIKE 1 DAY

EXPLORE AND LIVE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



## DESCRIPTION

The Quelccaya Glacier & Sibinacocha Lagoon Full Day Hike is a spectacular adventure to one of the most remote and impressive regions of the Peruvian Andes. This full-day experience combines a visit to the Quelccaya Glacier, the largest tropical ice cap in the world, with the breathtaking beauty of Sibinacocha Lagoon, a vast turquoise lake surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery.

The journey takes you deep into a pristine high-altitude landscape, passing through wide Andean plains, alpine wetlands, and remote valleys. Before reaching the glacier area, you will stop at Sibinacocha Lagoon, a perfect place to enjoy panoramic views, take stunning photographs, and appreciate the serenity of this sacred Andean lake.

The hike continues toward the impressive ice formations of the Quelccaya Glacier, including views of the nearby Suyuparina Glacier, an important glacial extension within the area. Along the trail, you may spot herds of alpacas and llamas and learn about the significance of these glaciers for local communities and the Andean ecosystem.

This moderate hike is ideal for travelers seeking a unique and less-visited destination. The tour includes a hot Andean breakfast and a traditional lunch in a local community, making it a complete and rewarding high-altitude experience surrounded by glaciers, lagoons, and untouched nature.



# FULL ITINERARY

## QUELCCAYA GLACIER AND SUYUPARINA HIKE – 1 DAY

### **Why Take the Quelccaya Glacier & Suyuparina Hike?**

- ✓ Visit the Quelccaya Glacier, the largest tropical ice cap in the world, and admire the nearby Suyuparina Glacier.
- ✓ Enjoy a scenic stop at Sabinacocha Lagoon, one of the most beautiful high-altitude lakes in southern Peru.
- ✓ Hike through high Andean wetlands, open valleys, and rocky terrain with spectacular mountain and glacier views.
- ✓ Learn about the importance of Quelccaya and Suyuparina glaciers for local communities and the Andean ecosystem.
- ✓ Capture incredible photographs of glaciers, turquoise lagoons, and untouched Andean landscapes.
- ✓ Enjoy a hot Andean breakfast and a traditional lunch during this full-day high-altitude adventure.

Our journey starts well before sunrise with an early hotel pick-up at approximately 3:00 a.m. from your accommodation in Cusco. Leaving the city behind, we travel for about five hours across the vast Andean highlands, passing isolated villages, wide-open plateaus, and dramatic mountain scenery characteristic of southern Peru.

Weather and visibility permitting, we may make a brief scenic stop at the breathtaking Sibinacocha Lagoon. When conditions are favorable, we take time to admire this serene high-altitude lake, surrounded by sweeping mountain landscapes, and capture memorable photographs.

We then continue our journey by vehicle to the remote Andean community of Phinaya, where we arrive later in the morning. Here, we enjoy a traditional Andean breakfast, ideal for acclimatization and for preparing our bodies for the day's exploration in the high Andes.

After breakfast, we drive for approximately one additional hour, traveling deeper into the Andes toward Suyuparina, the access point to the impressive Quelccaya Glacier, the largest tropical glacier on Earth.

At the end of the drivable road, we begin a moderate walk of approximately 50 minutes to reach the glacier viewpoint. Along the trail, we are surrounded by vast Andean landscapes, glacial valleys, and impressive ice formations. Visitors may have the opportunity to enter natural ice caverns formed within the glacier, offering a unique and unforgettable close-up experience of the Quelccaya Glacier.

After spending time at the glacier viewpoint—admiring the immense ice walls, exploring the surroundings, and taking photographs—we return along the same route with an approximately 50-minute walk back to the vehicle.

Following the glacier visit, we return by vehicle to Phinaya, where a traditional lunch prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients awaits us.

In the afternoon, we begin our scenic return journey to Cusco along the same highland route, enjoying the final views of the remote Andean landscapes. The experience concludes with drop-off near Cusco's Plaza de Armas, with arrival expected between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., depending on road and traffic conditions.

**WALKING DISTANCE:**

2 km / 1.24 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast and Lunch

**MINIMUM ELEVATION:**

5,100 m / 16732 ft



# INCLUSIONS

## INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

At Peru Hike company, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour itineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logistics, but please pay attention 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

- ✓ Experienced Guide speaks English and Spanish
- ✓ Medical Kit – First Aid Kit
- ✓ Customer Service 24/7
- ✓ Extra oxygen

## Transportation

- ✓ Private transportation from your hotel in Cusco to the start of the trek.
- ✓ Private transportation from the end of the trek to Cusco, Plaza Regocijos.

## Meals

- ✓ Meals: 1 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches
- ✓ Meals: vegetarian and vegan



# WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED?

## What Is Not Included?

- Travel Insurance
- Tips for our staff
- Additional costs or delays out of control of the management
- Entrance ticket to Quelccaya Glacier S/15





# BEFORE YOU GO

## Is it for me?

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Peru Hike Company in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions 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 altitude before exerting 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 altitude sickness while on the trek. You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altitude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we still recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before departing for the trek. Here are some suggestions for activities to do in the Cusco vicinity before starting your adventure trek:

### City Tour and Sacred Valley



City Tour



Sacred Valley



### Briefing or Informative Meeting

All information meetings and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meetings last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to attend, you must coordinate another meeting 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 after 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 a 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 conditions 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, after consulting with all the participants, if such modifications 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 demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations 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 cancellations, everything will be coordinated with you by our operations 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 attention 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 Company can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup time in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic. Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobble 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 accommodation with good access.

# THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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