


PUMAHUANCA PASS


HIKE_Full day

A challenging 10 hour hike taking in Inca ruins, waterfalls, alpine prairies and a high mountain pass, with spectacular views of the Urubamba range.

A challenging, but immensely rewarding 10 hour hike covering a range of terrains. Easing in gently but becoming more challenging as the day goes on, the trip includes the Inca ruins of Chupani, the rural hamlet of Pumahuanca and its waterfall. The landscape then becomes wilder, with queñua copses and alpine prairies grazed by herds of alpacas. A steep climb leads to the Pumahuanca Pass, which sits at an altitude of 4,700 meters above sea level. Lunch is taken at the summit before the same route is taken back to the hotel.

This trek is suitable for experienced hikers with excellent stamina and physical fitness. Expect everything from leafy glades and woodland, streams and waterfalls to lagunas, prairies and Andean mountains. The views over the cordillera Urubamba are breathtaking and well worth the trek.


 **Depart: 7:00 am Return: 5:00 pm**


 **Whole journey duration: 10h**
Driving time: 30 minutes round trip

 **Distance: 20 km**

 **Elevation gain/loss: +1560 m / -1560 m**

 **Maximum elevation: 4800 m / 15740 ft**

 **Difficulty level: Challenging – endurance and excellent physical fitness required, in addition to experience with high altitude treks. Hikers must be over 15 years of age**

 *Wear hiking clothes and shoes and a high SPF sun cream.*

