

Climbing Chachani (best seller!)

Day 1:

We leave Arequipa at 8:30 am and about two hours later we start walking at an elevation of 5200 m. After about two hours we reach Base Camp, at about 5.400 meters, set up camp, and walk up to the pass above (another 120 meters higher) to get accustomed to the altitude. Temperatures here range from +5 to -15 degrees Celsius.

Day 2:

We start the climb to the summit at around 2:30 am, after a warming cup of coca tea. We climb up to the first pass, cross the north face of Angel (usually snow-covered), from where the city of Arequipa can be seen. We then ascend the south face of Fatima, cross another short stretch of snow, and make the final climb to the summit of Chachani. The ascent takes 5-6 hours, and the ascent back to base camp 2-3 hours. We leave most of the equipment at base camp, and only take a light pack on the ascent. At base camp we pack up camp and descend to where the transportation is waiting for us. We will be back in Arequipa between 2:00 and 3:00 pm.

Private Tour (1 Person) = 310 USD

Group Tour (2-6 Persons) = 170 USD per Person

Included:

- Experienced guide
- Tents, mattresses, cooking equipment, sleeping bag etc.
- Pick up and drop off to your hotel and transport to and from the base of the mountain
- Meals while trekking (1 dinner, 1 breakfast)

Please note that you have to carry the equipment by yourself.

If you do not want to carry the equipment, you can book a carrier (Please contact the agency to ask for the price).

Not Included:

- personal clothes such as pants, jackets, etc (these items can be hired in Arequipa at an additional cost)
- Breakfast in Arequipa before leaving for the mountain, lunches
- Water, chocolate, snacks etc.

What to Bring:

- Specialist trekking or climbing pack
- Synthetic or leather boots with strong sole

- Sleeping bag rated to at least -5 degrees Celsius
- Layers of synthetic thermal or merino wool, preferably lightweight, at least some long-sleeved
- Fleece or soft shell jacket
- Gore-tex or equivalent jacket
- Thermal or merino long underwear
- Trekking pants, preferably wind resistant (eg, soft shell)
- Thick socks, preferably wool (liner socks are useful to help avoid blisters)
- Woolly hat
- Liner gloves and outer gloves (ski gloves are ok)
- Cap or hat, preferably broad-brimmed, good quality sunglasses, and suncream
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- First-aid kit including blister plasters, bandage, scissors, altitude sickness pills (consult a travel medicine specialist about these)
- At least 5 litres of water, chocolates, sweets, snacks, etc (something salty is good for replacing minerals lost through sweating, and loose sweets are good for maintaining energy while climbing)