

Locally Guided Adventures

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What is a Locally Guided Adventure?

These trips have been chosen by Civilized Adventures for several reasons. Each is operated by our select, trusted, overseas affiliates; they offer excellent guiding by local experts (i.e. they live in the destination country); and they offer superb value because they are “set departures”, meaning they depart on specific dates throughout the year and trip cost is based on a certain group size.

Where do you start? Talk to us! Tell us where you want to go and what level of travel you're comfortable with. Working together, we can direct you to options that best suit your criteria.

The cornerstone of any Civilized Adventure is our own passion for exploring the world and experiencing what a country or area is all about. We bring that passion to over 15 years of trip-planning experience. Let us combine our experience with your dreams to result in your very own **trip of a lifetime.**

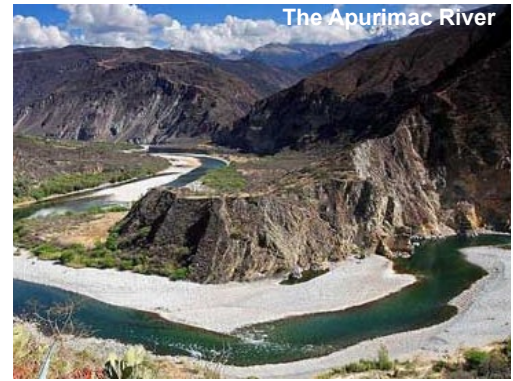
Why CHOQUEQUIRAO, THE CRADLE OF GOLD?

Alternative to the Inca Trail • Remote • Dramatic Scenery

This 4 night camping trip takes you to what has been called “**Machu Picchu's sacred sister**”. The ruins of Choquequirao show striking similarities to Machu Picchu in terms of design and ceremonial architecture and its history is still a matter of speculation. This awe-inspiring journey will take you through a wide range of ecological zones, from Andean farming valleys; through a hot and arid canyon environment featuring kapok trees, cactus and agaves, up

into lush cloud forest, all beneath the snow capped peaks of the Vilcabamba range. Almost 40% of Choquequirao has been cleared of vegetation revealing terraces, stairways and altars.

We outline a 4 night/5 day program here. Looking for a greater challenge? Please ask about the 11 night/12 day trek that takes you into Machu Picchu on foot.



The Apurimac River



At Choquequirao

CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK (4nts camping)

Snow capped Andean Peaks • Undiscovered Inca Ruins • Remote

Day 1 – CUSCO via Cachora to CHIQUISCA: Early morning drive from Cusco to the Apurimac River (dropping 1800m) and up to the village of Cachora at 3400m. Surrounded by the peaks of the Vilcabamba range, meet your crew and horse pack train and begin the hike which takes us into the Apurimac River Canyon. We camp at the small oasis of Chiquisca (2,000m).

Some speculate that Topa Inca built it to rival his father Pachacuti's Machu Picchu. In the afternoon, watch for Andean Condors riding the thermal currents over the ruins. The steep mountainside below the main plaza features several clusters of newly-discovered buildings, including the so-called Ridge Group, and the Waterfall Temple, an intriguing ceremonial complex facing the cascades of a steep ravine.

Day 2 – TO CHOQUEQUIRAO: We drop to 1550m to cross the river on a suspension footbridge. We hike upward, past small sugar cane plantations to upland meadows where we first glimpse the building and terraces of Choquequirao. We continue upward through native cloud forest to the ridge top where the ceremonial centre of Choquequirao lies (3,000m). We camp near the ruins.

Day 4 – TO CHIQUISCA: Crossing meadows and passing a row of Inca storehouses, we leave the settlement and descend into the canyon. We cross the river and enjoy a dip in a swimming hole before making camp at Chiquisca.

Day 3 – IN CHOQUEQUIRAO: A full day to explore the “Cradle of God”, whose remoteness protected it from the Spanish.

Day 5 – TO CUSCO: We leave the canyon behind as we regain the mountainous grasslands that stretch to Capuliyoc Pass and the valley of Cachora. We bid farewell to our trail crew and drive back to Cusco.

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INCLUSIONS:

- Professional pre-tour consultation services
 - Complete pre-departure information
 - Trip Handbook (what you need to know before you go) and a miniguide to Peru
- Once in Peru:
- Briefing lecture before the tour by your licensed, well-trained, English-speaking guide
 - Route map
 - Camping Equipment: Dining tent, tables, chairs and cooking equipment; use of 1 duffel per hiker; toilet tent
 - Spacious North Face tents with comfortable sleeping pads; use of duffel bag during the trek (Max. allowance of 10kg/20lb). Single? You can have your own tent for a single supplement.
 - Trek staff equipped with first aid kit & oxygen tank
 - Meals: healthy, hearty meals with fresh local ingredients prepared by the Chef and Assistant Chef (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner).
 - Purified water to refill your own container
 - Well-paid, well-treated porters and staff
 - Private transportation from Cusco to the start of the trail.
 - Entrance fees
 - Civilized Adventures daypack.

ADULT, sharing, per person on dates listed

Each of 2	US\$ 950
Each of 4	US\$ 1050

Dates: June 5, 19; July 4, 18; Aug. 1, 15, 29; Sept. 12, 26; Oct. 10, 24

Cost is per person, based on a minimum of 2 people travelling together following our sample itinerary. Single tents are available for a supplement. There is a supplement for **private departures** which can be **on any date** based on availability. Larger parties may benefit from cost savings; please inquire.

Recommended: add extra nights pre or post-tour in Cusco, and extending into the Sacred Valley and on to Machu Picchu. Any changes/additions would likely be on a private basis - allow us to help you design your Peru adventure with any additions you may be interested in!

We accept Visa & MasterCard. Please **deduct 2% if paying by cheque.**



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The Camping Experience

Our outfitter uses North Face V-25 tents only. Its is a three-person expedition tent that is used for just two people to offer our clients more space and comfort.

Thermarest sleeping mats are supplied.

North Face sleeping bags can be rented for US\$28 per person for the 4 day trek program (payable locally). Rental includes a clean sleeping bag liner. Please let us know if you need one prior to departure so we can reserve one for you.

Shared equipment includes a dining tent (complete with tables and chairs), and cooking equipment that is used the chef and assistant



chef. Meals are healthy and hearty and prepared by the Chef and the Chef's Assistant.

All porters and staff are well-paid and well-treated. You will be supplied with a duffel bag to use during the trek with a maximum weight allowance of 10kg/20lb to be carried by one of the porters.

EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights
- Domestic scheduled flights
- Airport departure taxes
- Permit fees to the Inca Trail
- North Face sleeping bags are available to rent.
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, drinks, etc.)
- Meals not mentioned; any activities/ excursions not mentioned
- Optional travel insurance
- Gratuities to local staff (porters, guides, drivers)
- Any increases in cost due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e. airfare or fuel increases/surcharges, fluctuations of currency, park fees, taxes, etc.)

Prices quoted are in US\$ as of Sept. 15 '10 (valid to Oct. 30 '11) and are subject to change.

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