

CORDILLERA BLANCA MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVENTURE

October 1st to October 11th, 2020 | TRAIL RATING – ADVANCED | 1,895 USD



HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Start a ride at 15,500 ft
- ✓ 62,000 ft of descents
- ✓ 115 miles of singletrack
- ✓ Visit Huascarán Park
- ✓ Massive glacial views and beautiful glacial lakes
- ✓ World-class food and culture
- ✓ Fun local lodges

DAY 1 Arrivals

Welcome to Lima, South America's premier culinary destination and Peru's capitol city. Your guide will meet you at the airport and shuttle the group to your Barranco hotel. In the evening, we'll build bikes, have a brief orientation and enjoy dinner.
(Night: Lima -- Barranco)

DAY 2 EL Morro Solar

Test our bikes at Lima's most famous local trail system. Pedal several enduro-style loops to the top of *El Morro Solar* and take in epic views of Lima. Get some loose turns in on the Pacific anti-grip. Get ready to road trip tomorrow!
(Night: Lima -- Barranco)
Dist: 8.7 mi ⚡ **1,886 ft**
⚡ **1,886 ft** Max: 951 ft

DAY 3 Transfers to Huaraz

The road trip is on! Load bikes and bags into the shuttle and travel 8 hours northeast to Huaraz, capitol of the Ancash region. Enjoy spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean and La Cordillera Blanca along the way. Acclimatize to the thin mountain air!
(Night: Huaraz)



DAY 4 Black Range Rodeo
Shuttle to the heights of the Black Range to enjoy Callanpunta & Rodeo trails, both local favorites and a fun warmup for the week of riding. Views of Huaraz City and the Cordillera Blanca are unreal!
(Night: Huaraz)

Dist: 22.9 mi ⚡ **1,098 ft**
⚡ **10,774 ft** Max: 14,462 ft

DAY 5 All Play, No Work
Shuttle north of Huaraz City to rip Mataquita Trail, where we'll get fast and furious! Shuttle two secret singletracks on our way back to Huaraz and, later, ride a narrow gorge straight down into Huaraz City.
(Night: Huaraz)

Dist: 13.9 mi ⚡ **276 ft**
⚡ **9,964 ft** Max: 12,742 ft

DAY 6 Glacial Lake to Thermal Baths
Visit the pristine Llaca Lake, at the foot of La Cordillera Blanca. Ride a rowdy rock garden and local favorite Pitec. Later, enjoy an all-mountain style trail that finishes with cold beers at the local hot springs.
(Night: Huaraz)

Dist: 20.8 mi ⚡ **545 ft**
⚡ **7,282 ft** Max: 14,740 ft

DAY 7 Transfers & Switchback City
Shuttle down the Santa Valley to the more arid town of Caraz in the morning. In the afternoon, be overwhelmed by rocky switchbacks and some seriously techy riding. It's too good!
(Night: Caraz)

Dist: 11.1 mi ⚡ **200 ft**
⚡ **8,698 ft** Max: 10,873 ft

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DAY 8 Huascarán Park

Our biggest shuttle of the trip, to the Portachuelo Pass. Enter Huascarán National Park and descend to Llanganuco Lake, a place you thought only existed on NatGeo! Later, bomb the María Josefa trail all the way to Yungay.

(Night: Caraz)

Dist: 22.1 mi 807 ft

10,089 ft Max. 15,501 ft

DAY 9 Las Puyas

Discover a Peru Biking secret. Technical trails lined with *puyas*, a towering local cactus that lends a wild contrast to the glacial peaks of The Cordillera Blanca. Barbecue back at our hotel before packing our gear.

(Night: Caraz)

Dist: 17.9 mi 774 ft

14,123 ft Max. 14,628 ft

DAY 10 Transfer to Lima

Load up the shuttle and begin the journey back to Lima. Snoozing is not only permitted, but highly encouraged! We'll arrive to Lima in the afternoon. Your guides will lend a hand with breaking down and packing your bikes. Farewell drinks are a must.

(Night: Lima)

DAY 11 Departures

Tupananchiskama -- Until we ride again! Your guide is available to help pack your bike and to shuttle you on time to the airport. If you chose to extend your stay, your guide can help with travel plans and other logistics.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Airport (LIM) shuttle service for arrivals/departures
- ✓ 2 Expert MTB guides (Wilderness First Responder Certified)
- ✓ Trail fees
- ✓ Private shuttle and driver for all rides/activities (excludes Day 2 El Morro Solar ride)
- ✓ 3 Nights of lodging in Lima (double-occupancy room)
- ✓ 4 Nights of lodging in Huaraz (double-occupancy room)
- ✓ 3 Nights of lodging in Caraz (triple-occupancy bungalow)
- ✓ 10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, and 2 Dinners
- ✓ Water, fruits, snacks, and post-ride brews
- ✓ Admission to Huascarán National Park
- ✓ Admission to Thermal Hot Springs
- ✓ Access to rental bikes, bike-stand and tools
- ✓ Access to supplemental oxygen, first-aid resources and satellite communicator
- ✓ Good times!
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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (DAY 1 & DAY 11)

You take care of arriving to Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport (LIM) and your guide will take care of the rest. Airport shuttle service is available to and from the group's hotel for each individual rider.

For riders interested in arriving prior to our scheduled start date or departing after the scheduled departure date, special shuttle service and storage of bikes can be easily arranged.

GUIDES

You will have at least one experienced guide with a deep knowledge of local trails and conditions. Your guide will be *at least* bilingual in English and Spanish. Guides carry Wilderness First Responder certification. Your guides bring over 15 years of combined experience riding and guiding the Peruvian Andes. You're in good hands!

LODGING

Your lodges are carefully chosen boutique hotels that have been selected with a rider's needs in mind. There is ample space to store, wash and maintain your bikes and charming courtyards or patios where you can relax. All accommodations include Wi-Fi and open areas.

GEAR & EQUIPMENT

All riders are expected to bring their own well-maintained mountain bike.* We recommend all-mountain full-suspension bikes with at least 160 mm of travel. An aggressive gravity-driven tire setup, dropper posts, and rim protectors are all highly recommended. Detailed instructions for packing and traveling with mountain bikes will be made available in the pre-departure information package.

You will have a bike stand and basic tools to assemble and maintain bikes available throughout the course of the trip.

Riders should bring, at a minimum, a ¾ coverage all-mountain helmet (or downhill helmet), protective eyewear, kneepads, gloves, and a light pack with water reservoir or bottle.

*Well-maintained 2020 Scott Ransom 920s (Size S, M or L) can be rented for 70 USD per day.

MEALS

Peruvian cuisine has achieved international fame amongst foodies. It's hard not to love!

All breakfasts are served at your lodging before the designated departure time for each day of riding. For lunch, riders will sample Peru's most famous dishes, served trailside when possible. Two dinners with your guides are also included in the cost of the trip. Other evenings are left free to explore some of the area's fantastic restaurants and breweries.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Peruvian trails are raw, minimally maintained and very vertical at times – it's the Andes after all! Trails, in very few cases, are bike-purposed: these trails were either originally Inca trails or community footpaths to connect the Andean highlands with nearby valleys. The trails between Huaraz and Caraz (the area referred to as The Santa Valley) are for advanced-level riders who feel comfortable on a variety of terrains.

The views and scenery that this trip has to offer might be unmatched by any other place in the world. La Cordillera Blanca has long been a destination for mountaineers and climbers but is now the emerging frontier of Peruvian MTB.

ALTITUDE & CLIMATE

Riding will be done between 7,000 ft and 15,500 ft of elevation. Most ascents will be shuttle-assisted; however, roughly 10% of the total riding will be climbs. Whereas many locals look to coca leaves as a traditional remedy for altitude sickness, riders might consider prescription medication also. It's recommended that riders adopt a training regimen to prepare themselves for riding at altitude and for long consecutive days of riding.

Temperatures range from 45°F to 80°F in towns and valleys, while temperatures can vary between 30°F to 60°F at higher elevations. Rain or hail showers are always a possibility.

SAFETY

Rider safety is paramount. Guides, drivers, and everyone else involved prioritize the safety of the group over anything else. While cellular reception is frequently unavailable along the remote trails that you'll be riding, guides will always carry two-way radios and a satellite communicator to keep the group together and to respond to any emergency.

Barranco, Huaraz and Caraz are destinations that are very safe for tourists. As always, practicing common sense goes a long way to ensuring a safe and enjoyable trip.

CONTACT & AVAILABILITY

Interested in shredding the Peruvian Andes? For more info, please contact info@perubiking.com or send a message to:



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For group rides, Peru Biking accepts a maximum of 8 riders. With smaller groups, we can guarantee more rides and better flow for all riders in the group.