

Lake Churup

About this tour

Hiking start: Pitec
Hiking time: 5:30 hrs.
Ascent: 679m. / 2,227ft.

Hiking end: Pitec
Driving time: 1:40 hrs.
Descent: 636m. / 1,102ft.

Description

Take an amazing visit to Churup, the lake of the seven colors of the white mountain range. The tour begins with the pick-up of the tourist from the door of their hotel at 7:30 am in Huaraz. Through a trip through the white mountain range, we will appreciate incredible landscapes. Then there is a 3 ½ hour walk to Churup lake, located at 4,450m. / 14,600ft. There, we can appreciate a unique landscape in the Cordillera Blanca. After that we will return on foot to the camp to begin the return trip to Huaraz. The tour ends at approximately 4:00 pm.

Our Itinerary

Join us for a day hike to one of the most beautiful high alpine lakes in the Ancash region, Lake Churup. We begin from Huaraz, with a drive on an unpaved road to Pitec, where we will park and continue on foot. Along the way, we will pass the verdant farmlands and adobe homes of the Quechua-speaking people of Unchus and Llupa. We'll observe local villagers in their colorful traditional dress going about their daily tasks.

Once at Pitec, we'll start out along the ridge trail, passing through amazing breathtaking scenery including the snow-capped peaks of the central Cordillera Blanca, the highest glacial mountain range in the tropics. We will pass through a Quenual Forest, with Polyepis trees comprising the majority of flora. These Quenual woodlands, consisting of tree and shrub species in the Rose family (Rosaceae), are among the world's highest altitude forests.

The last stretch of the hike to reach the lake requires a bit of climbing as you navigate a steep but short incline using ropes, on the other side of which we will be greeted with the sight of serene Lake Churup at 4,450m. (15,000ft.) of elevation. Here, we will appreciate, always in the company of our professional guide, a lagoon of picturesque colors (especially green and turquoise) under high snow-capped mountains such as the Churup snow-capped mountain. Of course we will have time to take spectacular photos, rest, enjoy our box lunch and answer any questions with the professional guide.

After enjoying these gorgeous natural surroundings, we will hike back to Pitec.

Our private car will return us to Huaraz after a memorable day surrounded by natural beauty.

Included:

- Transportation
- Professional bilingual guide
- Box lunch
- Entrance tickets
- First Aid Kit

Not included:

- Personal travel insurance
- Additional services
- Tips

- Extras

What to take:

- Short-sleeved shirts or t-shirts of breathable fabrics, like nylon and polyester
- Light insulation long sleeve jacket
- Waterproof jacket (if it's the rainy season, we recommend you also bring rain pants)
- Hiking pants or shorts, preferably made of QuickDry material
- Light cap
- Breathable sports or hiking socks
- Multifunctional headwear (for example, Buff)
- Waterproof and breathable light hiking boots
- Trekking Poles (rent available)
- Day Pack (preferably with rain cover)
- Sunglasses, sunblock, lip balm, and repellent
- Reusable water bottle
- Personal First Aid Kit (recommended)