

LAKE 513

About this tour

Hiking start: Shonquil
Hiking time: 6:30 hrs.
Ascent: 1,010m. / 3,313ft.

Hiking end: Shonquil
Driving time: 4:00 hrs.
Descent: 1,010 m. / 3,313ft.

Overview

Join the Laguna 513 hike for a challenging and scenic adventure in the Cordillera Blanca. Enjoy stunning views, intense blue waters, and cultural encounters.

Our Itinerary

Join us for an unforgettable day of exploration starting with a morning pickup from your hotel in Huaraz. We'll embark on a scenic drive through Huascarán National Park, passing charming Andean villages where we can catch glimpses of local shepherds and farmers tending to their fields using traditional methods. The journey offers splendid views of the majestic Huascarán mountain.

Once we arrive at the starting point in the Shonquil Valley, we'll begin our hike along an almost flat path, gradually ascending in switchbacks parallel to the Chucchún River. Our destination is the remarkable Rajupaquinán lake (4,110m. /13,484ft.), located at the foot of Mount Hualcan (6,104m. / 20,026ft.) in the Santa River basin. This glacier lake, known as Laguna 513, is considered one of the most beautiful lakes in the Cordillera Blanca. Its strategic location beneath Hualcan mountain lends it an intense blue reflection in its waters.

We'll find a picturesque spot along the lakeshore to enjoy a delicious lunch while capturing panoramic pictures. Afterward, we'll retrace our steps back to the Shonquil Valley, where our transportation will be waiting to drive you back to our hotel in Huaraz.

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)