

MULTISPORT APURIMAC BLACK CANYON ADVENTURE (4 Days / 3 Nights)



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The Apurimac River, source of the Amazon River, is one of the most incredible whitewater rafting trips in the Cusco region, with 50 rapids along the 4 days, hikes and amazing campsites near by the river. This river is considering one of the 10 best rivers in the world for white water journeys.

Private departures: every day upon request.

Fixed departures:

May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th.

Level: : Moderate to challenging. Class 3, 4+ rapids. swimming skills required.



Easy



Moderate



Challenging

Duration: 4 days ☀️ / 3 nights 🌙

Location: South west of Cusco

Season: From May to November

Departures: Every day between March to January

Meeting point: Cusco City

Price includes:

- Transportation to and from the river
- All meals and excellent diet during the expedition (3 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 3 Dinner)
- All professional rafting equipment (dries bags and class V river gear)
- High quality rafting equipment and self-bailing rafts
- One Safety Kayak for each 2 boats
- All camping gear (screen dinning tent, double person tents, mattress, etc)
- Safety and professional river procedure
- Best Peruvians class V river guides (International training, swift water rescue and wilderness first responder courses)
- Professional First aid kit
- Satellite Phone and rescue procedure
- Environmental care

Price does not include:

- Hotels or meals in Cusco
- Sleeping bag (\$25.00 whole tripe)
- Tips and Extra spends or services don't describe in the program
- All types of personal insurance
- Peruvian taxes * (Foreigners are exonerated of Peruvian taxes, so they must present a copy of their passport and migration paper)



Itinerary description

DAY 1: CUSCO - MAUKALLACTA – HUANOQUITE - LORETUYOC CAMP:

The guide will meet you at the hotel to leave Cusco (7:00 am) in our private vehicle, we will drive for 2½ hours towards Maukallacta Inca site. We will hike for about one hour and half to the mythical Inca site called Maukallacta (2,900 meters) where we will enjoy our snack and hear stories about the Ayar brothers and wives, founders of the Inca civilization. After a hike and visit this amazing and sacred Inca site, we will enjoy lunch. Then we board our car for the next 3-hours driving down to Molle Molle village and then uphill to Huanoquite town and the Willkacunca pass at 4,100masl (13,874 ft.). From this point we will get into the Apurimac River canyon with an impressive view of the surrounding mountains and the majestic gorge of the river, the headwater of the Amazon river. At that point we will start driving down and you will notice a warm atmosphere and a growing forest until it turns into the spectacular relic of centuries old native forest. After 25 more minutes we will arrive to the Loretuyoc Bridge at 3,300 meters (11,316ft), where we will find our campsite beside a magical waterfall. It will be time to enjoy happy hour before our dinner. There is an optional 2 hours hike from the pass to the campsite. (Lunch, Dinner).

TIMING:

- 7:00 - 9:30 AM drive to towards Maukallacta Inca site
- 9:30 – 11:30 AM hike
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 – 15:30 drive down to Molle Molle and then to the pass
- 15:30 – 17:00 possible hike to camp – or can drive in 25 minutes

Sunset about 17:50

DISTANCES:

- Cusco to Maukallacta > 90 kms
- Maukallacta to Camp > 70 kms.
- Hike in the morning 8 kms (down and uphill)
- Optional hike to camp 3 km (mostly downhill)

DAY 2: HIKE TO ROCOTO COMMUNITY - HUAJACHACA BRIDGE AT THE APURIMAC RIVER:

After a balanced breakfast we will do a short hike to visit Loretuyoc forest, where we will find over two hundred year old trees of an endangered species. We will find and follow part of the royal highway coming from Cusco and going towards the Apurimac river and then to the Pacific Ocean coast. We will keep walking for the next two hours down through Kusichaca remains to Rocoto village (2800 meters) where we will meet the local people and have the chance to bring some help to the local school. From here, we have the choice to keep walking for 2 more hours or just board the vans and will drive for a half an hour to the end of the road from where we will have a “must hike” down for about 500 meters down to the river near the base of the Inca bridge of Huajachaca, used by the antique Peruvians to exchange goods between the Pacific Ocean coast and Cusco as the capital of the empire at (2100 meters). Lunch will be served at the river shore. At this point we will meet the other part of the crew, our river rafting guides and all the equipment and gear to continue with our expedition by the river. After lunch our river rafting guides will provide us with our river equipment and will give us a safety briefing before getting to the class 2-3 rapids of this fantastic river. We will star to paddle and find bases of old bridges used since centuries by Incas until now. Dinner will be served at the campsite around the campfire. Full meals included.

TIMING:

- 5.00 AM sunrise
- 6.30 AM Breakfast
- 7:30 AM start hike down to Rocoto
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM arrive Rocoto community and visit school
- 10:30 Continue second stretch of the hike until the river for 2 more hours and half. Arrive noon for lunch
- 14:30 after safety talk, we start our rafting trip for the next 2 hours.
- 4.30 pm Camping

Sunset about 5:50 PM

DISTANCES:

- First 5 kms to Rocoto village with a gentle down hill
- Last 5 kms to reach the river with more inclined down hill

Total hike altitude lost during hike: 1,200 meters in 5-6 hours.

Total section of the river to be run in the next days 52 kilometers

DAY 3: SANTO TOMAS RIVER - 3 CONDORES RAPIDS AT THE BLACK CANYON.

After a healthy breakfast we will walk around the campsite to admire the vegetation like bromeliads and orchids. In the morning we will some easy rapids and pass the nice part of the canyon and admire some waterfalls and have the chance to explore a little creek. Then, after cross calm waters and black rock for about 2 to 3 hours will meet a tributary call Santo Tomas River and continue by an amazing limestone canyon. After lunch, we will run quite a few class 3 rapids and to have the big chance of find river otters, some deer, cormorants, torrent ducks and other tropical Andean birds. Will have lunch at a sandy beach. In the afternoon we will pass many old suspended bridges along the river and have another set of rapids like 3 condores, before set up camp in a nice sandy beach.

Full meals included.

TIMING:

- 5.00 AM sunrise
- 6.30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30/9:00 am start rafting after load the rafts
- 10:30 AM continue rafting and snacks at Santo Tomas river join.
- 12.30 PM lunch
- 14:00/416:30 rafting
- 16:30 set up camp

Sunset about 5:50 PM

DAY 4: “THE OTHER RIGHT” RAPIDS - HUALPACHACA BRIDGE - CUSCO:

After breakfast, we will run the most intense sets of class III to IV pool-drops rapids, called "The other right" among others. Also time to explore a couple of waterfall creeks. We will have lunch at the end of our adventure, followed by a four-hour drive to Cusco in our private vehicle. We will drop you off at your hotel. End of our services. (Breakfast, Lunch).

TIMING:

- 5.00 AM sunrise
- 6.30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Load boats and start rafting
- 11:00 AM Arrive to take out
- 12.00 leave the river for our 4-5 hours drive back to Cusco.
- 13.00 Lunch in a sightseen point.
- 18:30 Arrive Cusco

115 Kms to drive back to Cusco city

GROUP SERVICE: NET PRICE PER PERSON:
\$900.00 American dollars per person
MINIMUM: 2 PAX TO OPEN A GROUP
PRIVATE SERVICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST