



## Legendary PERU

### HUARAZ

The city of Huaraz is located at the north of the Peruvian Andes in the Department of Ancash at 3080 masl. It is known for its snow-capped mountains and natural landscapes, which makes it a perfect destination for those who like extreme sports and mountaineering. Huaraz is a typical Andean city, almost entirely rebuilt after the 1970 earthquake, catastrophe that accounted more than 60,000 dead in the area. In Ancash, many cultures developed like the Chavín and Recuay. The latter (200 BC to 700 AC) characterized itself by its technique in sculpting granite stone, andesite and granodiorite

	SERVICE	LENGTH	DEPARTURE
<b>Half day</b>			
<a href="#">City tour</a>	PVT	8h	Daily
<a href="#">Sechín ruins</a>	PVT	1h	Daily

	SERVICE	LENGTH	DEPARTURE
<b>Full day</b>			
<a href="#">Huascarán National park and Llanganuco Lagoon</a>	PVT	8h	Daily
<a href="#">Chavín de Huántar ruins</a>	PVT	8h	Daily

**B** Breakfast **BL** Box lunch **L** Lunch **D** Dinner

#### CITY TOUR

Visit to the archaeological sites of **Wilcahuain** and **Ichic Wilcahuain** that remains from the period of the Wari-Tiahuanaco cultures, to observe the funerary chambers built in truncate pyramids of various levels. Then, visit to the **Regional Archaeological Museum** that displays mummies, trepanned skulls, Stone sculptures of Recuay warriors and retains ceramics of the Recuay, Jancu, Huaraz, and Wari cultures.

#### SECHÍN RUINS

The **Sechín ruins** are located at 5 Km. southeast of the city of Casma and it consists of a stone and mud temple-palace. Its main attractions are its lithic-sculptures, unique in the Peruvian coast, of beheaded warriors with mutilated arms and legs being represented there.

Note: Ruins could be visited during the transfer from Huaraz to Trujillo on private transport, or vice versa.

#### HUASCARÁN NATIONAL PARK AND LLANGANUCO LAGOON

Transfer along the Callejón de Huaylas, visiting along the way the towns of Carhuaz, Mancos, and Yungay. Then, we will enter to the **Huascarán National Park**, declared a World Patrimony by UNESCO in 1985, from where we will have a spectacular view of the White Mountain range and the peaks of Huascarán and Huandoy. Between these mountains, we can find the turquoise waters of the **Llanganuco Lagoon**. Then, short hike to Chinacocha to appreciate the high-altitude Andean ecosystem, forests of silk-paper-barked Queñua and Quishuar trees cover the canyon floor, colorful bromeliads, orchids and cactus, among other plant species, grace the granite boulders and cliffs. We will continue to Orcococha Lagoon and the Cebollapampa balcony to



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enjoy an incredible view of most important mountains of the White Mountain range. In the afternoon, return to Huaraz.

Note: By SIC service, we will visit the Huascarán National Park and the Llanganuco Lagoon.

### CHAVÍN DE HUÁNTAR RUINS

Transfer to the Querococha Lagoon, passing the towns of Recuay, Ticapampa, and Catac, to cross the White Mountain range towards the **ruínas de Chavín de Huántar ruins**, declared a World Patrimony by UNESCO. The word Chavín may come from the word *chaupin* that means "central part" probably referring to the worshipping place or the castle located in the middle of the complex. The antiquity of this culture, according to radio-carbonic dates started in the year 1800 BC and reached its splendour around the 800 BC, date which corresponds to the formation period.

The ruins are formed by constructions built in different periods. The oldest one, the Templo Temprano, which is a pyramid structure apparently formed by platforms. In the front of the temple there is a depressed circular plaza, whose diameter reaches 21 meters that has four equidistant lithic steps. Its walls are plated with trails, that is to say, carved and polished stones with prominent figures highly styled that represent, in general, zoomorphic elements. New extensions of the "early temple" brought as result the formation of the well-known Castillo or Late Temple. It consists of four sections that must have been built in different times. Its walls have been built upon the base of large blocks of cut stone and in form of parallelepiped, arranged in horizontal rows. In the afternoon, visit to the site museum. Return to Huaraz.

Note: By SIC services, the site museum is not included.