

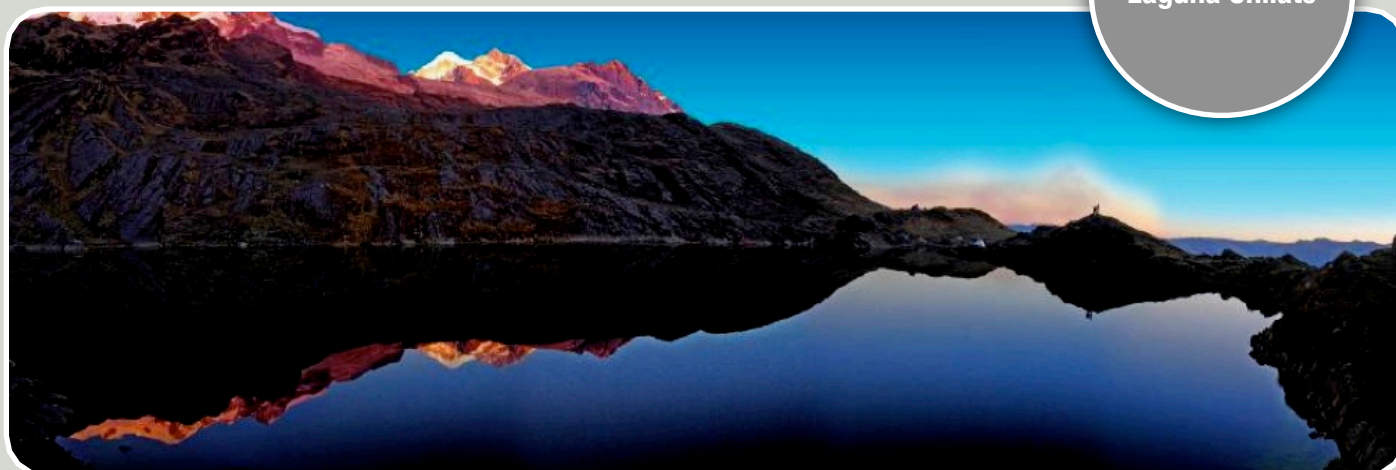
TRANSCORDILLERA TREK

WEST SIDE, VIA MARIA LLOCO



CLASSIC ALPINE TREKKING

Laguna Chilate



The first part of this trek is relative new as the area has been closed to tourism. As the area has been closed off for many years there is little development on this side. This Trans Cordillera is one of the least popular treks in the Cordillera Real and you will almost walk from one end to the other, crossing several passes allowing you spectacular views of the Cordillera. You will see beautiful valleys, glacial lakes and wildlife and you will also have the opportunity to meet indigenous communities that are largely untouched by modern society. On this trek we will mainly stay on the west side of the Cordillera real. The reason this area has been closed to tourism, is mainly due to the local communities in the area. Over the last few years the people have come upon agreement to work with tourism to help supplement there income. They are mainly guiding and using there mules for transport of equipment.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Type of activity: Trekking up to 5050m

Difficulty: 3 – moderate fitness

Experience required: 2 – basic trekking skills

Number of days: 14 days, 13 nights

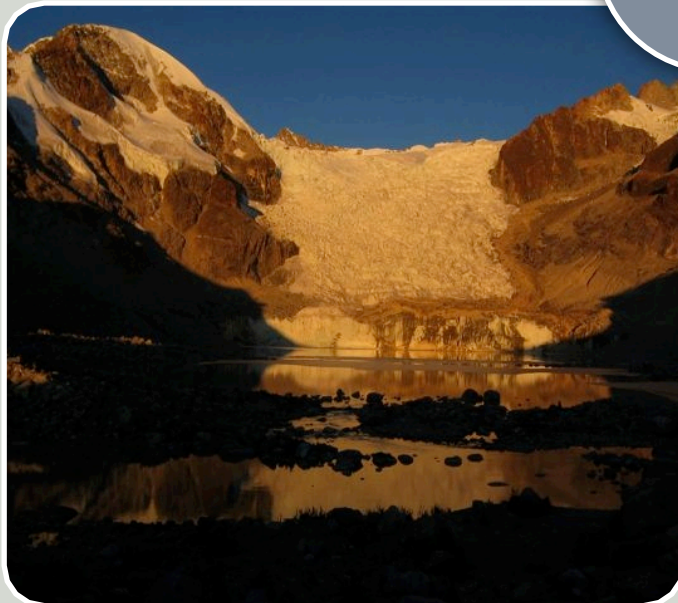
Tour starts in La Paz

Tour ends in La Paz

Best time of the year: May to September

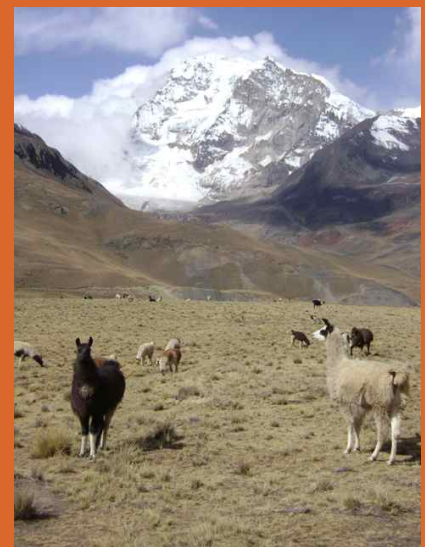
Season: Dry season: Days are mild and nights are cold

Highlights: Visiting a unique area of the Cordillera Real, Laguna Chilate, Laguna Glaciar, trekking the more remote part on the west side, visiting remote villages, the Condoriri massif, views of Lake Titicaca, and the west face of Huayan potosi.



Laguna Glaciar

TRANSCORDILLERA



PROGRAM

Day 1: La Paz (3600m) – Sorata (2600m)

Our first day is the drive to Sorata. As we head out of La Paz into the city of Al alto with have great views of La Paz city and the surrounding mountains. Later we cross the Altiplano where we pass most of the Cordillera Real. After 2 hours we reach a pass which takes us down into the valley of Sorata. A long the way we can stop for photos of Illampu, one of the most impressive looking mountains in the Cordillera Real. Once in Sorata we notice the climate is much warmer and is a great place to relax and drink a beer in the plaza.

3 – 4 hours driving (LD) Hostel

Day 2: Sorata – Laguna Chilata (4200m)

We take transport up to a small village just out side of Sorata (about 20 minutes by car) Mules will waiting here to load up our equipment we will start walking from this place. The start is a maze of trails, where we can easily get lost. Higher up we pass an old Inca cemetery, which makes a good lunch stop. We have great views of he valley below us and the surrounding area. After lunch we still have a good 2 hour climb up to Laguna Chilata where we will set up camp.

4 – 6 hours (BLD) camping

Day 3: Laguna Chilata – Laguna Glaciar (5050m) – Campo Venado (4300m)

An early start as this will be a long day. Following a small track, we will climb over old moraine walls with Pico Shultz below. Higher up we climb on old glacier rock slabs to reach Laguna Glaciar. We have to go all the way to see Laguna Glaciar the reward is worth it. We will be able to see Lake Titicaca (3810m) with Isla del Sol (3850m) and the summits of Ancohumá (6427m) and Illampu (6356m). After lunch we head down a different route along the base of Ancohumá. Trail is small and disappears in several places.

7 – 8 hours (BLD) camping

Day 4: Campo Venado – Mina Susana (4000m) – Lojena (4360m)

After breakfast, we keep heading down along the base of Nevada Piramide (5907m). We cross many small ridges which are part of the Ancohumá massive. From these small ridges we have spectacular views. We camp near a small Laguna.

5 – 6 hours (BLD) camping

Mt Chearoco



Day 5: Lojena (4360m) – Laguna San Francisco (4520m)

We keep traversing along the base of Nevada Piramide (5907m) and the Ancohuma massive. To the west we can see Lake Titicaca, and small villages in the distance. We camp near the Laguna San Francisco and have time to enjoy the hot springs near by.
7 – 8 hours (BLD) camping

Day 6: Laguna San Francisco – Laguna Chojna Khota (4770m)

Again we have a climb first thing in the morning. We cross several ridges and keep skirting around the base of Ancohuma. Here we can see the glaciers coming down from the mountains which are some of the largest glaciers in Bolivia. After several ridges of up and down we arrive at two lakes. Near the lakes we set up camp.
5 – 6 hours (BLD) camping

Day 7: Laguna Chojna Khota – Laguna Jistana khota (4580m)

We head down the valley to skirt around some of the larger rock outcrops. Further down we can climb up on the lower part of the ridges from where we have views of the mountains around us. From the ridge we walk down the valley to Laguna Jistana Khota and set up camp near by.
4 – 6 hours (BLD) camping

Day 8: Laguna Jistana Khota – Laguan Chiscacalliuni (4820m)

We head up the valley and then traverse along the the base Chearoco (6127m). Along the way we have to cross a few small passes up to 5000m, some have steep sections to climb. After climbing and descending several ridges we arrive at Laguna Chiscacalliuni where we set up camp.
7 – 8 hours (BLD) camping

Day 9: Laguan Chiscacalliuni – Rio Pura Purani (4750m)

Today we traverse along the base of Chachacomani (6074m). One of the 13 mountains over six thousand meters in Bolivia. We will also cross several passes, and along the way we will see glacier filled valleys, lakes, wild life, high plans, wet lands and beautiful scenery.
6 – 7 hours (BLD) camping

Day 10: Rio Pura Purani – Laguna Wara Warani, Kunu Pampa (4580m)

Long day today with several small passes to cross, up to 5000m. Once we reach the Wara Warani valley, we need to walk up to the end of the valley, climb some small rock slabs to reach the Wara Warani lake. The water is a turquoise color and the glacier almost reaches the lake. After our photos we head down the valley and cross one more ridge to descent to the valley floor called Kunu Pamap to set up camp.
7 – 8 hours (BLD) camping

Day 11: Laguna Wara Warani, Kuna Pampa – Laguna Quta Qutia (4450m) – Laguna Ajwani (4600m)

We head down the valley and from up high we have our first views of Lake Quta. We follow the small trails down to the lake and cross the road from La Paz. From the lake we have a small climb to a small pass. From the pass we can see the refuge on the other side of the valley which is near the Laguna Ajwani. We have a steep down hill and one more small climb to reach our camp.

6 – 7 hours (BLD) camping

NOTE later in the day we will meet with the driver, who will provide us with fresh food for the rest of the trip. At this point of the trip, if anyone is sick or injured etc. they can go back with the driver to La Paz.



Day 12: Laguna Ajwañi – Condoriri (4700m)

This day we will have to make an early start, we have three pass to cross and it's a long day. At the second pass we will get our first views of the Cabaza de Condor (5648m), the Matterhorn of Bolivia. Crossing the last pass we will get to the base camp of Condoriri. The camp is set in beautiful surroundings next to a lake with great views of the mountains and if we are lucky we can have fresh trout for dinner.

7 – 8 hours (BLD) camping

Day 13: Condoriri – Maria Lloco (4700m)

We have a climb first thing in the morning. From the pass looking back we have great views of the Condoriri group. In front of us the impressive west face of Huayna Potosi (1000m) later in the day we meet up with an old road that leads to some old mines.

We make camp near Cerro Maria Lloco (5222m).

7 – 8 hours (BLD) camping

Day 14: Maria Lloco – Paso Zongo (4700m) – La Paz (3600m)

Today we pass the west face of Huayna Potosi. It looks so close that we can almost touch it. We keep skirting around the base of Huayna Potosi on our left. Later we meet up with the road and our transport. In the afternoon we drive back to La Paz, drop off at hotel.

4 – 5 hours, 1 hour drive (BL)

END of SERVICES

PRICES

Prices include:

- Professional English speaking mountain guide, guide ratio 4 clients to 1 guide
- Meals as mentioned, including drinks at camp meals (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- All private transport
- Mules to carry all equipment for 12 days
- Full camp, includes: tents, kitchen equipment, chairs, tables, dining tent etc
- Cook
- 1 Night hostel (Sorata)
- First aid kit

Not included:

- Personal clothing
- Personal insurance
- Rescues at clients cost
- Extra services not mentioned in the program
- Tips

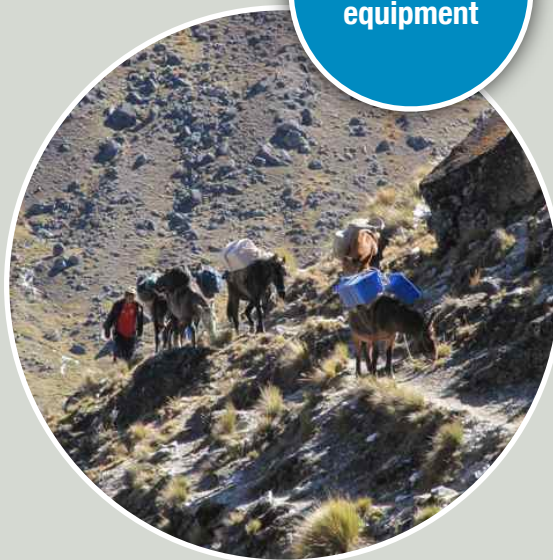
Prices:

- 1 person \$4575 US
- 2 people \$2690 US each
- 3 people \$2220 US each
- 4 people \$1905 US each

Prices with Spanish speaking guide:

- 1 person \$3980 US
- 2 people \$2395 US each
- 3 people \$2025 US each
- 4 people \$1815 US each

Mules with
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