

# PACHACUTEC PASS

HIKE\_Full day

An exciting hike for fitness fiends which ascends to the 4,600-meter Pachacutec Pass, with arresting views of snow-capped mountains and glaciers and a scenic return through the Cancha Cancha ravine.

A challenging route involving high Andean lagoons, rugged snow-capped mountains and formidable glaciers. Beginning at dawn with a three hour car journey, the hike starts at an altitude of 3,900 meters at the village of Quisuarani. There are glassy lagoons and llamas and alpacas to spot as guests climb to the 4,600 meter high Pachacutec Pass, named after the famous Inca emperor Pachacutec, who was credited with expanding the Inca Empire and constructing Machu Picchu. Enjoy views of some of the highest, snow-capped mountains in the region, with lunch taken at the Pachacutec Pass itself. The return route explores the picturesque, hidden gem of the Sacred Valley that is the Cancha Cancha ravine, before a 30 minute return journey to Sol y Luna.

This is a tough but rewarding hike through some of Peru's most alluring landscapes, suitable for those with good levels of stamina and physical fitness. Prepare to immerse yourself in the area's stunning natural beauty, observing diverse flora and fauna including llamas and alpaca.

 **Depart: 5:30 am Return: 4:00 pm**

 **Whole journey duration: 10h 30 minutes**  
**Driving time: 2h there, 30 minutes back**

 **Distance: 16 km**

 **Elevation gain/loss: +750 m / -1400 m**

 **Maximum elevation: 4670 m / 15321 ft**

 **Difficulty level: Advanced**

*Wear hiking clothes and shoes  
and a high SPF sun cream.*



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