



KINGDOM OF THE CLOUDS

THREE DAY ADD-ON JOURNEY - HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHERN PERU

The Chachapoya people were known as “Cloud Forest Warriors.” Their civilization pre-dated the Incas by almost a century, and you can still find fascinating remnants of their culture in northern Peru. On our journey we will base ourselves in the stunning village of Cocachimba which is home to Gocta Waterfall and centrally based for the sites we will visit on this trip.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- English Speaking guide and knowledgeable local guides.
- Entrance to Gocta Waterfall, Leymabamba Museum and the Citadel of Kuelap
- 3 nights accommodation (and meals, depending which package you select)
- All transport



ITINERARY

FINISH RAFTING AND DRIVE TO COCACHIMBA

After enjoying our last morning in the Red Canyon, we navigate the last rapids and arrive at noon to our finish point in Puerto Malleta. After a local lunch and saying goodbye to our river family, we take private transport for four hours to the village of Cocachimba. On the drive we will enjoy stunning views of the Shipago and Colan mountain ranges as we leave the dry forests of the Marañón behind. Once in Cocachimba, we will arrive to our beautiful lodgings surrounded by native cloudforest. Cocachimba will be our base for the next 3 nights as we explore the Kingdom of the Clouds.

Add-On **DAY 1**

HIKE TO GOCTA WATERFALL

Wake up with the sounds of the dozens of colorful Cloudforest Birds and prepare for our hike to the 2531 ft tall Gocta Waterfall. The hike has two options, the longer more challenging circuit beginning in San Pablo, or shorter direct access from Cocachimba- which can also be completed on horseback. We recommend starting early in the morning to have higher chances of spotting native birdlife including the beautiful Andean Cock of the Rock (*Rupicola Peruvianus*), Peru's National bird, who lives in the ravines that we cross on the way to Gocta. On the last leg of the hike there is the possibility of fresh sugar cane juice or local aguardientes to help us make it up the final hills. The afternoon is free for relaxing or other optional hikes.



Add-On DAY 2

CITADEL OF KUELAP & LEYMABAMBA MUSEUM

Early morning option to enjoy birdlife before we drive 1.5 hours to the town of Nuevo Tingo. Here we will catch the gondola to the top of the mountain, where the Citadel of Kuélap, the main archeological site of the Chachapoyas waits for our visit. After a brief visit to the interpretation center, we do an easy hike to arrive to the main door of the ancient fortified city built around 500AD. A local Chachapoyan guide will be with us, teaching us local stories and secrets of the site with 60ft high stone walls and over 420 circular stone buildings. Kuelap is thought to have been an important Chachapoya ceremonial center with some 3,000 inhabitants dedicated to rituals and solar observations which enabled them to establish an agricultural calendar. After we have fully explored the Citadel we head down for lunch and then drive to the Leymebamba Museum, one of the best museums in Peru. In the evening we return to Cocachimba to enjoy our last evening in the Kingdom of the Clouds.

Add-On DAY 3

FLIGHT HOME OR ONWARD TRAVEL

Wake up in the peaceful surrounds of Cocachimba, with option to take an early morning stroll to enjoy your last views and moments in this incredible Cloudforest. We depart at 10am to arrive to Jaén around 2pm, in time for you to take an afternoon flight back to Lima.



PRICING

All packages include an english speaking guide, private transportation, and entrance fees to all the cultural sites that we visit.

We offer three different styles of accommodation and meal options, depending on your preference:

Hotel Accomodation, meals not included. US\$350.00

Lodge and Restaurant, all meals included. US\$750.00

Gocta Natura Reserve & Hacienda Achamaqui, Full Board, All inclusive. 4 Day Package.
Additional day of itinerary allows time to explore the cultural sites of Revash, Karajia and exploring the incredible Hacienda Achamaqui. US\$1260.00



PACKING LIST

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- ☐ Comfortable shoes for Hiking
- ☐ Rain Jacket
- ☐ Hiking Pants / Shorts
- ☐ Hiking Shirt + mid layer
- ☐ Warm Coat, Sweater or Jacket
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Clothing for evenings after the days activities
- ☐ Toiletries & underwear

OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Binoculars for Birdwatching
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Beanie or Toque
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Day Pack



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