

TREKKING FROM PELECHIUCO TO



APOLO IN THE MADIDI NATIONAL PARK

CROSSING THE HEART OF THE MADIDI PARK

Trekking through the
cloud forest



This trek follows an ancient Inca trail and takes us through the upper part of the Madidi national Park, recognized as one of the richest regions in biodiversity on earth. We begin our adventure by 4x4 making our way across the rolling plains of the Altiplano before crossing the Apolobamba mountains and dropping down into the old village of Pelechuco. On our trek we cross high alpine ridges with a vast panorama of the Amazon far below. We then drop down through thick cloud forest to the fast moving Rio Tuichi. The trek passes through both dry forest and rain forest giving us the opportunity to spot an incredible variety of wildlife from monkeys and jaguars to the rare Andean spectacled bear. We end our trek in the town of Apolo from where we make our way back up the Altiplano and onto La Paz



PROGRAM DETAILS

Type of activity: Trekking up to 4700m

Difficulty: 3 – medium fitness required

Experience required: 2 – basic trekking skills

Grade of trek: moderate

Number of days: 9 days, 8 night's

Tour starts in La Paz

Tour ends in La Paz

Best time of year: May to September

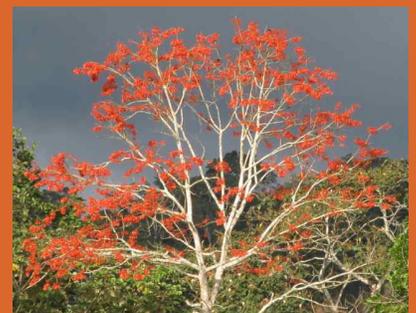
Season: Dry season: days are mild and nights are cold

Highlights: Trekking in a remote part of Bolivia, chance to stop wildlife Llamas, Vicuñas, spectacle bear, monkeys, other wildlife in the amazon Views of the Cordillera Apolobamba, visiting small and remote villages of Pelechuco, Mojos and Apolo visiting Quechua spoken part of Bolivia

Mt Chuapi Orco



PHOTOS FROM THE AREA



PROGRAM

Day 1: La Paz (3600m) – Pelechuco (3600m)

We leave La Paz in the morning and drive across the Altiplano (4000m), with spectacular views of the Cordillera Real on our right. This area is very dry but we will be able to see the campesinos (farmers) herding their llamas and cultivating potatoes and quinoa. Later we pass through the Area Protegida Apolobamba and pass the Reserva Nacional de Funa Ulla Ulla, a large Vicuña reserve. We cross a mountain pass just after Lake Cololo (4700m) before arriving in the colonial village of Pelechuco, where the main economic activity is gold mining. We will spend the night in Pelechuco.

9 – 10 hours driving (LD) Hostel

Day 2: Pelechuco – Queara (3440m)

Today we leave Pelechuco and drive up to the Paso de Sanches (4840m). Once at the pass we head down a little way to where we meet the mules. Here we start our walk, say good by to our drivers and begin making our way down the valley following the old Inca trail. The landscape is open alpine until we reach the forest. We camp near a small river. 1 – 2 hours driving, 3 – 4 hours walking (BLD) camping

Day 3: Queara – Chachimaya

Today we start our trekking in the forest. We still have a few long climbs and we stay above the river. The trail here has good stone paving, an excellent example of the solid roads for which the Incas were renowned.

6 – 7 hours (BLD) camping

Day 4: Chachimayu – Casiquebrado

We keep following the winding Inca trail, still stay around the 3000m mark. Looking back to the Apolobamba mountain range we have beautiful views of Chuapi Orco (6044m) the highest in the Apolobamba Mountain range. We camp near an old Inca Tambo (road house), structures which were used to host Inca dignitaries and officials on business who would have been traveling on the ancient road network

6 – 7 hours (BLD) camping

Dropping
down into the
cloud forest



Day 5: Casiquebrado – Chunkani

Today we drop into cloud forest, a dense mass trees and thick vegetation. The trail in places becomes a tunnel carved out of the solid rock. In this area we may be lucky enough to spot the rare Andean spectacled bear. The trail continues along the top of a ridge and is quite steep in places. We set up camp in a forest clearing.

6 – 7 hours (BLD) camping

Day 6: Chunkani – Mojos (1600m)

We continue along the forested ridge, passing through occasional clearings in the trees. Here the trail gets muddy in places and the mules find it hard going. We cross a small bridge and pass by pineapple plantations on the approach to the village of Mojos. We make camp in the village.

6 – 7 hours trekking (BLD) camping

Day 7: Mojos – Chaquisapa

In Mojos we change mules and say good buy to the muleteers from Pelechuco. The trail is used more regularly and the walking is a little easier. After a long day we come to a clearing where we set up camp.

7 – 8 hours trekking (BLD) camping

Day 8: Chaquisapa – Virgen Del Rosario (Rio Tuichi) (930m) – Apolo (1450m)

We have a short day. We climb up to a great view point where we can see the Rio Tuichi and an hour later we reach the community of Virgen Del Rosario. On the other side of the Rio Tuichi is our transport to take us to Apolo. This road is very rough and will take us a good 3 hrs to do 50km.

4 – 5 hours walking, 3 – 4 hours driving (BLD) Hostel

Day 9: Apolo – La Paz (3810m)

We leave early in the morning and drive through mountains forest. The road is very windy. We have a lot of climbing to reach the Altiplano. We will pass many small villages as we drive through the Cordillera Muñecas. We then meet the same road we came from La Paz to Pelechuco. Drop off at hotel.

10 – 12 hours, driving (BL)

END of SERVICES

Lower part of
the trail



PRICES

Prices include:

- Professional English speaking guide
- Meals as mentioned, including drinks at camp meals and restaurant meals (B – Breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- All private transport, to and from the trek
- Tents and cooking equipment
- Cook
- Mules, to carry all equipment
- 2 night's Hostel (Pelechuco and Apolo)
- First aid kit

Not included:

- Personal clothing
- Personal insurance
- Extra services not mentioned in the program
- Tips

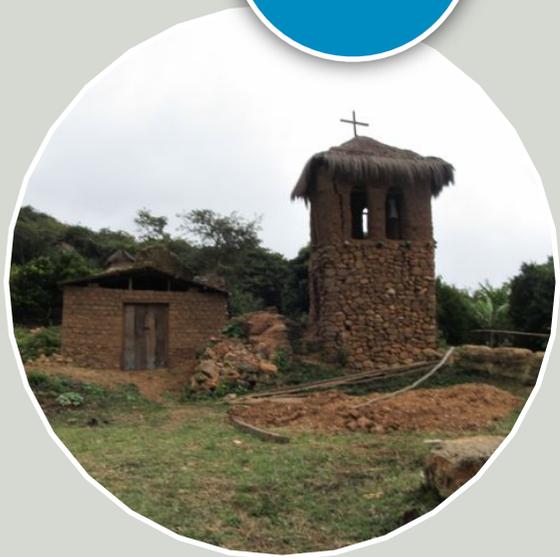
Prices:

- 1 person \$4315 US
- 2 people \$2610 US each
- 3 people \$2085 US each
- 4 people \$1995 US each

Prices with spanish speaking guide:

- 1 person \$3835 US
- 2 people \$2375 US each
- 3 people \$1995 US each
- 4 people \$1905 US each

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