

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CHOQUEQUIRAO

1. What is Choquequirao?

Choquequirao is an Inca archaeological site, similar to Machu Picchu, located in the Peruvian Andes.

2. Why is it called “the other Machu Picchu”?

It is called this because of its similarity to Machu Picchu, but with fewer visitors and more challenging access, making it a more remote and peaceful destination.

3. How do you get to Choquequirao?

It can only be accessed on foot. The classic trek starts in Capuliyoc (Cachora) and takes between 2 and 4 days round trip.

4. How difficult is the trek?

It is considered demanding: you descend more than 1,500 m and then ascend the same distance due to the distance and elevation gain, with mountainous terrain and steep ascents and descents.

5. How long does it take to visit Choquequirao?

The most common route is 4 days (round trip), but there are also 3- and 5-day options.

6. When is the best time to visit?

The dry season (April to October) is the best time, with less rain and better weather conditions.

7. Is an entrance ticket required?

Yes. The entrance ticket (prices may vary).

8. Is there a visitor limit like at Machu Picchu?

No. Currently, it receives few visitors per day, which makes the experience more authentic and peaceful.

9. Where do you sleep during the trek?

In basic campsites. There are no hotels or lodges within the archaeological site.

10. Is there mule or horse transportation?

Yes, you can hire local muleteers to carry your luggage on mules.

11. How high is Choquequirao?

Approximately 3,050 meters above sea level.

12. Are there basic services?

Only some camps have rustic services (bathrooms and basic food/water sales). There is no cell phone signal or electricity in most areas.

13. Is it safe to visit Choquequirao?

Yes, but the trek is demanding. It is important to be physically prepared and have good hiking equipment.

14. Is it worth the visit?

Yes. Choquequirao is considered the “hidden Machu Picchu” and receives fewer tourists, offering a more authentic experience and connection with nature.