

Trek Participation Agreement

Assumption of Risk, Medical Declaration and Release of Liability

Cordillera Huayhuash treks: 4-day Mini Trek, 8-day Alpine Circuit, 10-day Full Circuit · Version of October 16, 2026

Please read this agreement before you sign. These are remote, high-altitude treks. This agreement covers your health and fitness, the risks you accept, your travel insurance, **your agreement to pay any rescue, evacuation or medical cost**, and a release of liability. By signing, you confirm that you have read and understood it and accept it freely.

1. Who is involved

- **You:** the traveler named in this booking.
- **Turisteando** (Gazela Network, S.A.), which arranges your booking as **booking agent**. Turisteando selects the best local operators, agrees every trek with them in person, and works together with the local communities whose land the circuit crosses.
- The **Local Operator:** the independent company in Huaraz, Peru, that runs your trek on the trail with its own guides, cooks, muleteers (arrieros) and pack animals.
- Your booking is also governed by the **Booking Terms** (huayhuashcircuit.com/booking-terms), the **Cancellation Policy** (huayhuashcircuit.com/cancellation-policy) and the page of the trek you booked. If they conflict with this agreement, this agreement prevails.

2. Payments you authorize

Trek	Price per person	Deposit at booking	Balance: 3 automatic installments
4-day Mini Trek	USD 549	USD 75	USD 158 × 3
8-day Alpine Circuit	USD 795	USD 100	USD 232 + 232 + 231
10-day Full Circuit	USD 1,049	USD 150	USD 300 + 300 + 299

- **You authorize** the automatic charge of each installment to the card you used to book, **42, 28 and 14 days before departure**. If you book later, installments already due are charged at booking.
- Cancel 30 calendar days or more before departure for a 100% refund, minus card and transaction fees, which are never refundable. With less than 30 days, or if you leave the trek early for any reason, there is no refund.
- Community entrance fees are not included and are paid in cash on the trail.

3. Health, fitness and medical declaration

The 4-day trek reaches 4,830 m (15,850 ft) and the 8- and 10-day circuits cross passes of about 5,000 m (16,400 ft), sleeping most nights above 4,000 m, often a day or more away from a road and many hours from a hospital. By signing, you declare that:

- you meet the "Requirements & restrictions" of your trek, including the minimum age of 12 and at least 3 days of acclimatization in Huaraz (3,050 m) or higher right before departure;
- you are in good physical and mental health and fit for several consecutive days of 4–7 hours of walking at altitude, and you have consulted a doctor if you have any doubt;
- you are not pregnant, and you have no heart or lung condition, uncontrolled high blood pressure or history of severe altitude sickness, unless a doctor has cleared you in writing for this trek;

- you have disclosed, or will disclose in writing before departure, every medical condition, allergy, diet and medication that may affect you. **Hiding or misstating this information releases Turisteando and the Local Operator from any liability arising from it.**

You may be refused at the start, or your trek may be ended, if you do not meet these conditions or show signs of serious altitude sickness, without refund.

4. The guide's authority and your conduct

- Weather, snow, the trail, decisions of the communities or the health of the group may change the route, the campsites or the order of the days. **The guide's decisions on safety are final**, and you agree to follow the instructions of the guide and crew at all times. These changes are not grounds for a refund.
- You will respect the communities, their land, livestock and customs, carry out your rubbish and use only the camp toilets. The guide may end the trek of anyone who is intoxicated, behaves aggressively, ignores safety instructions or puts others at risk, without refund and with any cost of leaving paid by that person.
- You are responsible for any damage you cause, and for your own money, documents and belongings.

5. Assumption of risk

You understand that trekking in the Cordillera Huayhuash involves **inherent risks that cannot be eliminated**, even when the trek is run with care, including:

- acute mountain sickness, high-altitude pulmonary or cerebral edema, hypothermia, frostbite, dehydration and exhaustion, which can be serious or fatal;
- falls, slips, sprains, fractures and other injuries on steep, rocky, icy, wet or unstable ground and at river crossings;
- rockfall, landslides, avalanches, lightning, storms, snow and sudden changes in weather;
- kicks, bites or falls involving horses, mules, dogs, cattle or wild animals;
- illness from food or water, and accidents during road transport on mountain roads;
- the **remoteness of the route**: little or no phone signal, and help or evacuation that may take many hours or days, with only basic first aid on the trail;
- the acts or omissions of other travelers, third parties and local people.

You voluntarily accept all of these risks, known and unknown, and take full responsibility for your decision to take part.

6. Travel insurance

- Travel insurance is **not included**. You must hold, for the whole trek, a policy covering **emergency medical care, search and rescue, and evacuation (including by helicopter) for trekking up to 5,100 m**, plus repatriation. We strongly recommend that it also covers trip cancellation and interruption.
- Carry your policy number and your insurer's 24-hour emergency phone, and give them to the guide when asked.
- **If you travel without adequate insurance, you do so at your own risk** and remain personally responsible for every cost in section 7.

7. Rescue, evacuation and medical costs: paid by you

If you need to be assisted, rescued, evacuated, transported or medically treated for any reason (illness, altitude sickness, injury, accident or your own decision to leave), **you pay all of the resulting costs**, including: extra guides, arrieros, porters and their wages; horses, mules and other animals; **help, people and resources provided by the local communities**; road transport, vehicles and fuel; helicopter or air evacuation; search operations; clinics, hospitals, doctors, oxygen, medicines and tests; extra nights, meals and changes to your own travel plans; and the cost of a companion or crew member who has to come down with you.

- You **authorize** the guide, the Local Operator and Turisteando to make any decision and arrangement they consider necessary for your safety or health when you cannot decide yourself, including calling a rescue or a helicopter, and to share your medical and insurance information with rescuers, doctors and your insurer.
- If Turisteando or the Local Operator pays any of these costs in advance to protect your life, **you will reimburse them in full within 15 days** of receiving the receipts, or before leaving Peru if sooner, and you authorize Turisteando to charge them to the card used for your booking.
- A refusal or delay by your insurer does not change your obligation to pay.
- This section does not apply to costs caused only by the proven gross negligence or willful misconduct of Turisteando or the Local Operator.

8. Release of liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, you **release and agree not to sue** Turisteando (Gazela Network, S.A.), its owners, staff and agents, the Local Operator and its guides and crew, and the local communities (the "**Released Parties**") for any injury, illness, death, loss or damage to you or your property arising from the risks in section 5, from your own acts, omissions or health, from the acts of third parties, or from events outside their control. This release binds you, your heirs, family and representatives. **It does not cover damage caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct** of a Released Party, or any right the law does not allow you to waive. You agree to indemnify the Released Parties against any claim or cost caused by a false medical declaration or by your conduct on the trek.

9. Minors

A traveler under 18 must be at least 12 and travel with a parent or legal guardian, who signs this agreement for the minor, accepts every term on the minor's behalf, and is responsible for the minor throughout the trek.

10. General

If any part of this agreement is found invalid, that part is limited to the minimum extent necessary and the rest remains in force. Signing electronically through WeTravel has the same effect as a handwritten signature.

Traveler's declaration

By signing below, I confirm that: (1) I have read and understood this entire agreement, including the **assumption of risk (section 5)**, the **rescue, evacuation and medical costs that I will pay (section 7)** and the **release of liability (section 8)**; (2) the health information I have given is true and complete; (3) I hold, or will hold before departure, the travel insurance in section 6, or I accept to travel without it at my own risk; (4) I authorize the automatic installment charges in section 2; and (5) I sign voluntarily, as an adult, or as the parent or legal guardian of the minor traveler named in this booking.

Your electronic signature, full name and date are added below by WeTravel.