

HUANUCO

The Department of Huanuco features two very distinct geographies: highland and upper jungle. The Andean zone is marked by the presence of the Huayhuash Cordillera, and the upper jungle spreads out throughout the western side of the Andes.

The city of Huanuco, capital of the department of the same name, lies on the banks of the Huallaga River, and the area is known for its fruit, coffee, and cacao production. The Lauricocha man is the oldest evidence of human habitation in Peru, and it was found in this territory. Also you can visit the Temple of the Crossed Hands, located in the outskirts of the city of Kotosh. In Huanuco Pampa, there are also interesting constructions from the time of the Incas.

Founded in 1539, the city of Huanuco was the site of an important cultural movement during the Colonial period, the colonial architecture offer characteristic buildings like the Cathedral and the churches of San Francisco, San Cristóbal, and La Merced.

The city of Tingo Maria, located at 120 kilometers from Huanuco, its a place that deserve a visit, there you will find the thunderous Huallaga River, the Tingo Maria National Park (4,777 hectares), which is located in an area that contains a great variety of flora (orchids, cat's claw, and dragon's blood) and fauna (little spotted cats, jaguars, reptiles, sachavacas, oilbirds, Andean cock of the rock, and the howler monkey). It is also the place where the Pumaringri mountain chain is found, also known as the Sleeping Beauty, due to its striking similarity to a woman lying down.

Other important tourist attractions of Huanuco are: The Cueva de las Lechuzas (Owl's Cave) is home to nocturnal birds while in the Cueva de las Pavas (Turkey's Cave) you can find pools of crystalline water, beautiful waterfalls and abundant vegetation.

The following is a list of few typical dishes of Huanuco:

Locro de gallina: a stew made of chicken, onions, potatoes, and aji peppers.

Picante de cuy: Guinea pig stew cooked in a peanut and an aji panca (hot pepper) sauce.

Tacacho con cecina: roasted or fried banana, mashed with butter and served with beef jerky.

Juane: rice with paprika and pieces of chicken wrapped in banana leaves.

Asado de picuro: roasted meat of a tasty Amazonian rodent.



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Suggested Program

Day 1

arrival to the hotel

free time

½ day Huanuco city tour excursion

dinner in the hotel

free time

Day 2

breakfast in the hotel

full day visit the Huallaga River and the Tomayquichua valley

dinner in the hotel

free time

Day 3

breakfast in the hotel

full day in Tingo Maria National Park and the Owl's Cave

dinner in the hotel

free time

Day 4

departure from the hotel

notice

Different excursions are available under request.

