

PASCO

The terrain of Pasco is rich and diverse with two well-differentiated eco-regions: highlands characterized by its high mesas and cold mountains and the upper jungle with dense vegetation and high humidity.

The capital, Cerro de Pasco (4,338 masl) is located in a predominately mining district. The Huayllay Stone Forest National Sanctuary is just forty-five kilometers from Cerro de Pasco. It is a state protected natural area possessing fascinating rocky formations and beautiful lakes.

The Yanachaga-Chemillén National Park (122,000 hectares) is located twenty-five kilometers from Oxapampa, and it is composed of high Andean plains, pasturelands, and tropical and cloud forests where exotic life abounds: almost 350 species of orchids, more than 520 species of birds, and nearly 125 species of mammals like the otter, the jaguar, the spectacled bear, the dwarf brocket deer and the giant rat, every one in danger of becoming extinct. The Yanasha, indigenous people, today live in sixty communities.

It was in the nineteenth century when German and Austrian colonists brought their architecture and traditions to Pasco, back then the colonist set up their communities in Oxapampa

Today ninety kilometers north from Oxapampa, you find the town of Pozuzo where the German and Austrian colonists descendants live and worked cultivating fruit trees, coffee beans, rice, and tobacco.

Another town, Villa Rica famous for beautiful waterfalls, is just seventy-one kilometers from Oxapampa and has distinguished itself in the production of coffee, pineapples, and rocoto peppers.

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

Pachamanca: different types of meat, potatoes and corn cooked in a pre-Hispanic style (on hot stones buried into the ground) and seasoned with aromatic herbs.

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

Caldo de cabeza: ram head soup prepared with mint and aji peppers.

Traditional drink:

Ponche de maca: drink made of maca, a local root with energizing properties.



PASCO

Suggested Program

Day 1

arrival to the hotel
free time
½ day Cerro de Pasco city tour excursion
dinner in the hotel
free time

Day 2

breakfast in the hotel
full day in the Huayllay Stone Forest National Sanctuary
dinner in the hotel
free time

Day 3

breakfast in the hotel
full day in Yanachaga-Chemillén Park and Pozuzo
dinner in the hotel
free time

Day 4

departure from the hotel

notice

Different excursions are available under request.

