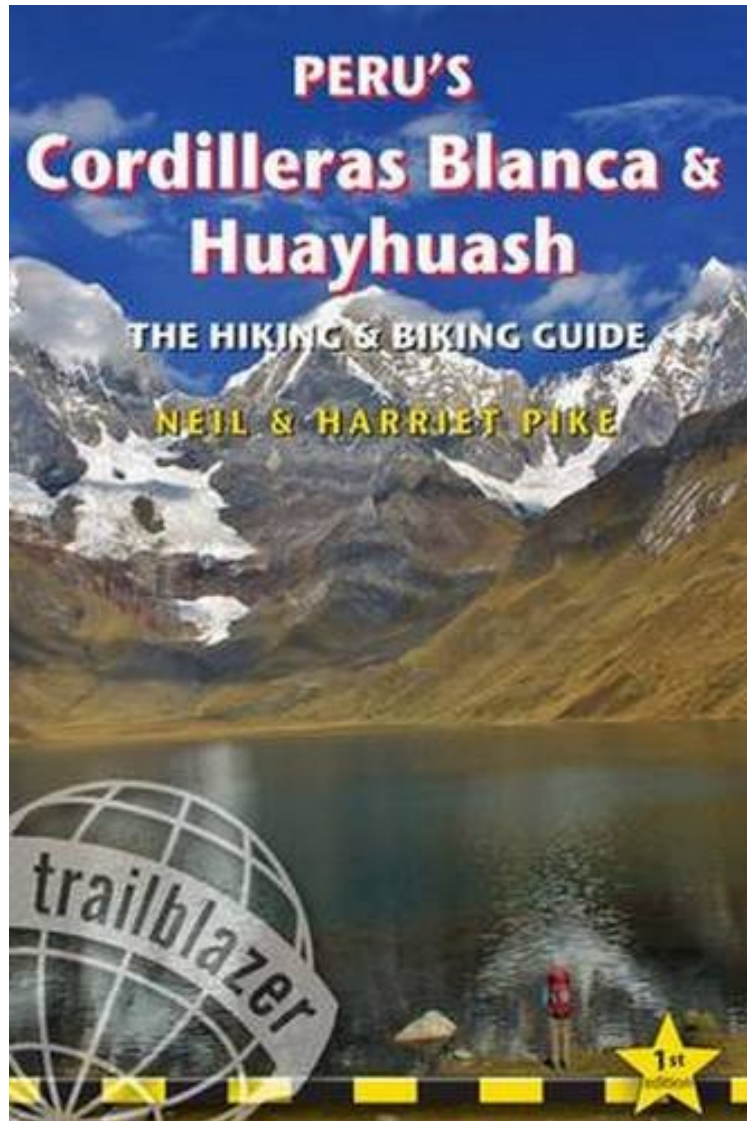


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GPS coordinates. A solid guidebook like this is important in a region where shy locals may answer "yes" or "por ah noms" (over yonder, you can't miss it) to questions expressed or understood poorly. The spectacular Ancash region merits more hiker attention than the crowded Puno / Machu Picchu area trails. Unfortunately, the Huaraz area is also becoming rather congested. Carhuaz or Caraz are much quieter and closer to many of the best trailheads. The CH area remains fairly pristine, but requires more time and security precautions. Any visitors should be in good cardiovascular condition and spend some days to acclimatize. There is a breathtaking difference between hiking at 4km and 5km+ altitudes. If biking, the May-August road dust can be formidable, and the Nov-April rains yield very slippery mud and landslides. It is best to have several spare days in any itinerary to compensate for likely setbacks or delays. The authors do include safety advisories, but should fortify warnings about risks of theft, assaults, and armed robbery. The remote trails and small villages are little threat, so long as you pay the toll (protection), or else trek in a group sponsored by a reputable outfitter. The problem is roads or tunnels (Cahuish) notoriously poached by armed bands who operate when any police are remote. The zones are also the site of perennial strikes, extortion rings, and road blockades. Conversely, there are local guards (rondas campesinas) who, independent of any other permits or fees, will insist on some sort of compensation for safe passage. Many towns have no bank branches or ATMs whatever. Small stores often have no change to spare. Thus, you must always carry lots of coins and small bills to buy things or surrender "tips." The jingle-jingle sound of your bulging purses, plus any foreigners' unmistakable appearance, make it hard to be discrete. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great guidebook to a beautiful region By Inga's Adventures This is an excellent current resource for anyone wishing to hike or bike in the area. Some of the guidebooks that others refer to are out of date or out of print so it's nice to find a guidebook that has good background information, detailed hand-drawn maps and thorough descriptions of the trails. I particularly appreciated the information about the region that included some of the history of the area and information about the flora and fauna. There is also good information about the various towns and villages that hikers might encounter. I wish I had had it when we did the Santa Cruz Trail but hopefully we'll be back soon to check out some more beautiful hikes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great guidebook By Robbie Bobagov If you're thinking of heading to the Cordillera Blanca or Huayhuash, or just want to do some armchair traveling, this compact, up to date book will be perfect to help you on your way.

Andean adventure paradise As mountain adventure destinations, the Cordilleras Blanca and Huayhuash in central Peru are unrivalled in South America. These ranges boast some of the most spectacular scenery in the Andes, and some of the most accessible high altitude trekking and cycling in the world. Perfect pyramidal peaks, gargantuan ice falls and turquoise alpine lakes are all easily reached from Huaraz, the region's capital and centre of tourist comforts. Trekking 20 hiking trails Includes the classic treks: Huayhuash Circuit, Santa Cruz and Alpamayo Basecamp, as well as lesser known, wild walks in valleys which see few visitors. Ranging from easy day hikes to challenging routes of 10 days or more, all can be trekked independently or in guided groups. Cycling 30 days of paved and dirt road routes Includes a loop of Peru's highest mountain - the Huascarn Circuit - as well as four other multi-day rides and five day-cycles from Huaraz. Covers all the information cyclists need to pedal past glaciers on 6000m peaks or fly down 2500m descents from high passes. Mountain biking off road routes Includes two detailed downhill routes and information on organising guides to lead you through the labyrinth of exciting singletrack to be found in the area. Practical information planning your trip and getting to Peru City and town guides and maps Lima, Huaraz, Caraz, Carhuaz, Chavn, Chiquin, Pomabamba Minimum impact hiking and biking how to hike and cycle lightly in a fragile region Language Spanish words and phrases 50 detailed route maps at 1:50,000 or 1:100,000 scale for main trekking maps

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