**3-day trip to the Reserva Paisagística Nor Yauyos – Cochas (NYC)**

A prime example of how stunning the Andean scenery can be - steep mountain slopes, small, ancient villages, emerald lakes and highland vegetation. As for animals, there are good chances of seeing condors and birds of prey, and, if luck is on our side, we might see foxes or small mammals. The weather should be quite good: no rain and temperature varying between 16oC (night) and 28 oC. Altitude varies between 1,539 to 4,800m asl. For further info, please see: <http://www.yauyoslodge.com/close-to-lima-yauyos.html>.

**If you wish to join us, please confirm before 1 October 2017!**

**Dates:** We leave Saturday (28/10) at 6-8am and return Monday (30/10) late afternoon.

**Accommodation:** Yauyos Lodge, located at the heart of this beautiful reserve (<http://www.yauyoslodge.com/index.html>). There are four double bedrooms (two single beds per bedroom that can be placed side-by-side if need be).

**Food**: All food is organic and from the area. Main dinner courses are, for the first night, fresh trouts fished 1-2hs before from a nearby river, and, for the second night, free range chicken. Both dinners include salad, potatoes and fresh bread. We will need to buy groceries in Lima to sustain us during the days (lodge provides fridge space).

**Maximum number of people**: 8

**Getting there and travelling around**: Rent a 4WD car in Lima. Once there, we can hire a local guide on a per day basis, if we wish.

**Costs (will vary depending on how many of us go)**

- Accommodation: $56/night-person with breakfast and dinner included.

- Budget Rent-a-car: Suzuki Grand Vitara 4WD (or similar), with Collision Damage Waiver insurance. Price = US$280-300 for 3 days (Sat to Mon), gas not included.

- Guide is Yayous Lodge’s owner: US$100/day

**Photos**: <http://www.yauyoslodge.com/galleries.html> and <https://www.facebook.com/YauyosLodge>

**Videos** (don’t know these people; found these videos searching the internet):

- Full trip there (includes small villages, road and scenery – man speaks in Spanish)

* Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRCoiyhsejE
* Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRCoiyhsejE> (at around 8mins he reaches NYC).

- View of the Andean road from a biker’s helmet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MKNPThuAdk>

**Side note**

We will be back in Lima on 31/10, which is when Peru celebrates the ‘Día de los muertos’ – according to the local guide, these traditional parties are incredibly beautiful and lively, second only to their New Year’s Eve celebration. There should be parties all over town on the night of the 31/10 and celebrations throughout the day on 1/11.