

Historical Record of Accidents and Tragedies in High-Altitude Mountaineering – Peru

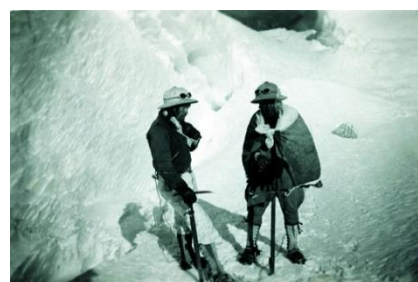


Description: This record constitutes a historical archive of accidents and tragedies that have occurred in the high mountains of Peru. All cases presented here are based on real, documented events, compiled from reliable sources such as the media, official reports, testimonies, and rescue institution records.

The purpose of this archive is not only to remember the saddest moments in our mountain history, but also to honor the memory of those who passed away and to learn from each experience, with the hope of preventing future accidents and strengthening safety in high-altitude expeditions.

Context: “Beginnings of mountaineering” in Peru

- Mountaineering in Peru is generally considered to have begun in the early 20th century, with milestones such as the documented ascent of Huascarán Norte (1908) and the start of the major German-Austrian exploration cycle in the Cordillera Blanca (1932). From then on, climbing routes multiplied, along with mountaineering accidents recorded in technical publications (AAJ, CAJ). Wikipediaperuviantimes.com



The Yanac Brothers
1953 – First to summit Nevado
Huascarán

Before 1970 (milestones and glacial disasters in mountain areas)



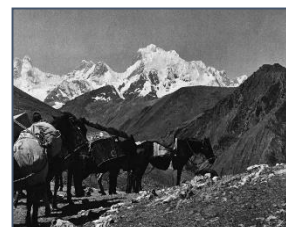
1954 - Yungay



1962 - Ranrahirca



1945 - Chavín



1951 - Yerupajá

- **1938 – Quebrada Uta (Cordillera Blanca):** Flood/avalanche documented in glaciological records. [Wilson Center](#)
- **Dec 13, 1941 – Huaraz (Blanca):** Palcacocha GLOF (avalanche/flood) destroyed much of the city; estimates range ≈1,800–5,000 fatalities [WikipediaHESSThe Guardian](#)
- **1945 – Chavín de Huántar (Blanca):** Flood/avalanche over the archaeological ruins. [Wilson Center](#)
- **1950 – Jancarurish (Blanca):** Flood/avalanche destroyed the local hydroelectric plant. [Wilson Center](#)
- **1951 – Artesoncocha → Parón (Blanca):** Two floods/avalanches affected the Parón basin. [Wilson Center](#)
- **1952 – Millhuacocha → Quebrada Ishinca (Blanca):** Flood/avalanche impacted the Huaraz/Ishinca basin. [Publicaciones del USGS](#)
- **1953 & 1959 – Tullparaju → Huaraz (Blanca):** Glacial lake outburst floods affected the city of Huaraz. [Wilson Center](#)
- **1962 – Ranrahirca / Huascarán (Blanca):** Giant avalanche from Huascarán; 3,500–4,000 fatalities; 9 villages destroyed. [WikipediaPublicaciones del USGSHISTORY](#)

1970s–1990s (modern mountaineering, high frequency in Blanca/Huayhuash)



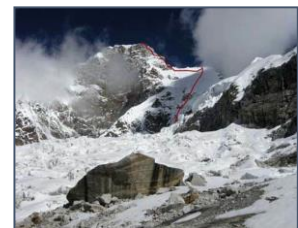
1970 –Huascarán



1970 Avalanche - Yungay



Mountain Pisco



Huascarán North

A summary of the most notable mountain accidents in Peru (1970–1999) –with a focus on events documented by reliable sources:

- **May 31, 1970 – Huascarán / Yungay (Blanca):** Catastrophic flood/avalanche triggered by the Áncash earthquake; tens of thousands of victims in Yungay and neighboring towns; 14–15 Czech/Czechoslovak mountaineers perished under Huascarán. [WikipediaRPP Noticias](#)
 - **Related fact (1970, days prior):** AAJ mentions a Czech mountaineer who died in a fall before the earthquake. [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1974 – Chopicalqui (Blanca):** Windslab avalanche near the summit; **3 German mountaineers deceased.** [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1976 – Huascarán (Blanca):** Disappearance of climbers **Heinrich Gentner and Reinhard Siegl** (AAJ). [Rackcdn](#)



- **1981 – Artesonraju (Blanca):** Accident during descent/abseil; **Tom Hand (Irish expedition)** deceased. [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1982 – Jirishanca Chico (Huayhuash):** Fall during descent; Dr. John Hosie deceased. [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1984 – Huascarán Norte (Blanca):** Rope team fall ~450 m; 1 fatality and 3 seriously injured (rescue reported in AAJ). [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1984 – Nevado Pisco (Blanca):** Avalanche near the summit; 2 American climbers killed (UPI coverage). [UPI](#)
- **• 1987 (descent of the 1984 route) – Chacraraju (Blanca):** Avalanche from summit cornices; Czechoslovak climber Břetislav Husička killed. [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1991 –** Mountain air accident: Expresso Aéreo Flight 028 (1994)
- On February 25, 1994, a Yak 40 crashed into Mount Carpish (Huánuco, Peru), killing all 31 people on board (Wikipedia).
- **1991 – Pukahirca Sur / Pukarashta (Cordillera Blanca):** Rappelling accident; Australian Phil Moorey dies during the evacuation. [Publicaciones del American Alpine Club](#)
- **1998 – Cusco (Aobamba, Machu Picchu surroundings):** Landslide/debris flow that damaged the Machupicchu Hydroelectric Power Plant and the valley's infrastructure. [ResearchGate](#)
- **1999 –** In 1999, the Cordillera Blanca once again became the scene of several serious accidents. On Mount Huascarán, along the normal route via the gully, foreign climbers died as a result of avalanches and falls. The High Mountain Police of Huaraz and local guides took part in the rescue operations. On Mount Alpamayo, on the Ferrari route, accidents caused by ice falls also occurred, forcing emergency evacuations with the support of local rescuers. In the Cordillera Huayhuash, along the classic trekking circuit, foreign tourists were reported to have suffered from altitude sickness, requiring medical evacuations to Huaraz and later to Lima. Likewise, on the Santa Cruz Trek and in the Llanganuco area, various minor incidents such as fractures, sprains, and health problems were attended to, thanks to the support of local agencies and rescue teams. The information corresponding to 1999 reflects a period when adventure tourism in Peru was growing, although still without centralized official accident records. The data have been compiled from press reports, documents from the High Mountain Police, and testimonies of guides and rescuers of the time.

Quick Notes



- The period 1970–1999 concentrates the most serious incidents in Áncash (Cordillera Blanca and, to a lesser extent, Huayhuash). In other regions (Cusco/Vilcanota, Arequipa/Volcanoes) there are scattered records before 2000, but no mass tragedies appear documented with the same solidity in publicly available online sources for those decades.
- The death toll of the 1970 avalanche varies by source; Peruvian and technical literature agree on its catastrophic nature and on the death of the Czechoslovak expedition on Huascarán. [WikipediaWikipediaEl Comercio Perú](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2000 - Cordillera Blanca/Huascarán - (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



Avalanche on
Huascarán



Avalanche on
Huascarán



Rescue on
Huascarán



Rescue on
Huascarán

1. **Huascarán — Sun 20 Aug 2000** Avalanche swept a group of **Madrid climbers: 1 deceased** and **1 seriously injured**; the rest were rescued alive. Chronicle and rescue details published days later. [barrabes.comdesnivel.com](#)
2. **Huascarán — Mon 21/ Tue 22 Aug 2000** A new avalanche on the mountain caused the death of a **Spanish climber** during the early hours of Monday. [barrabes.com](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2001 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



Huascarán — the
highest peak in
Peru



Ascent of
**Huascarán North
Peak**



Traverse of
**Huascarán North
Peak**



Huascarán
North 6655 m

- **Huascarán Norte (Cordillera Blanca)** – Avalanche during ascent via the north face / NW ridge. Two climbers were trapped; **1 deceased (Duncan Elliot, South Africa)** and **1 rescued alive (Marco Pérez, Peruvian guide)**. The rescue operation extended from **17 to 20 July**. Technical source: chronicle published by the **American Alpine Journal**. [Publicaciones AAC](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2002 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



Body recovered
after **22 years**



Stampfl's body
recovered in 2024



Rescue on **Nevado
Alpamayo**



Mount Alpamayo
5947 m

1. **Huascarán (Áncash) – 24 Jun 2002** Avalanche during the ascent: **Americans William Stampfl (58), Matthew Richardson (40), and Steve Erskine (51)** were trapped.
Outcome: **3 deceased** (Erskine recovered in 2002; **Stampfl's** body recovered on **5 Jul 2024** due to melting; **Richardson** remains missing). [smithsonianmag.com](#) [Reuters](#) [Los Angeles Times](#)
2. **Nevado Alpamayo (Cordillera Blanca) – June 2002** Altitude sickness in a Japanese climber during the climbing season. Outcome: **1 deceased**. [Publicaciones AAC](#)
3. **Nevado Alpamayo – July 2002** Avalanche affecting a European team of **8 climbers**. Outcome: **3 deceased** and **5 survivors**. (The source report does not specify the exact day.). [Publicaciones AAC](#)

Quick Notes

There is no single official and open record consolidating all incidents per year in **Peru**; therefore, verification relies on press and technical yearbooks (e.g., **American Alpine Journal**) and, for the **Huascarán 2002** case, on recent reports confirming identities and body recovery. [Publicaciones AAC](#) [smithsonianmag.com](#)

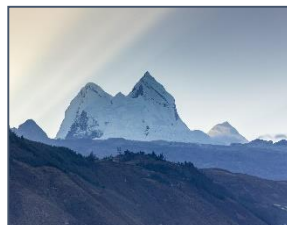
List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2003 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



Alpamayo — the most beautiful mountain in the



Routes for the ascent of **Nevado Alpamayo**



Mountain Huandoy
6395 m



1. **21 Jul 2003 — Nevado Alpamayo (Cordillera Blanca)**. Avalanche/serac collapse on the SW face (**Franco-Vasca/Ferrari route**). Outcome: **8 deceased (4 Germans, 2 Israelis, 1 Argentine, 1 Dutch)** and several injured/survivors. [Publicaciones AAC Climbingjagged-globe.co.uk](http://AACClimbingjagged-globe.co.uk)
2. **June 2003 — Nevado Alpamayo (Cordillera Blanca)**. Altitude sickness. Outcome: **1 Japanese climber deceased**. [Publicaciones AAC](http://PublicacionesAAC)
3. **14 Oct 2003 — Nevado Huandoy (Cordillera Blanca)**. Ice avalanche. Outcome: institutional reports indicate **9 victims**; the press reported at least **15 missing** that day. In **June 2004**, one of the bodies (**Fidel Broncano**) was recovered. repositorio.ana.gob.pe/yungayperu.com.pe/La Nación+1

Quick Notes

- In **2003** there was no centralized public official record; verification relies on technical yearbooks (**American Alpine Journal**) and specialized/general press. As context, by the end of **August 2003** it was reported that at least **11** people had died in the **Blanca** and **Huayhuash** ranges since **June** (not all detailed in open sources). [Publicaciones AACTaipei Times](http://PublicacionesAACTaipeiTimes)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2004 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



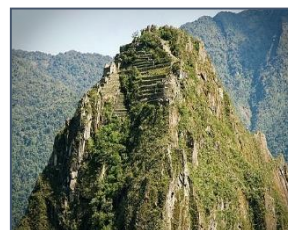
Mountain Tocllaraju
5560 m



Mountain Copa
6188 msnm



Cordillera
Huayhuash



Huayna Picchu

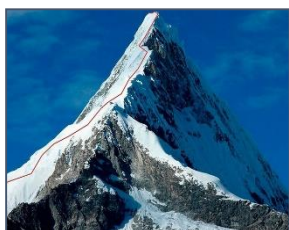
Date (2004)	Area / Mountain	Región	Type of Incident	Outcome
10 jun	Nevado Tocllaraju (West face, normal route)	Áncash (Cordillera Blanca)	Avalanche during ski descent	1 deceased: guide UIAGM Éder Sabino Cacha. AAC PublicationsMontañas Peruanas
14 jul	Nevado Copa (Copa Norte)	Áncash (Cordillera Blanca)	Fall into a crevasse (~30 m)	1 deceased: Slovenian climber Matej Mošnik. AAC Publications
28 sep	Cordillera Huayhuash (group of trekking)	Áncash/Lima/Huánuco	Armed robbery	1 deceased (Israeli tourist Mordechai)
18–19 oct	Huayna Picchu (Machu Picchu)	Cusco	Lightning strike	1 deceased: Russian tourist Denis Pankin EmolPlainview Herald

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2005 (cases without fatalities as evidence that there were no fatal mountaineering accidents that year):



- **Accidents with fatalities:** no fatal accidents recorded that year in the annual **Montañas Peruanas** summary (covers **2003–2012**; for **2005** explicitly states: “No fatal accidents”). [Montañas Peruanas](#)
- **Accidents with survivors (no fatalities):** there is no single official and open record; tin searches for **2005 incidents** with verifiable press or technical sources. As context, the **Alpine Journal** describes for the **2005 season** dangerous conditions (loose rock on **Huascarán Norte**, large crevasses and avalanches on the normal route of **Huascarán Sur**, unstable cornices on **Alpamayo**), suggesting that incidents/accidents did occur, not necessarily fatal, although no specific cases are listed. [alpinejournal.org.uk](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2006 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



Mountain
Artesonraju
6025 msnm



Mountain
Artesonraju
“Paramount”



Pirámide de
Garcilaso 5885



Rout Pirámide de
Garcilaso

- **Artesonraju (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash) — 3 Jul 2006.** Three American climbers (**Brennan Larson, Dustin Yoder, and Kristen Yoder**) were found deceased inside a ~50 m crevasse after a rescue operation by **PNP**, Huaraz guides, and air support. **3 deceased.** [Notimérica](#)
- **Pirámide de Garcilaso (Quebrada Parón, Santa Cruz) — 4–8 Aug 2006.** Two French climbers (**Dominique Spiral, 49; Christophe Vigne, 44**) were buried by an avalanche; the **PNP High Mountain** team recovered the bodies on **8 Aug. 2 deceased.**
- . [Panamericana Televisión+1](#)
- **Artesonraju — 2006 season** (exact date not recorded). An Argentine climber dies a few days after the accident involving the Americans. **1 deceased.** [Montañas Peruanas](#)
- **Artesonraju — 2006 season** (exact date not recorded). Swiss climber dies after falling from the face during a snowboard descent. **1 deceased.** [Montañas Peruanas](#)
- **Chinchey (Cordillera Blanca) — 2006 season** (exact date not recorded). Swiss climber dies from serac impact. **1 deceased.** [Montañas Peruanas](#)



2006 balance (mountaineering in Peru): **8 deceased** according to the annual **Montañas Peruanas** summary, specifically corroborated by the press for the cases of **Artesonraju (July)** and **Pirámide de Garcilaso (August)**. [Montañas PeruanasNotiméricaPanamericana Televisión](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2007 (cases without fatalities as evidence that there were no fatal mountaineering accidents that year):

Date (2007)	Area / Mountain	Type of incident	Outcome
(not recorded in the source; 2007 season)	Nevado Copa (Cordillera Blanca)	Avalanche/fall of rocks and ice that struck three young Spanish climbers on the south face while camping	3 survivors: Elena de Castro, Roger Ximenis, and "Oriol"; escaped "almost unharmed". Publicaciones del American Alpine Club

Accidentes fatales (alpinismo):

- No deaths recorded in **2007** according to the **Montañas Peruanas** summary (excludes trekking/paragliding and is limited to mountaineering). [Montañas Peruanas](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2008 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:

- Fatal accidents (mountaineering): none recorded in **2008** according to the **Montañas Peruanas** summary.[Montañas Peruanas](#)
- Accidents with survivors: I could not find public reports from **2008** (newspaper archives/press/technical yearbooks) with sufficient date, location, and official record to cite them accurately. It is possible that non-fatal rescues occurred without media coverage or in non-public archives.

Quick Notes

- The count is limited to mountaineering with fatalities (excluding trekking, paragliding, or other activities). In **2008**, no deaths were recorded, although non-fatal incidents may have occurred. To identify them, it would be necessary to review local



newspaper archives, reports from **USAM-PNP**, records from **AGMP/Casa de Guías**, and the **American Alpine Journal**. [Montañas Peruanas](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2009 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:



Huascarán
South 6768 msnm



Mountain Tocllaraju
6034 msnm



Rescue in
Mountain Tocllaraju

- **25–28 Jul 2009 — Huascarán Sur (Áncash)**. Fall into a crevasse near **Camp 2** (~6,200 m). **Peruvian guide Claudio Lliuya (52)** and his Japanese client **Takao Mitsui (68)** died. Intensive search began on **29 Jul**; the bodies were recovered on **28 Aug 2009**. No survivors from the accident. [AndinaCorreo](#)
- **30 Jul 2009 — “La Esfinge” (Parón Valley, Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**. The Argentine climber **Daniel Enrique Montón (30)** died after a fall of ~100 m during the descent. He was with three compatriots (reported unharmed). [Andina](#)
- **2–3 Aug 2009 — Tocllaraju, West Face (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**. Three Belgian climbers fell into an abyss and died: **Ann Houttekviet (22)**, **Koen de Bacher (26)**, and **Hans Marien (20)**. No survivors reported from the rope team. [AndinaRPP Noticias](#)

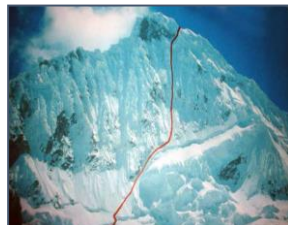
List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2010 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in press sources and local reports:

- **9–10 Jul 2010 — Nevado Chacraraju (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**. Avalanche on the left face while attempting a new route. **Daniel Crespo (27)** and **Alejandro Bonilla (26)**, Spanish climbers, perished. High Mountain rescue teams recovered the bodies; they were part of a larger group. [RTVEEl País](#)
- **22–23 Jul 2010 — Nevado Alpamayo (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**. The Argentine mountaineer **Esteban Martín Schneider (30)** slipped and fell ~300 m; deceased. Two Austrian climbers who were ascending further below sustained minor injuries (survivors). [RPP NoticiasLA NACION](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2011 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



Mountain
Chacaraju
6108 msnm



Mountain
hacaraju
Normal Route



Rescue in
Mountain Alpamayo



Body recovery
in Mounatain
Alpamayo

- **28 Feb 2011 — Chacaraju Este (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash).** Accident involving a **British rope team** near **6,000 m** on the **Jaeger Route**; survivors with injuries (one with temporary paralysis due to ice impact). [UKClimbing](#)
- **1–8 Jul 2011 — Huascarán (Áncash).** During the **Semana del Andinismo**, French paraglider **Xavier Murillo (55)** disappeared on **1 Jul**; he was found dead on **8 Jul** on a moraine of Huascarán. [RPP NoticiasAndina](#)
- **10–15 Jul 2011 — Nevado Alpamayo (Áncash).** Polish climber **Marcin Jerzy Szklarczyk (25)** was found dead and recovered on **15 Jul**; he had gone missing days earlier during the ascent. [Andina](#)
- **31 Mar – 16 Oct 2011 — Colca Valley / Nevado Bomboya area (Arequipa).** Case of **Ciro Castillo-Rojo and Rosario Ponce**: Rosario was rescued alive in April; Ciro was found dead on **16 Oct** after more than 200 days of search. [El Comercio Perú](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2012 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:

1. **10–13 Jun 2012 – Nevado Ausangate (Cusco)** Avalanche during the ascent. **Mikel Aingeru López de Sabando** (Spanish climber, from Navarre) and Peruvian guide **Ñosy (Nosy) Dueñas** died; **Ana María López** (Mikel's wife) survived and descended to seek help. [Desnivel+Noticias de Navarra](#)
2. **Jul 2012 (recovery 28–29 Jul) – Palcaraju Oeste, Cordillera Blanca (Áncash)** After summiting, two American climbers fell during the descent: **Gil Weiss (29)** and **Ben Horne (32)** (deceased). [Al Jazeera](#)
3. **5 Jul 2012 (reported on 16 Jul) – Nevado Huandoy, Cordillera Blanca (Áncash)** Avalanche buried **Manuel Busto (50)**, a local ice seller from **Yungay**. At that time he remained missing and the **High Mountain Unit** continued the search. [RPP Noticias](#)



4. **Nov 2012 – Volcán Misti (Arequipa)** Guide and rescuer **Christian Enríquez García (24)** died after a fall while guiding **two** Spanish citizens (**survivors**). [Correo](#)

Other accidents in mountain areas (not mountaineering, but relevant for SAR operations)

5. **6–11 Jun 2012 – Mama Rosa (Quispicanchi Province, Cusco)**
Helicopter accident with **14** deceased (**8** Koreans, **1** Dutch, **1** Swedish, **1** Czech, and **3** Peruvians); bodies recovered on **11 Jun**. [overseas.mofa.go.kr](#)

Quick Notes

There is no single official and open record consolidating all incidents per year in the country. In **2012**, international media reported that the **Cordillera Blanca** had at least **eight** deceased mountaineers by the end of **July**.

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2013 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:

- **30 Jun 2013 – Nevado Tocllaraju (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)** Fall during ski descent: **1** Czech alpinist (**26**) deceased; he was with **2** compatriots (**survivors**). [Radio Prague International](#)
- **25 May – 30 Jun 2013 – Nevado Alpamayo (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**
Avalanche – Ice and snow avalanche buried **two** Peruvian guides while preparing the ascent of a group of **12 Swiss tourists** with fixed rope; the body of **Mesias Milla** was found and the other body, **Víctor Sánchez Caldua (38)**, was recovered on **30/06**. (Another guide was affected; status not confirmed in the report). Tourists unharmed. [Página web](#)
- **12 Jul 2013 – Nevado Tocllaraju (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)** Accident/avalanche on route: **Argentine mountaineers Leonardo Rasnik (34) and Natalio Funes (21)** die. [Mark HorrellExtremos](#)
- **30 Jul 2013 – Nevado Huantsán, Quebrada Rajucolta (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**
Avalanche: **Peruvian guide Miguel Gamarra Maza (38)** dies; another guide (**26**) is injured. The same source mentions parallel searches for **two** missing persons in the area. [MAYAKE](#)
- **Aug 2013 (AP report 3/08) – Missing case in Pisco (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**
British Thomas Jagger (22) disappears on the route to **Nevado Pisco**; official search was launched. The report also summarizes that between **May and July, 5**



mountaineers had died in the **Blanca** (2 Peruvians, 2 Argentines, and 1 Czech). [AP News](#)

- **8 Aug 2013 – Nevado Chacraraju Este (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)** After completing the **Jaeger route**, during the descent an ice collapse occurred: **Argentine Nicolás Made** died; his partner **Agustín Carriete** survived. [Barrabes](#)

Quick Notes

- In **2013** there was no single official and open record consolidating all accidents per year; the above comes from verified general and specialized **press**. Between **May–July 2013**, Peruvian authorities cited by **AP** counted **5** deceased in the **Cordillera Blanca** (matching **Alpamayo, Huantsán, Tocllaraju**, and the **Czech case**). [AP News](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2014 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



Italian climbers
killed on Huascarán



Laguna 69 route —
Israeli climber loses
life



2 climbers —
victims on Pirámide
de Garcilaso



Pirámide
Garcilaso
5885 m

1. **31 May 2014 – Nevado Alpamayo (Cordillera Blanca), Áncash**
Fact: **Two Italian alpinists (Matteo Tagliabue and Enrico Broggi)** die on the Alpamayo route; their teammates raised the alarm when they did not return. Rescue operation confirmed the deaths. Victims: **2** deceased; the rest of the climbing team survived. [Voice of AmericaClimbing](#)
2. **9 Jun 2014 – Laguna 69 sector / Nevado Pisco (Cordillera Blanca), Áncash**
Fact: **Israeli mountaineer Pavel Lerman (33)** dies during a hike/ascent in the Pisco area. He was part of a group of **15** people; the **High Mountain Police** carried out the rescue. Victims: **1** deceased; his group survived. [RPP NoticiasTN8 – Noticias de Nicaragua y El Mundo](#)
3. **9 Jul 2014 – Pirámide de Garcilaso (Cordillera Blanca), Áncash** Fact: **Canadian climber Cory Hall (1989–2014)** dies in an accident while attempting the **Pyramid**



(5,885 m). Victims: **1** deceased. **TN8 – Noticias de Nicaragua** and **El Mundo**. [TN8 – Noticias de Nicaragua y El Mundo](#)

4. **14 Jul 2014 – Pirámide de Garcilaso (Cordillera Blanca), Áncash** Fact: **American Cole (Kyle) Kennedy (23)** dies due to an avalanche of ice/cornice collapse in the NW couloir; his partner **John Collis** survives with injuries. Victims: **1** deceased; **1** survivor. [Publicaciones del American Alpine ClubLegacy.com](#)

Quick Notes

- The list summarizes the cases with coverage in **press** and specialized **mountaineering sources** (magazines/yearbooks) for **2014**. Most serious incidents that year were concentrated in **Áncash (Cordillera Blanca)**, according to published reports.
- It is possible that additional incidents exist that were not publicly reported or only recorded in local police reports/records of **Huascarán National Park**.

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2015 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:

- **Tocllaraju (6,034 m), Cordillera Blanca – Huaraz (Áncash) – 7 Jun 2015**. Avalanche and fall into crevasse. Survivor: **Annemai Märtsen (Estonia)**. Deceased: **Tarmo Riga (43), Jane Riga (42), and Allan Valge (36)**, all from **Estonia**. [Canal NERRCBS News](#)
- **Huascarán, Cordillera Blanca – Huascarán National Park (Áncash) – early Aug 2015** (found **5 Aug**; recovery **10 Aug**). Fall into crevasse during ascent. Deceased: **three** mountaineers from **Ecuador (Jorge David Riera Gómez, Braulio Rodolfo Ríos Gordón, and Carlos Esteban Velástegui Romero)**. No survivors reported. [La RepúblicaECEL Comercio](#)
- **Huandoy Sur (6,160 m), Cordillera Blanca – (Áncash) – 27 Aug 2015** (found **2 Sep**). Accident during an attempt of a new route on the south face. Deceased: **Alexander Ruchkin** and **Vyacheslav “Slava” Ivanov (Russia)**. No survivors reported. [AlpinistAAC Publicaciones](#)

Minimum verified balance **2015: 8** deceased, **1** survivor (according to the cited sources). Other cases may have occurred in **Peru** that year which were not included in public records.



List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2016 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



Accident and fatality on Nevado Huayhuash



Rescue of the 4 deceased on Nevado Huascarán



Recovery of deceased climber on Nevado Mateo



Ascent route of Nevado Mateo — m a.s.l.

- **13 May 2016 – Nevado Rasac (6,020 m), Cordillera Huayhuash, Áncash/Huánuco/Lima** Accident: fall into a crevasse ~200 m from the summit. Victims: **1** deceased (**Victoriano Basilio Huaranga, 75, guide**). No other individuals reported affected. [RPP Noticias](#)
- **19–22 Jul 2016 – Nevado Huascarán (sector “La Canaleta/La Garganta”, ~5,800–6,000 m), Áncash** Accident: avalanche that affected a group of **9** climbers (**4** Peruvians, **3** Mexicans, **2** Spaniards). Victims: **4** deceased (**Peruvians Julio Suárez Rey and Gilberto Loli; Mexicans José Miguel Mendoza Paulín and Carlos Guido Belkotosky Rascón**). **5** rescued alive (among them **2** Spaniards and **1** Peruvian; Mexican survivor identified as **Rubén Jaén**). [RPP Noticias+IEI Universo](#)
- **1–2 Dec 2016 – Nevado Mateo (~5,150 m), Carhuaz, Áncash** Accident: climber found dead during descent; **High Mountain Rescue** operations recovered the body. Victims: **1** deceased (**German tourist Albertch Peter Michael Plank, 59**). No other individuals were affected in this incident. [El Comercio](#)
[PerúPanamericana Televisión](#)

Quick Notes

In **Peru** there is no single public record of “mountain accidents”; the list is based on reports from **national press** and rescue corroborations. It is possible that minor or unreported incidents do not appear here.

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2017 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



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- **15–16 Apr 2017 — Volcán Misti (Arequipa)**. Young man falls during descent and calls for help via WhatsApp; rescued alive by the **PNP (Antonio Domingo Taipe)**. [RPP NoticiasEl Comercio](#)
- **14–19 Jun 2017 — Volcán Misti (Arequipa)**. After more than a month missing, the body of **Jhon Barrientos Sucasaca (31)** was found; autopsy indicates death by dehydration (**deceased**). [RPP Noticias+1](#)
- **1 Aug 2017 — Nevado Pirámide de Garcilaso / Quebrada Parón (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash)**. Avalanche during ascent: **3** deceased — **Chilean Cristóbal Bizarri (23)**, **Chilean Gabriel Navarrete (32)**, and **Russian-American Alexander Maznev**. Discovery confirmed by authorities (**AGMP/PNP**) and press. [AndinaRPP NoticiasCooperativa.cl](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2018 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:

1. **30 Jun 2018 – Áncash (Cordillera Blanca), Nevado Alpamayo** (Ferrari/La Rimaya route). Balance: **3** deceased (**British Samuel Paul Richard Blelock, Slovene Eva Zontar, Peruvian guide Jaime Quintana**) and **1** survivor (**Argentine**). Fact: Avalanche during ascent; the bodies were recovered on **3–4 Jul**. [infobae](#)
2. **7 Jul 2018 – Áncash (Cordillera Blanca), Nevado Alpamayo, C1 (~5,000 m)**. Balance: **1** survivor (**German Wolfgang Heydenreuter**), with a femur fracture after a fall into a crevasse of **~30 m**; evacuated by **USAM** and guides. [El Comercio PerúAndina](#)
3. **18 Jul 2018 – Áncash (Cordillera Blanca), Nevado Artesonraju**. Balance: **2** deceased (**Mexicans Daniel Araiza and Enrique González**). Fact: Ice block collapse during rappel descent (other reports describe it as an avalanche); confirmation from Mexican media. [infobae proceso.com.mx](#)
4. Weekend **16–17 Jun 2018** (reported on **19 Jun**) – **Áncash (Cordillera Blanca)**, moraine of **Nevado Ranrapalca**. Balance: **1** survivor (**Belgian Tom Hoppenbrouwer**), with fractures from rockfall; evacuated to a local clinic. [Ancash Noticias](#)
5. Weekend **16–17 Jun 2018** (reported on **19 Jun**) – **Áncash (Cordillera Blanca), Nevado Huascarán**, sector “**La Canaleta**”. Balance: **2** survivors (**Swiss brothers Gerhard and Beat Scharanz**), with bruises after a fall of **~50 m**; rescued by **USAM**. [Ancash Noticias](#)

Quick Notes

- In **2018**, the cases with verifiable sources are concentrated in **Áncash/Cordillera Blanca**.



- There is no single national record of mountaineering accidents; the information usually comes from the **High Mountain Police**, parks, guides (**AGMP**), and regional media.

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2019 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



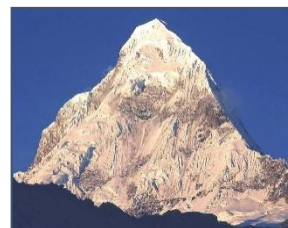
2019 — Tragic accident on Nevado Mateo



Recovery of the bodies of the Argentinians on Nevado Caraz



Rescue in Mountain Quitaraju



2019 – Accident on Mountain Santa Cruz

- **6–7 Jan 2019 – Nevado Mateo (Carhuaz, Áncash)**. Avalanche during descent: **4** deceased (**3** Spanish and **1** Peruvian guide **Rubén Darío Alva**, certified guide of the **Peruvian Mountain Guides Association AGMP-UGM**) and **1** survivor (**Spanish**). [Cadena SERDiario ABCTVPerú](#)
- **14–16 Jul 2019 – Nevado Caraz (Quebrada Parón, Huaylas, Áncash)**. Fall on ice wall: **2** deceased (**Argentine climbers Ian Schwer and Juan Pablo Cano**). [Andina LA NACIONGripped Magazine](#)
- **1–2 Aug 2019 – Nevado Quitaraju (Cordillera Santa Cruz, Huaylas, Áncash)**. Accident involving a French climbing team: **1** deceased and **2** injured rescued. [Diario El PuebloFacebook](#)
- **13–14 Sep 2019 – Nevado Santa Cruz (Huaylas, Áncash)**. Accident with **1** injured person (official report from **INDECI/COEN**). [portal.indeci.gob.pe](#)
- **22 Aug 2019 – Nevado Ausangate (Cusco)**. **2** Spanish tourists and **1** Peruvian guide missing; a presumed accident was reported and a search was launched (the report does not confirm the outcome). [Perú 21](#)

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There is no single public record consolidating all incidents in **2019** in the country; this list compiles cases confirmed by national/international press and accessible official reports.

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2020 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports. That year there was less mountaineering activity due to COVID-19 restrictions, so the reports are scarce and very specific.

- **Feb 6, 2020 — Cusco — Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) Peruvian tourist (51)** deceased during the hike to Vinicunca (**Llaqto sector, Cusipata district**). Companions and guides unharmed; reported lack of medical attention on the route. Victims: **1 deceased**; survivors: the rest of the group. [El Comercio Perú](#)
- **Feb 23–24, 2020 — Cusco (La Convención, Santa Teresa district) — Salkantay Basin** Glacier collapse/avalanches on **Nevado Salkantay** caused a flood along the **Salkantay River**. Initial reports: at least **4 deceased** and **13 missing**; later reports raised the count to **5–6 deceased** and **9 missing**, with hundreds affected. Survivors/evacuated: at least **15 people** (including injured American tourists, children, and a pregnant woman) evacuated by helicopter/vehicles; more locals relocated. Technical references confirm the mechanism (avalanches into **Salkantaycocha Lagoon** and subsequent outflow). [AGU Blogosphere](#)[El Comercio Perú](#)[Andina](#)[+Isigrid.cenepred.gob.pe](#)

Quick Notes

2020 was marked by travel closures and restrictions from **March 2020**, sharply reducing high-altitude expeditions and tourism; therefore, most verifiable reports for the year are concentrated in **January–February** and in major natural events, such as the **Salkantay flood**.

List of mountain accidents throughout the Peruvian region during 2021 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:

- **Nov 21, 2021 — Cusco — Huayna Picchu Mountain (Machu Picchu)** Victims: **1 deceased (American tourist Kanaparti Butchi Babu)**; no injuries reported. Cause: **cardiorespiratory arrest during/after the ascent**. [La República](#)
- **Nov 19, 2021 — Áncash — Nevado Pastoruri (Huascarán National Park)** Victims: **1 deceased (María Mercedes Romero Trujillo)**; **1 survivor/injured (her**



husband, Daniel Samuel Sisniegas Baldoceda). Cause: **lightning strike.** [El Comercio Perú](#)

- **Jul 13, 2021 — Puno (Carabaya) — Nevado Allinapac**
Victims: **1 deceased (American tourist Gisselle Field); 1 survivor (her husband Derek Field).** Cause: **fall into a ravine during descent.** [La República](#)
- **Jul 20, 2021 — Junín (Huancayo) — Access Route to Nevado Huaytapallana**
Victims: **1 deceased (mother); 3 survivors/injured (her children).** Cause: **vehicle skid and rollover on mountain road** (high-altitude road accident, not on glacier/ice wall). [Andina](#)

List of mountain and trekking accidents in Peru during 2022 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



Poles evacuated
from Nevado
Huascarán



Ecuadorian climber
dies on Nevado
Huascarán



Recovery from the
crevasse of the
deceased

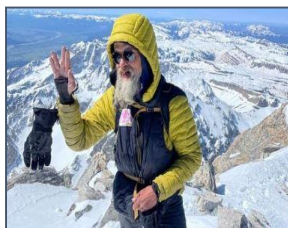
1. **1 Jun 10–14, 2022 — Nevado Huaytapallana (Junín)** Event: Fall of ~40 m in **Loma Lasuntay** sector during ascent. Victims: **2 deceased; 6 companions rescued/evacuated.** [AndinaInfoandes](#)
2. **Jun 16–17, 2022 — Nevado Huascarán, “La Canaleta” sector (Áncash)** Event: Avalanche between **C1 and C2**. Victims: **0 deceased; 2 injured (Polish)** evacuated to clinic, **4 unharmed.** [El Comercio PerúAndina](#)
3. **Aug 1–2, 2022 — Nevado Huascarán (Áncash)** Event: Fall into a ~20 m crevasse during ascent; rescued, later deceased. Victims: **1 deceased (Roberto Suárez, ECU);** companions raised the alert. [El Comercio Perú](#)
4. **Aug 23–24, 2022 — Rainbow Mountain / Vinicunca (Cusco)** Event: Altitude sickness during high-altitude tour. Victims: **1 deceased (French tourist, 74);** group survived. [infobaeLadevi](#)

5. **May 9, 2022 — Laguna Humantay, Soraypampa (Cusco)** Event: Fainted at foot of lagoon at ~4,200 m. Victims: **1 deceased (Colombian tourist)**; companions and guides unharmed.
6. **Jun 5–6, 2022 — Ausangate, “Siete Lagunas” Pajchanta sector (Cusco)** Event: Horsefall during approach; evacuation by **High Mountain Police**. Victims: **1 survivor with injuries (Israeli tourist, 21)**. [La RepúblicaAndina](#)
7. **Aug 10–12, 2022 — Volcán Chachani (Arequipa)** Event: Found deceased after several days of fasting/prayer in high-altitude (non-technical). Victims: **1 deceased (male, 60)**. [La RepúblicaRadio Yaraví Arequipa](#)
8. **Jan 24 – Oct 6, 2022 — Valle del Colca (Arequipa)** Event: Disappearance during mountain hike; remains identified in October. Victims: **1 deceased (Natacha de Crombrughe, BEL)**. [RPP Noticias](#)

List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2023 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



Guide dies on
Mountain
Huascarán



Guide dies on
Mountain
Huascarán



Police rescue
injured person after
fall on Mountain
Mateo



Tourist dies from
altitude sickness on
Rainbow Mountain

- **Jun 3, 2023 — Nevado Huascarán (Áncash)** Glacier collapse/avalanche: **Peruvian guide Edgar Huamán Asis deceased; two French tourists survive with injuries**. Infobae / RPP Noticias
- **Jun 30–Jul 3, 2023 — Nevado Alpamayo (Áncash)** **American tourist (73)** suffers an accident and is reported missing; found deceased on **Jul 3** by the **High Mountain Rescue Unit**. Infobae / RPP Noticias / TVPerú



• Slovenian Mountaineer Dies During Expedition to Nevado Huantsán

- **Jul 7, 2023 — Nevado Huantsán** During an expedition, mountaineer **Ivan Pesl (Slovenian)** suffered a fatal fall when an ice bridge collapsed, plunging him into a deep crevasse at around **5,300 m.a.s.l.** in **Campo Alto I**. [TikTok+8SOLTV PERU+8YouTube+8](#)

The **Peruvian Mountain Guides Association (AGMP)** confirmed that the rescue team, including members of this organization and officers from the **High Mountain Department of the National Police**, was immediately deployed to recover the body in an operation that could take several days due to the terrain's complexity. [DIARIO AHORA+2Andina+2](#)

News outlet **Newsweek**, citing **Perú.21**, also reported that **Ivan Pesl** died after falling into a crevasse while ascending Huantsán. [YouTube+7Newsweek+7DIARIO AHORA+7](#)

- **Aug 17, 2023 — Nevado Mateo / Contrahierbas Sur (Áncash)** Fall of ~**15 m** during ascent; rescued alive by the Mountain Police (**injured**). [Prensa Regional](#) **Aug 20–21, 2023 — Nevado Tocllaraju (Áncash)** Accident on route; **two foreign tourists injured** and rescued (**survivors**). [Facebook](#)
- **Oct 15–16, 2023 — Route to Rainbow Mountain/Vinicunca (Cusco)** Tour bus rollover on mountain road: **1 British tourist deceased** and **>25 injured (survivors)**. [TVPerúinfobaeLa República](#)
- **Nov 3, 2023 — Rainbow Mountain/Vinicunca (Cusco)** **Canadian tourist (35)** suffers altitude sickness; **deceased**. [La RepúblicaCorreo](#)
- **Dec 7, 2023 — Rainbow Mountain/Vinicunca (Cusco)** Lightning strike during return: **Guatemalan tourist (65)** deceased; the guide accompanying him **survived with injuries**. [RPP NoticiasTVPerú](#)



List of mountain accidents in Peru during 2024 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



Death of Chilean tourist on Volcán Misti



Death of a guide on Rainbow Mountain



Death of Italian guide on Mountain Cashán



Mummified body of William Stampfl found

- **Feb 16, 2024** – Mount Rajuntay (Junín). Athlete couple lost for ~3 days found alive and evacuated. Survivors: **2**. Fatalities: **0**. [Panamericana Televisión infobae](#)
- **Feb 23, 2024** – Mount Misti (Arequipa). Chilean tourist (**44**) fell into an abyss of >300 m during the ascent; his body was recovered by rescuers. Fatalities: **1**. Survivors: companions unharmed. [RPP Noticias https://www.facebook.com/teletrece](https://www.facebook.com/teletrece)
- **Mar 11, 2024** – Rainbow Mountain / Vinicunca (Cusco). Lightning strike hit the group: a **47-year-old guide** was killed and **6 tourists** were injured. Fatalities: **1**. Survivors/injured: **6**. [RPP Noticias](#)
- **May 12–13, 2024** – Cordillera Huayhuash (Áncash, Mitucocha Lake area). The body of Israeli hiker **Oren Zamir** (26) was found, missing for almost a month; a fall of ~100 m is suspected. Fatalities: **1**. [timesofisrael.com infobae](#)
- **Jun 2, 2024** – Mount Cashan (Cordillera Blanca, Áncash). Italian guide **Tomas Franchini** (35) died when the cornice collapsed as he exited his bivouac; his Chilean partner **Cristóbal Señoret** survived and raised the alarm. Fatalities: **1**. Survivors: **1**. [planetmountain.com Panamericana Televisión](#)
- **Jul 9, 2024** – Mount Huascarán (Áncash). Rescuers recovered the mummified body of **William Stampfl**, an American climber who disappeared in 2002 due to an avalanche. Note: the death occurred in 2002; the discovery/recovery was in 2024.. [Los Angeles Times](#)

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List of mountain accidents in Peru 2025 – updated as of 08/17/2025 (with fatalities and survivors) that can be verified in news sources and local reports:



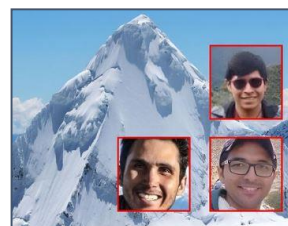
Death of Swedish tourist in Taullipampa



Mudslide at the base of Nevado Vallunaraju



Chiaki Inada dies on Huascarán



3 climbers found dead on Artesonraju

- **Mar 20, 2025 – Áncash, Huascarán National Park / Santa Cruz Valley – Taullipampa camp. Event:** Swedish tourist identified as **Eric Holtz** (some reports cite him as “Eric Bojs”) was found dead in Taullipampa; his Dutch companions went down to seek help and returned with support. **Outcome:** 1 fatality, 1 survivor (unharmmed). [Ancash Noticias](#)[Facebook](#)

Done! Adding the mudflow at the foot of Mount **Vallunaraju** (Huaraz/Independencia) Apr 28, 2025 – Áncash, Llaca micro-basin (Casca sub-basin), district of Independencia – “at the foot of Mount Vallunaraju”

Event: a rock mass collapse struck a forming lagoon, triggering its outburst (GLOF) and a mudflow/huayco that descended through the Casca ravine.

repositorio.inaigem.gob.peportal.indeci.gob.pe

Reported toll: at least 2 fatalities and 5 initially missing; 100–300 affected/displaced according to various reports and coverages. [canaln.peLaRepública](#)

Key damages: destruction of bridges (e.g., Paria), roads, and services; road clearing and recovery initiated by local authorities. [Wikimedia Commons](#)[Gobierno del Perú](#)

Technical note: Authorities and analyses confirm the origin at the foot of Vallunaraju, not at the main Llaca lagoon. Ancash Noticias



Additional context (visual/technical): summary from NASA Earth Observatory on the April 28, 2025 event. earthobservatory.nasa.gov

- **Jun 22–23 — Mount Artesonraju (Áncash, Cordillera Blanca). Three climbers missing since May were found: Efraín Homer Pretel Alonzo (34), Jesús Picón Huerta (31), and photographer Edson Vandeira Costa (Brazilian–Peruvian). 3 fatalities.** [infobaeDiario AS](#)
- Rescue of a climber identified as **Daniel Holder** (Holder/Holder) on Mount Alpamayo: According to a Facebook post, a British tourist named **Daniel Holder** was on the brink of death after suffering a serious medical emergency during his ascent of Alpamayo. [Steven's Peak-bagging Journey+9Facebook+9TikTok+9](#). In another source, it is mentioned that an English citizen named **Daniel Marc Holder** activated his emergency beacon from Mount Alpamayo, which enabled a rapid intervention by the rescue team. [Facebook+1](#). In addition, a publication dated June 10, 2025, reports that British climber Daniel Holder “something went wrong” while climbing Alpamayo at midnight, although it does not detail the outcome.
- [Facebook+7Facebook+7Facebook+7](#).
- **Jun 26–27 — Mount Huascarán (Áncash).** Two Japanese climbers trapped at high altitude; Chiaki Inada (40) died and Saki Terada (36) survived after a rescue operation. 1 fatality, 1 survivor. [Gripped MagazineSWI swissinfo.ch](#)
- **Jul 15 — Mount Huascarán (Áncash). Three Spanish climbers rescued alive; one suffered from snow blindness (photokeratitis). 3 survivors.**[SWI swissinfo.chElHuffPost](#)
- **Apr 21 — Humantay Lake / Soraypampa (Cusco). Colombian tourist (63) suffers decompensation during the hike and dies;** authorities confirm cardiorespiratory arrest. 1 fatality. [infobae+1El Tiempo](#)
- **Mar 13 — Mount Salkantay (Cusco). Landslide blocks route;** 26 tourists trapped and evacuated by the National Police. All survived. [infobae](#)
- **Apr 17 — Mount Vallunaraju (Áncash). Icefall during technical practice;** the group avoided the impact zone. Incident with no injuries. [infobaeN Digital](#)
- **Aug 11–12, 2025 – Áncash, Jancapampa (sometimes cited as “Jampapampa”), Alpamayo–Cedros route, near Mount Taulliraju. Event:** Danish tourist (**Kim Andersen Sangild, 58**) **was found dead in his tent** at >4,200 m; companions and local residents raised the alarm. **Outcome: 1 fatality;** his companions survived. [infobaeLa RepúblicaPrensa RegionalAncash Noticias](#)





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