

THE GENE SAVOY ROUTE – Photo Album



We recently reported on a planned trip in Peru sponsored by Gene Savoy Xplorations (GSX). Here is an after-report on the trip from its organizer:

Update to Gene Savoy Jr. from Martin Chumbe

Seven people participated in this event. We had talks and conversations with the populations involved in this event, about the person, and the work of your father Dr. Gene Savoy. The objective of this CABALGATA was and will always be TO CLAIM the name of GENE SAVOY, for all that its exploration and discoveries contributed and continue to contribute to the growth of tourism and the clarification of the CHACHAPOYA culture.

The organization of this ride called THROUGH THE ROUTES OF GENE SAVOY, was organized by me to remember that in the 1960s Gene Savoy walked for the first time and discovered numerous archaeological remains such as Pirka Pirka, Gran Chivani (today called Vira Vira), and La Capilla that are part of the Chachapoya road. We have had meetings in each place we arrived. And we explained who arrived first, who discovered it and who Gene Savoy was during his life, which caused a lot of surprise because nobody knew. Only two or three people remembered your father in the town of Chivani. We had a meeting with the schoolchildren and left copies of the films THE LOST CITY OF THE ANDES and ROYAL ROADS TO DISCOVERY, So that the children would know the greatness of the Chachapoyas and the great work that GENE SAVOY did.

Leymebamba was a bastion of hatred towards Gene Savoy [when he first arrived], but today people have changed a lot. And after this parade, they have a vision of the work that Gene Savoy did. And many of the participants were people from Leymebamba. Today it is no longer a taboo to talk about Savoy; on the contrary, it is a reference to his great discoveries.

Our final OBJECTIVE was to open and create new alternative routes with great visual and cultural impact that have enormous potential for tourism, since today our main icon Kuelap is closed due to its daily deterioration – and disappearance if corrective actions are not taken on time.

As an agency that we project into the future, it was a TOTAL SUCCESS, because now many people ask me, they write to me that they want to do this parade again. Now the name of Savoy is heard more in Chachapoyas and on all the routes we followed. The places we visited were the following:

- Uchumarca, Pirka Pirka, Los Estribos, Michimal, Llamactambo, La Capilla and Las quinuas, all in the La Libertad region.
- Huaybamba Lagoon, Vivi Vira, in the San Martin region.

- Ulla 4100 masl, limit between Amazonas and La Libertad.
- Mishacocha Lagoon, Sierprecocha Lagoon, Inka baths, Chuquibamba, Cochamba, all this in the Amazon Region.

As you can see, it has been a great trip. Now people who knew little about him are talking about the Gene Savoy routes. The most important thing about all this is that now more is known about your father's work. The myths of what was said in the past are already being broken.

Below are some of the photos Martin sent:



