

TREK

CHOQUEQUIRAO + MACHU PICCHU

7 days / 6 nights



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Treks & Expeditions Specialists



DESCRIPTION

Choque & Mapi: The Fast Route

Discover the two greatest of all architectural wonders of the Incas on a 7-day trek that'll challenge your physical and mental limits. You'll feel reenergized and like a new person at the end of it all. If you're addicted to adventure, you love wildlife, and are passionate about the ancient civilizations' history; this route is ideal for you.

This route was chosen in 2015 by National Geographic as one of the most beautiful in the entire world due to the incredible natural beauty of the Andean and jungle landscapes that you pass through. The difficulty of this excursion is comparable to the trek to Mount Everest base camp. So, are you ready for the challenge of a lifetime? Join us on this incredible 7-day journey through time and varying landscapes.

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FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Explore the two largest and most important Inca archaeological sites that exist: Choquequirao & Machu Picchu on an epic adventure.
- » Hike along ancient roads built by the Incas and visit other small archaeological centers along the way to learn all about this ancient culture.
- » Enjoy a huge variety of landscapes and climates. Travel through the snow-capped Andean mountains, the intriguing cloud forest, and the warm jungle.
- » Make the most of your time away from the crowds on a quiet and off-the-beaten-path trek to Choquequirao.
- » Join other hikers on the trail to Machu Picchu to discover more Inca secrets.
- » Get to know the Apurímac Canyon, the deepest in the American continent and which is located next to Choquequirao.

DAY 01

Cusco | Capuliyoc – Chiquisca

Take in the Amazing Scenery and Fresh Andean Air

Our exciting adventure begins today! We will pick you up from your hotel around 7:00 a.m. and head to Capuliyoc on a four-hour drive. You will have a delicious breakfast that will give you the energy to start the epic hike. After exploring the area, we will head along a flat trail until we reach the Capuliyoc viewpoint (2,890 m / 9,482 ft). Here, we will enjoy the breathtaking views of the Apurimac Canyon and, if we are lucky, we will be able to witness the amazing flight of the condor.

We will begin to descend through a constant zigzagging under intense heat, where you can only hear the sound of the wind and the rhythmic songs



of birds and cicadas. On the way, we will stop for a moment at Cocamasana, where the views are simply majestic.

After three hours of intense descent, we will arrive at the tropical oasis of Chiquisca (1,900 m / 6,234 ft), a place full of life in the middle of the arid canyon. We will walk around the area and learn a little more about the farming activities of the families that live in this beautiful place. In the evening, we will have dinner and rest in this magical oasis.



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DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Camp
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
8 km / 4.97 mi
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
2,890 m / 9,482 ft
- » CAMP ELEVATION:
1,970 m / 6,463 ft

1. Walk through impressive landscapes in the Apurimac River canyon.
2. Padreyoc Snowcapped Mountain
3. The hike to Choquequirao is demanding but rewarding.
4. Chiquisca Campsite
5. The vegetation along the route is unique.
6. You will enjoy a spectacular sunset upon arrival.

DAY 02

Chiquisca | Playa Rosalinas – Santa Rosa –
Marampata

Enjoy the Unique Andean Wildlife and Observe an Amazing Sunset

A hearty breakfast will be ready and waiting for you today to give you the boost you need to start our amazing hike. We set out on a path that winds its way up the mountainside. An hour and a half later, we will arrive at Rosalina beach and we will see the large pedestrian bridge that we will have to cross to continue our journey.

We will ascend in a zigzagging way for two and a half hours until we reach the small village of Santa Rosa (1,970 m / 6,463 ft), we will visit a family farm and learn about the elaboration of Cambray, a handmade liquor made from sugar cane grown in this place. After enjoying a delicious lunch and being part of this experience, we will climb for three more



hours to reach Marampata (2,900 m / 9,514 ft). Here, you will appreciate the most spectacular views and take excellent photographs to remember your trip through the snow-capped mountains and canyon.

You will have a fantastic opportunity to see the brilliant sunset behind Choquequirao and the surrounding mountains. An orange glow will be cast over the giant rocks that will fill you with peace. Once it gets dark, we will enjoy a delicious dinner that will fill your hungry stomach and replenish your energy. Afterwards, you will head back to your tent to rest under the stars.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Camp
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
11 km / 6.83 mi
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
2,900 m / 9,517 ft
- » CAMP ELEVATION:
2,900 m / 9,514 ft

1. Travel through the ancient Inca trails still used by the local indigenous people.
2. The ascent to Choquequirao will test your adventurous spirit.
3. Enchanting waterfalls will beautify your hike.
4. Bridge over the Mighty Apurimac River.
5. Spectacular panoramic views of the Apurimac Canyon.
6. Feel the magic and energy of the Andes.

DAY 03

Marampata | Choquequirao - Pinchaunuyoc

Watch the Astounding Sunrise Behind Choquequirao

Today we will get up early to enjoy one of the most spectacular sunrises you can imagine. The sun's rays will fill this place with color and life. Take a moment to thank Mother Nature for all the wonderful things she has given us. After breakfast, we will hike for an hour and a half through the cloud forest. You will really feel like you are among the clouds.

Once in Choquequirao, our guide will explain the history of this incredible place, also known as "the last refuge of the Incas". Around noon, we will enjoy a picnic lunch that the chef will bring to the complex. Then, we will walk until we reach the Usnu and have a better panoramic view of the area; with luck, we will be able to observe the condor flying through the



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Andean sky, we will also visit the terraces and the Pacchayoc waterfall.

After a magical experience in this enigmatic citadel, we will start ascending for an hour until we reach the Choquequirao Pass (3,270 m / 10,728 ft), then, we will descend to the next archaeological complex on our route, Pinchaunuyoc (2,420 m / 7,940 ft). You will be amazed by the platforms that appear suspended over the abyss of the Blanco River canyon. You will enjoy a short tour of the site before resting at our campsite.



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DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Camp
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging - Strenuous
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
8 km / 4.97 mi
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
3,270 m / 10,728 ft
- » CAMP ELEVATION:
2,420 m / 7,940 ft

1. Monumental archaeological complex of Choquequirao
2. Beginning of the final stretch
3. Detail of the magnificent Inca architecture
4. Spaces frozen in time in Choquequirao
5. Llama figures on the terraces of Choquequirao
6. The windows of Inca buildings are very characteristic.

DAY 04

Pinchaunuyoc | Maizal Minas Victoria –
San Juan Pass – Yanama

Hike Up to the High Andes and Witness a Change of Scenery

After a nutritious breakfast, we will start descending to the Blanco River. During the hike, we will see many species of birds, different orchids, and plantations of the sacred coca leaf. We will cross the river and begin a strenuous climb to our lunch point, known as Maizal (3,000 m / 9,843 ft). Today is the most challenging day of all, but you will be able to rest your legs here before continuing the trek.

We will continue uphill for about three and a half hours until we reach the summit. This part of the trail is historically significant because of the many ruins that can be found along the way. We will pass the impressive Inca mines, called Minas Victoria, from which silver used to be extracted. Next, we will head towards the San Juan Pass (4,200 m / 13,780 ft).



Then, we will cross the intriguing cloud forest and the Andean puna, known for its famous ichu grass. We will enjoy lunch while contemplating the views of the Choquetacarpa and Padreyoc mountains. If you did not see the flight of the condors before this point, you may have the opportunity to see them here, depending on the season.

Finally, we will descend to our campsite at Yanama (3,600 m / 11,811 ft) located at the bottom of the valley, where a delicious dinner will be waiting for you before another beautiful night's sleep in the middle of nature.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Camp
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
18 km / 11.18 mi
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
4,200 m / 13,780 ft
- » CAMP ELEVATION:
3,600 m / 11,811 ft

1. Magnificent stone terraces in Maizal.
2. An example of Inca architecture.
3. The terraces are still cultivated by local farmers.
4. Impressive view of the snow-capped mountains.
5. Dazzling rock formation over the valley.
6. The fog completes a magical and mysterious landscape.

DAY 05

Yanama | Yanama Pass – Totora – Collpapampa

Enjoy the Natural Beauty and How the Climate Changes

Today, you'll be woken up by jungle sounds and a relaxing waterfall. The locals who live in the Yanama community have preserved ancient traditions to this day, and it provides the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in their culture. You'll be able to make some new friends and hand out gifts to the local children.

Once you've had a filling breakfast, we'll start a 5-hour ascent to the highest part of the hike, the Yanama Pass (4,650 m / 15,256 ft). Along this part of the trek, you'll see farmers working their land in potato fields. You'll also spot Saqsarayoc and Padreyoc in all their snowy glory. You might even get to step on snow



here, depending on the time of year. You'll see the imposing Salkantay mountain in the distance for the first time, too.

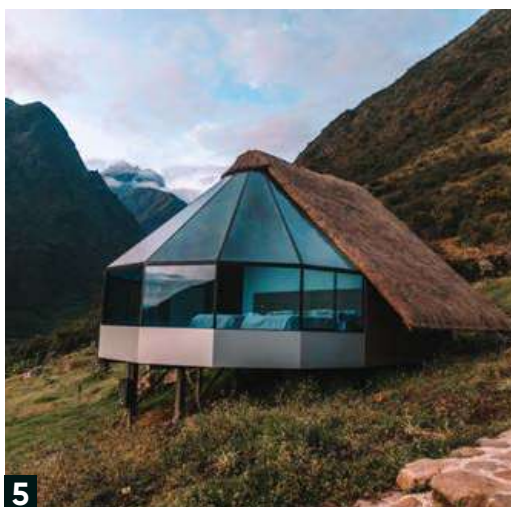
Later on, we'll descend for three hours along a fog-filled, mysterious path to the Titora community and have lunch along the way to replenish our energy. We'll then hike for another hour to Collpapampa, where you'll enjoy a spectacular dinner and a tranquil night's rest in our exclusive Mountain Sky View in the middle of nature.

Our campsite Mountain Sky View is a warm mountain accommodation and our novelty this year, and it's with great pleasure that we prepared this place for all those looking for a glamping experience surrounded by nature. Each one of its individual Andean Sky Huts counts with a private bath besides spectacular tropical mountain views. You'll find peace under the shining stars listening to the voices of wildlife and the whispers of the river in the valley.

- » 16 Sky huts
- » 2 people per hut
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and Warm Shower
- » **Optional:**
 - Warm shower



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DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Camp
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
15 km / 9.32 mi
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
4,650 m / 15,256 ft
- » CAMP ELEVATION:
2,800 m / 9,186 ft

1. Appreciate the valley from the incredible trail carved in the rock.
2. Yanama Pass
3. Snowfalls are common in the area and cover the stunning landscapes in white.
4. Mountain Sky View Domes.
5. Amazing views from the Sky View Domes.
6. Interior of the domes.

DAY 06

Collpapampa | Playa Sahuayaco -
Hidroelectrica - Aguas Calientes



Hike Down in the Intriguing Cloud Forest

Today's your last day of hiking. You'll enjoy a great breakfast before we continue our hike and cross the river to the other side of the valley. Five hours of hiking through the jungle await us, and you'll observe plantations of passion fruit, banana, papaya, avocado, and coffee—of course, you can try the taste of these delicious fruits that this place offers us.

Once you reach Playa Sahuayaco, you'll have time to rest and enjoy your last lunch made by our talented chef. We'll then head to Hydroelectric in our private transport. From there, you can either hike alongside the railway through lush vegetation to Aguas Calientes (2,040 m / 6,693 ft) for around 3 hours or take the train.



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PACKING LIST

When you get there, you'll check into your hotel and then have the rest of the afternoon free. You can either relax in your room, explore the town, or go to the hot springs to relax and unwind after all the trekking.

We'll meet for dinner in a nice restaurant and go over any last details about tomorrow's visit to Machu Picchu. Then, it'll be time to head to bed because we need to be up before the sun to get to the Lost City of the Incas.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
26 km / 16.16 mi
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
2,800 m / 9,186 ft
- » ACCOMMODATION ELEVATION:
2,040 m / 6,693 ft

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1. Hike through the lush Amazon rainforest
 2. Traditional coffee elaboration
 3. Train to Aguas Calientes
 4. Aguas Calientes
 5. Hotel in Aguas Calientes
 6. Comfortable rooms

DAY 07

Aguas Calientes | Machu Picchu –
Ollantaytambo – Cusco

Discover the Energy at Machu Picchu and Discover Inca Secrets

Your epic journey comes to a close today, with a visit to the New World Wonder and UNESCO World Heritage Site Machu Picchu. You'll get to enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we set off early. We'll board the bus from Aguas Calientes up to the archaeological complex to get there before the large crowds. This way, you can take advantage of the early morning light and watch the sun come up and cast its glow on the huge ancient rocks.

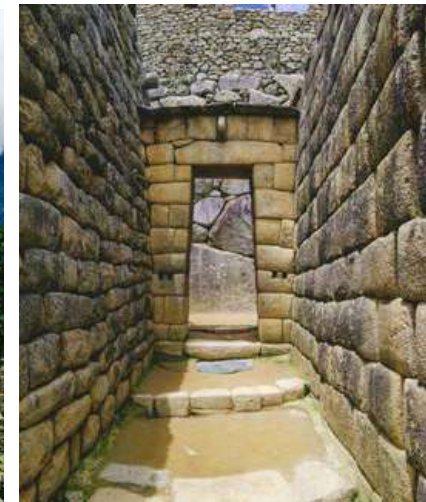
Once there, you'll feel the energy of the place and you'll see how the gigantic rustic stones become magnificent buildings that are always in peaceful harmony with nature. Our specialized guide will give



you all the information you need to know about this sacred place. If you have booked additional tickets for Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain, you can use them now to go up and get a spectacular view of the site.

After exploring this magical site from start to finish, around noon, we'll return to Aguas Calientes for lunch at a restaurant of your choice and head to the train station for Ollantaytambo. Here, private transportation will be waiting for us to return to Cusco.

Now it will be time to rest your legs after an epic seven-day adventure through the mountains and jungle. We are sure you will never forget this life-changing trek.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast
- » DIFFICULTY:
Easy
- » MACHU PICCHU CITADEL
ELEVATION:
2,430 m / 7,972 ft
- » MACHU PICCHU MOUNTAIN
ELEVATION:
3,000 m / 9,843 ft
- » HUAYNA PICCHU ELEVATION:
2,720 m / 8,924 ft
- » OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
Moderate (2-4 hours)

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1. Machu Picchu, Inca wonder
 2. Impressive Inca architecture at Machu Picchu complex
 3. Temple of the condor
 4. Terraces in Machu Picchu
 5. Temple of the Sun
 6. Detail of the Inca architecture

INCLUSIONS

A dark teal background featuring a silhouette of a hiker with a backpack and a walking stick, positioned on the left side. The hiker is facing right, and the background shows faint outlines of trees and a mountain range.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entrance Ticket for Choquequirao Trek
- Entry to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site (Circuit 2)

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing

You'll meet your trekking guide and group in our office for an orientation before your trek. There, we'll provide you with the duffle bags, which our horses will carry. The meeting will be at 5:00 pm the evening before the trip begins.

- Experienced Tour Guide

English and spanish speaking official tour guide. All our guides are graduates of the professional career of Tourism of the National University San Antonio Abad of Cusco. We choose them for their professionalism, experience, responsibility, seriousness, unbridled passion for exploring, and sincere desire to proudly share in our culture and history. He or she will keep you safe, sound, and comfortable on your trek so that you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- Private Camping Equipment

You'll have spacious dining and kitchen tents to enjoy your meals worry-free. Additionally, tables, chairs, and cooking supplies (all carried by our horses).

- Portable Travel Toilet
- Inflatable mattress
- One Duffle Bag

On the trek, you can carry your personal belongings up to a maximum weight of 7 kg / 15.4 lb (this weight includes your sleeping bag).

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions with our guides every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.) as well as oxygen. If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- Extras Included in our Service

We believe that attention to small details is what sets us apart from other local companies. You'll receive a cover to protect your backpack on the road and a rain poncho.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your trek.

- Satellite Phone

Our main priority will always be the tranquillity of our clients. All of our guides are prepared for emergencies in the mountains; however, being a phone call away from any doctor, hospital, or friend helps you feel more secure. For this reason, each Salkantay Trekking guide has a satellite phone that can be used anywhere on the mountain to call anywhere in the world in case of an emergency.

» Accommodation

- Accommodation in Private Campsites

Day 5: You'll spend the night in our deluxe Mountain Sky View cabins.



Mountain Sky View

- Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Day 6: The last night of this trek is spent in a 2-star hotel in Aguas Calientes with a matrimonial, double or triple room, private bathroom, hot shower, wifi, breakfast, and luggage storage while you visit Machu Picchu.

- 4 Nights Accommodation in Tents

Salkantay Trekking uses the best equipment to ensure your safety and comfort. Every

2 people will share Eureka Timberline or Mountain Hard Wear tents with a capacity for 4 people.

» Meals

- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, and 6 Dinners

Our chef prepares the best dishes in the middle of the mountain. Our passengers love our food! We respect all diets (vegetarian, vegan, or special menus are available at no extra cost), so let us know if you have any particular allergies or restrictions on your reservation form and remind your guide during the briefing. You'll enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner, in addition to hot drinks and snacks.

- Water on the trail

We'll provide you boiled, filtered, and cooled water during your trek. For this, you need to bring a camel bag or an empty bottle (we recommend a capacity of 2 liters).

- Wake up tea

Every morning at the campsite, you'll be woken up with a cup of hot coca tea. Our staff will provide you the tea in your tent so that you will be warm from inside out before you start your day.

- Tea Time or Happy Hour

Every afternoon before dinner, the cooks will provide you popcorn, biscuits/cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, teas, hot water, etc. After a long day of hiking, you won't have to wait until dinner to relax, warm-up, and enjoy a bite to eat!

- Snacks on the trail daily

Before starting your trekking, your tour guide will provide you a cloth bag with local fruits, cookies, chocolate, caramels, etc. Every morning, we'll refill it so that you can enjoy your snacks during the walk.

- One cloth snack bag per person

To avoid the usage of plastic bags that contaminate our environment, we'll give you a cloth bag for your snacks.

- Hygiene Products

You'll be provided with a small towel and soap before each meal to clean your hands.

» Transportation

- Private Transport

- Day 1: You'll be picked up from your hotel in the morning and will travel in our



private transportation to Capuliyoc, the trek's starting point.

- Day 7: Private transport from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.

- Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo (Day 7)

Peru Rail Expedition Service

- One-Way Consettur Bus Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu (Day 7)

- Cargo Mules

While trekking, cargo mules will carry all the camping equipment and your baggage allowance (7 kg / 15.4 lb). Our muleteers will be responsible for your duffle bag and personal items, and they'll hand them to you when you get to each camp.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Extras and important equipment

All our travelers need a sleeping bag to camp. Inflatable mattresses and walking sticks (with rubber tips) are optional but highly recommended. If you do not have them, don't worry, you can rent them with Salkantay Trekking.

- **Sleeping bag:** US\$ 35.00
- **Walking Sticks (pair):** US\$ 35.00

» Huayna Picchu Mountain

You can climb the famous mountain you always see in the photos behind the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. It's 45 minutes uphill, and coming back down can be scary if you fear heights. You can take this excursion once your guided tour to Machu Picchu ends. The permit must be issued at least one month in advance due to high demand. Consider that there could be changes to protect your integrity, mainly due to weather conditions.

- **The ticket for Huayna Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 60.00 per person.**

» Machu Picchu Mountain

Machu Picchu Mountain is another of the mountains that surround the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. It offers less steep, wider, and visually less frightening trails than Huayna Picchu, and it takes 1.5 hours to reach the top. This walk requires an entrance ticket which we can secure for you if we have time in advance.

- **The ticket for Machu Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 60.00 per person.**

» Lunch in Aguas Calientes and Dinner in Cusco (Day 7)

» Hiking Clothes and Gear

» Travel Insurance



» Tips for our staff

Tipping is the norm on any excursion to Machu Picchu. Although we pay good salaries to our entire team, something extra is always welcome, especially considering the hard work they do. Typically, group participants collect their tips to hand out to the horsemen and chefs together.

» Additional costs or delays beyond our control

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemic, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, act of God, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Salkantay Trekking in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

» How many days do I need to acclimate in Cusco before the Trek?

It's very important to be well acclimated to the altitude before exerting yourself on a trek. We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 2 or 3 days before the trek starts to help you adjust and avoid possible problems with altitude sickness while on the trek.

You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altitude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we still recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before departing for the trek.

Here some suggestions for activities to do in the Cusco vicinity before starting your adventure trek:



City Tour



Sacred Valley



Maras Moray

» Briefing or Informative Meeting

All information meetings and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meetings last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to attend, you must coordinate another time by email, by phone or at the Salkantay Trekking office.

» Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

If you still have a pending balance, you must pay it 2 days before your hike/tour. Otherwise, your trip reservation will not be confirmed.

It would be much appreciated if you pay the trek balance in cash US dollars or local currency at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw some money from several ATMs along Avenida Sol (either in US dollars or local Peruvian Soles). You can pay by credit card or PAYPAL online, but you will have to pay an 5% service charge, charged by VISA and PAYPAL. We do not accept bank checks or payment of the balance by traveler's checks.

» Duffel Bag or Canvas Case

You'll receive a canvas case or duffel bag during your briefing. Our horses will carry them, and the horsemen will hand them to you when you get to each camp. They measure 60 x 24 x 22 cm (23.6 x 9.45 x 8.66 in).

A maximum of 7 kg / 15.4 lb is allowed for each duffel bag, including the weight of your sleeping bag, sleeping mat, clothes, and other personal items.

» Can I store my luggage at your office?

Of course! During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge.

Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of theft, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.

» Pick up of guests

Salkantay Trekking can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup time in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic.

Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes,

making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodation with good access.

» Return to Cusco

Returning from Machu Picchu requires quite a bit of logistics, but don't worry. Everything is included in your tour!

- In Machu Picchu, you'll board a bus that'll take you for 25 minutes to the small city of Aguas Calientes. The buses are boarded according to arrival.
- In Aguas Calientes, you'll board a train to Ollantaytambo. Your guide will give you the train tickets where the boarding time will be shown. Make sure you're on the platform 30 minutes early. The train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo takes 1:45 hours.
- Once you arrive at the station, our representative, identified with the Salkantay Trekking clothing, will be waiting to transfer you to Cusco or directly to your hotel. The trip from Ollantaytambo to Cusco takes 1:30 hours.
- In Cusco, depending on your hotel's location, we'll take you to a smaller car from our company (Hyundai H1) to transfer you faster to your hotel.

Note: Your tour includes a One-Way Consettur Bus Ticket Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu, so you can choose to use it from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu or from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes. If you want a round-trip bus ticket, you'll need to pay an extra of US\$ 12.00.

» Group Tours

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical conditions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route.

It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all the participants, if such modifications are possible.

» Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are usually common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date. Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellations, everything will be coordinated with you by our operations department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.



» Lost objects

Please pay attention to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport, tents, or restaurants. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- » Valid Passport
- » Extra money (recommended soles)
- » Personal medication
- » Water bottle or CamelBak – (optional water purifying pills)aa
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Insect repellent
- » Personal Care Products
- » Hiking boots or shoes (preferably waterproof)
- » Light footwear or sandals
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Pair of thermal pants
- » Shorts
- » Waterproof gaiter
- » Long sleeve t-shirts
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Waterproof or wool gloves
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Wool hat for the cold
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Sleeping bag (-15°C)
- » Trekking poles
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank
- » Snacks: Energy bars, chocolate, candies, dried fruits, etc.
- » Bathing suit
- » Towel
- » Flashlight



*It is advisable to wear waterproof pants during the rainy season (September to March).



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