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# SALKANTAY HONEYMOON TREK

*5 days / 4 nights*

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# DESCRIPTION

## *The Love in the Andes Romantic Trek to Machu Picchu*

Hey there love birds! They say that your honeymoon should be an experience you'll never forget, so why not pair it with the most unforgettable adventure in the world?

The Salkantay Trek is listed as one of the 25 best treks in the world by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine and is the best alternative route to the New Wonder of the World, Machu Picchu.

We guarantee that you and the person you love most in the world will have a life-changing experience as you hike amongst the mountains and celebrate with some of our beloved Andean wedding traditions. We'll do everything we can to accommodate you to ensure you receive all the comfort and privacy you desire!

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# Salkantay

## Honeymoon

Trek 05 Days



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- Distance / Hours
- Lunch & Rest Area
- Pass Point
- River
- Footpath
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Rail Road

### Classic Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu

#### 05 Days Itinerary

**Day 01:** Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha - Soraypampa - Humantay lake - Soraypampa (Sky Camp)  
**Day 02:** Soraypampa - Salkantaypampa - Soyrococha - Salkantay Pass - Wayracmachay - Chaullay - Collapampa (Mountain Sky View)  
**Day 03:** Collapampa - Wiñaypoqo - Loreta - Playa Sahuayaco - Lucmabamba (Jungle Domes)  
**Day 04:** Lucmabamba - Llactapata Pass - Llactapata - Aobamba - Hidroelectrica - Aguas Calientes (Hotel)  
**Day 05:** Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

Distancia	Tiempo	Altura máxima	Dificultad
10km   6.21mi	5-6 hrs	4,200m   13,780ft	Challenging
23.5km   14.6mi	10 - 11 hrs	4,630m   15,190ft	Challenging
17km   10.56mi	5-6 hrs	2,950m   9,678ft	Moderate
25km   15.53mi	8-9 hrs	2,800m   9,186ft	Challenging
3km   1.86mi	2-3 hrs	2,430m   7,972ft	Easy



# FULL ITINERARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- » The Salkantay Trek is listed as one of the 25 best treks in the world by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine.
- » The Salkantay Trek is one of the very best hiking adventures you'll find in Peru and the continent of South America.
- » The Salkantay Trek is one of the most popular treks to Machu Picchu, just like the Inca Trail (and a lot less crowded).
- » You get to remarry the love of your life in the most incredible setting imaginable in an authentic ceremony with an Andean priest.
- » Hiking beside the magnificent Salkantay Glacier and arriving at the magical, mystical Machu Picchu citadel is one of the best experiences known to mankind.
- » Trekkers get to observe incredible scenery like cascades, waterfalls, glaciers, mountains, colorful valleys, unique plants and wildlife, and the cloud forest.



# DAY 01

Cusco | Soraypampa - Humantay Lake -  
Sky Camp

## The Perfect Wedding Ceremony Beside the Jewel in the Mountains

Today, you'll be picked up early from your accommodation, from where we'll transport you to Soraypampa (3,900 m / 12,795 ft). After enjoying an energetic breakfast to fuel you for the hike, we'll begin our journey up to a gorgeous lake at the bottom of Humantay Mountain.

You'll witness some stunning views of glaciers come into view as you get closer. Once you reach Humantay Lake (4,200 m / 13,780 ft), you'll be overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of the turquoise jewel-like water against the snowy mountain backdrop. You'll spend some time taking in the astonishing scenery before you head back down to our campsite.

Ready and waiting for you back at camp is your Andean wedding ceremony, which will be set up





while you're away. It'll take place in the middle of the natural environment, with Salkantay Mountain towering above you. An Andean priest is in charge of the ceremony, and he'll conduct the service according to Andean traditions and rituals.

Once the ceremony is complete, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch before spending a relaxing afternoon doing whatever you like in this amazing place and having dinner. You'll be able to cuddle up together and watch the sun go down as the clear, starry Andean sky at night appears. Enjoy staring at the constellations from the comfort of your Sky Camp igloo as you drift off to sleep.

Our dazzling SKY CAMP is located in front of the impressive mountains Humantay and Salkantay. This campsite creates the perfect union of sky and earth. It allows you to sleep calmly under a clear sky starred with an exceptional view of the constellations. At the same time, you can enjoy all the comforts of a first-class vacation home.

- » 26 igloos
- » 2 people per igloo
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets
- » **Optional:**
  - Wi-Fi



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**Sky Camp**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Moderate**
- » WALKING DISTANCE:  
**3 km / 1.86 mi**
- » WALKING TIME:  
**2-3 hours**
- » STARTING ELEVATION:  
**3,900 m / 12,795 ft**
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:  
**3,900 m / 12,795 ft**
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:  
**4,200 m / 13,780 ft**
- » CAMPSITE ELEVATION:  
**3,900 m / 12,795 ft**

1. Honeymoon in the Salkantay trek.
2. A traditional Inca ceremony in an ancestral environment.
3. A unique and immersive honeymoon experience.
4. Exclusive glass domes in Soraypampa
5. Spend an unforgettable romantic evening at Sky Camp
6. Sky Camp is a glamping with beautiful glass igloos.



# DAY 02

Soraypampa – Salkantay Pass –  
Huayracmachay – Chaullay – Collpapampa  
(Mountain Sky View)

## The Stunning Salkantay Pass and Descent through the Cloud Forest

After an early wake-up call at 5:30 a.m. and another fueling breakfast, we'll begin the ascent to the highest point of our trek, the Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft). The distance is only 7 km (4.34 mi), but it's a challenging hike that takes around 4 hours to complete on a winding path from the rocky valley up to the magnificent Salkantay Mountain (6,271 m / 20,574 ft).

Once we're at the top, we'll take in the spectacular views of the surrounding valleys and imposing peaks and glaciers of Salkantay, Humantay, Tucurhuay, and Pumasillo mountains. Salkantay Mountain is the second-highest mountain in the Cusco region and one of the Inca gods known as "Apu." After enjoying the views, we'll start the 7 km walk downhill to the lunch spot.

This part of the hike is along a serpent-shaped, rocky, gravel path that takes us to Wayracmachay for lunch. We can rest on the way down at a perfect lookout across the absolutely stunning valley below.



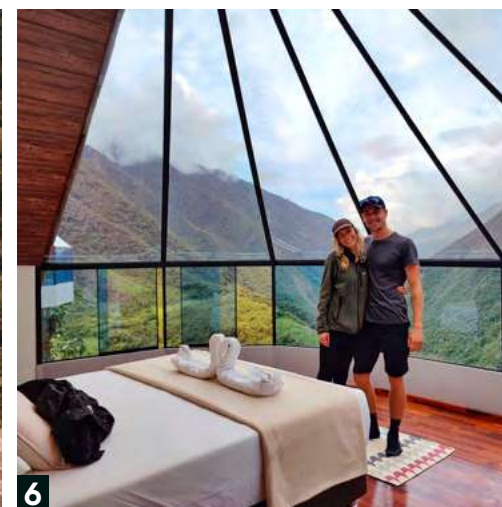


After our meal, we'll be entering the upper part of the tropical jungle valley known as the "cloud forest." This hike has a distance of 9.5 km / 5.9 miles and lasts approximately three and a half hours. Along this section, you'll notice the landscape changes dramatically as well as the energy of the earth as we move from the Andes to the Amazon.

This hike is truly beautiful; the hills are decorated with colorful scenery, unique wildlife, and native plants. The forests are warm and tropical most of the year with temperate climates. At the end of this exceptional trek, we will arrive at Collpapampa (2,950 m / 9,678 ft) for a well-deserved rest from our long day of hiking. At night, we will sleep in our exclusive Mountain Sky View surrounded by valleys, rushing rivers and lots of vegetation.

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.

- » 8 Huts
- » 2 person per Andean Sky Hut
- » Dinner room and dinner
- » Toilets and Hot shower
- » **Optional:**
  - Wi-Fi



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**Mountain Sky View**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Challenging**
- » WALKING DISTANCE:  
**23.5 km / 14.6 mi**
- » WALKING TIME:  
**10-11 hours**
- » STARTING ELEVATION:  
**3,900 m / 12,795 ft**
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:  
**2,900 m / 9,514 ft**
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:  
**4,630 m / 15,190 ft**
- » CAMPSITE ELEVATION:  
**2,950 m / 9,678 ft**

1. Salkantay Pass
2. Hiking with a couple at the foot of the Andes
3. A moment of rest at the foot of the majestic Apu Salkantay.
4. Mountain Sky View Campsite
5. Mountain Sky View, an exclusive relaxing place located in Collpapampa.
6. A comfortable lodge in the sky with the best views of the mountains



# DAY 03

Collpapampa | Loreta - La Playa -  
Lucmabamba - Cocalmayo -  
Eco-Resort Domes

## Rainforest Adventure and Coffee Experience

Today, we'll begin walking around 6:00 a.m. after a nourishing breakfast. We'll pass through the small town of Collpapampa and head on to the Santa Teresa Valley. You'll get to enjoy this lush forest landscape over 5 hours of walking today. Along the way, we'll spot rivers, waterfalls, wild orchids, and plantations of coffee, banana, and avocado. You can also try passion fruit and granadilla while you walk.

Then, we will descend to the bottom of the mountains and pass through the valley that follows where we will see waterfalls, birds, fruit trees as well as some of the local flora and fauna. If we are lucky, we will be able to see the national bird of Peru, the Cock of the Rock.

Arriving at La Playa, we will rest for half an hour before heading to Lucmabamba (2,000 m / 6,562 ft), where we will have lunch and camp for the night.

This afternoon, you'll dive into the lush tropical forest



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to visit an organic coffee farm—an experience sure to captivate coffee lovers. Here, you'll taste coffee freshly prepared by the locals, surrounded by the rich aroma of freshly roasted and ground beans wafting through the air. Coffee is the main agricultural pursuit of the local community in this jungle region, where they cultivate vast acres of coffee for export to the USA, Asia, and Europe. While coffee originated in Ethiopia, it wasn't introduced to this region until the Spanish arrived in Cusco. Beyond coffee, you'll also have the chance to wander through orange and avocado plantations.

After this immersive experience, you'll head to the Cocalmayo hot springs for a soothing soak, perfect for unwinding after days of hiking. Here, you can rest, absorbing the tranquility of the surroundings. Later, you'll return to Lucmabamba to spend the night in our Eco-Resort Domes, where the sounds of nature will lull you into a peaceful harmony with Mother Earth.

Important: For 2025 reservations, all our passengers will enjoy their third night in our new Eco-Resort Domes. For 2024 reservations, we will continue staying in our comfortable Super Jungle Domes.

From the comfort of our domes, you get to be in intimate contact with the surrounding nature. As you hear the voices of the wind, rain, and flora and fauna in the area, immerse yourself in this green environment.

- » 8 domes
- » 2 people per dome
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and Hot shower
- » **Opcionales:**
  - Wi-Fi



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**Eco-Resort Domes**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Moderate**
- » WALKING DISTANCE:  
**17 km / 10.5 mi**
- » WALKING TIME:  
**5-6 hours**
- » STARTING ELEVATION:  
**2,950 m / 9,678 ft**
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:  
**2,000 m / 6,562 ft**
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:  
**2,950 m / 9,678 ft**
- » CAMPSITE ELEVATION:  
**2,000 m / 6,562 ft**

1. Hike through the lush Amazon rainforest
2. Beautiful waterfalls
3. Traditional coffee elaboration
4. Aerial view of the Jungle Domes
5. Domes mimicking nature
6. Comfortable interior of the domes



# DAY 04

Lucmabamba | Llaqtapata – Hidroelectrica – Aguas Calientes

## The Day of Your First Glance at Machu Picchu

This morning, you'll be woken up with a hot cup of coca tea served to your Jungle Dome. While you enjoy your last delicious breakfast made by the cooks, you'll get ready to head off for the day. We'll set off early again and start walking on a piece of the original Inca Trail; exciting stuff! After climbing for 3 hours and overlooking some stunning landscapes of the Santa Teresa Valley, we'll arrive at Llaqtapata Inca archaeological site that sits right in front of Machu Picchu.

This site is the first spot from where we can catch a glimpse of the Lost City of the Incas, and it's a really special place to spend some time. You can also see Huayna Picchu and Machu Picchu Mountain, two dominant parts of Machu Picchu Inca citadel. We'll explore Llaqtapata with our guide to listen to a history lesson about the ancient civilization and this beautiful country. You can also take all the photos you want.



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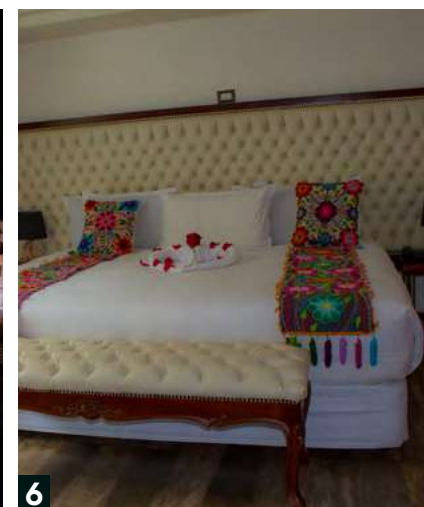
After the visit, we'll continue our hike with a one-and-a-half-hour walk downhill until we reach our lunch spot at Aobamba, enjoying the views of Machu Picchu all the way. After eating, we'll continue to our next stop at Hidroeléctrica. Once there, you will board the train that will take you to Aguas Calientes, appreciating the best scenery along the way.

After arriving at Aguas Calientes, the town at Machu Picchu's base, you'll enjoy dinner in a restaurant and head to bed early at your hotel for your early start to see Machu Picchu, Wonder of the World, in the morning.

**Note:** For safety reasons, hiking the Llaqtapata trail during the rainy season is not 100% guaranteed. When there are frequent heavy rains, this trail can become very dangerous.

We offer a selection of well-located hotels in the town with very comfortable and tasteful decorated rooms. You'll find them impeccable with clean rooms and beds as well as adequate toilets and showers. It's a perfect place to rest before the most important day of your trip!

- » Single, Double, Matrimonial, and Triple
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and warm showers
- » Wi-Fi



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**3-Star Superior Hotel**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Challenging**
- » WALKING DISTANCE:  
**14 km / 8.7 miles**
- » WALKING TIME:  
**8-9 hours**
- » STARTING ELEVATION:  
**2,000 m / 6,562 ft**
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:  
**1,800 m / 5,906 ft**
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:  
**2,800 m / 9,186 ft**
- » ACCOMMODATION ELEVATION:  
**2,040 m / 6,693 ft**

1. First view of the imposing Machu Picchu from the Llaqtapata viewpoint.
2. Bridge over the Amazon rainforest in Aobamba
3. On the way to Aguas Calientes following the railroad line
4. Aguas Calientes
5. Hotel in Aguas Calientes
6. Comfortable rooms



# DAY 05

Aguas Calientes | Machu Picchu –  
Ollantaytambo – Cusco

## Tour of the Incredible Incan Metropolis: Machu Picchu

Today's the day you've been waiting for since you left Cusco; you're visiting Machu Picchu! You'll wake up very early to beat the crowds and enjoy the site with fewer tourists around. The Inca citadel entrance is between 6:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m. We'll board the bus to Machu Picchu and enter the Royal city of the Incas to get there first thing in the morning.

You'll enjoy a guided tour of approximately two hours by the most important places of this incredible ancient metropolis and you will see: temples, palaces, priestly houses, crop fields, among others. Then, you'll be able to climb Huayna Picchu mountain or Machu Picchu mountain (book tickets in advance); these tours will take you one hour and a half and three hours up and down, respectively.





After marveling at being in this sacred place, you'll return to Aguas Calientes. There, you'll have some time for lunch and then head to the train station to return home on the exclusive Vistadome Observatory train. Once you arrive in Ollantaytambo, our private transportation will pick you up and take you back to your hotel in Cusco.

It's time to rest your feet now and relax after your exciting adventure. We can assure you that your heart will be soaring for weeks, months, or even years to come!



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast and Lunch**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Easy**
- » ACTIVITY DURATION:  
**2-3 hours exploring Machu Picchu**
- » MACHU PICCHU CITADEL ELEVATION:  
**2,430 m / 7,972 ft**
- » OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:  
**Moderate to Challenging**
- » MACHU PICCHU MOUNTAIN ELEVATION:  
**3,000 m / 9,843 ft (3-4 hours)**
- » HUAYNA PICCHU MOUNTAIN ELEVATION:  
**2,720 m / 8,924 ft (2 hours)**
- » HUCHUY PICCHU MOUNTAIN ELEVATION:  
**2,497 m / 8,192 ft (1.5 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





# WHAT IS INCLUDED?

## » Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Day 1: Entry Ticket to Humantay Lake & the Salkantay Trek
- Day 3: Entry to Cocalmayo Hot Springs
- Entry Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site

You'll meet your guide for an orientation the evening before the trek. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at our main office in Cusco, but if you prefer, we'll be happy to meet you at your hotel.

## » High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing

You'll meet your guide for an orientation the evening before the trek. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at our main office in Cusco, but if you prefer, we'll be happy to meet you at your hotel.

- Experienced Tour Guide

Our official tour guides speak English and Spanish and are professionally trained and certified in safety and quality service. Chosen for their experience, responsibility, and passion for exploration, they take pride in sharing our culture and history. With their guidance, you'll stay informed, safe, and comfortable, ensuring a worry-free adventure and an unforgettable experience of a lifetime.

- One Duffle Bag

For the trek, you'll receive a duffle bag to pack your personal belongings, with a maximum weight limit of 10 kg (22 lb), which will be carried by our staff.

- Sleeping Bag

Our sleeping bags are durable and designed to keep you warm in temperatures as low as -18°C (0°F). They feature a mummy shape and include a sleeping liner for added warmth. Each bag is thoroughly cleaned and carefully maintained after every use.

- Trekking Poles

Trekking poles enhance stability on hard terrain while minimizing impact on joints.

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have specialized first aid training and attend mandatory training sessions every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit and oxygen to handle basic emergencies (altitude sickness, diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.). If needed, we will evacuate you from the trail as quickly as possible and ensure you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- Backpack Cover & Rain Poncho

Our attention to detail sets us apart. You'll receive a cover to protect your backpack and a poncho for extra comfort and protection along the way.

- Day 2: One emergency horse available for your group from Soraypampa to Salkantay Pass
- Professional long-range walkie-talkies

Walkie-talkies optimize communication, ensuring quick response and coordination in key situations and locations.

## » Accommodation

- Accommodation in Exclusive Campsites

Like our ancestors, we're very considerate of the Pachamama (Mother Earth). For this reason, our campsites and lodges are adapted to the environment to avoid generating negative impacts.



Sky Camp



Mountain Sky View



Super Jungle Domes

- Campsites Facilities

Our campsites are designed for your comfort and convenience:

- Bathrooms: Shared bathrooms are available at our Sky Camp, while our Mountain Sky View and Super Jungle Domes Campsites offer private bathrooms.
- Showers: Enjoy refreshing showers at both the Mountain Sky View and Super Jungle



Domes Campsites.

- Dining & Kitchen Areas: Each campsite features dining areas and fully equipped kitchens, ensuring you can enjoy your meals comfortably and worry-free. Our mules transport all fresh cooking supplies.

- Day 4: Superior 3-Star Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Enjoy your final night in a comfortable hotel, featuring double, matrimonial, or triple rooms with a private bathroom, hot shower, WiFi, breakfast, and luggage storage while you explore Machu Picchu.

## » Ceremony

- Andean Wedding Ceremony

Your wedding ceremony will be set up in a unique natural environment, with the towering Salkantay Mountain high up above the valley, making for the perfect backdrop. An Andean priest is in charge of the ceremony who conducts the service according to the local Andean rituals and traditions.

- Paqo or Alto Misayoc

In the Andean tradition, an Alto Misayoq is a very high-level shaman, and they are usually described as Paqos with incredible abilities.

- Filmmaker & Photographer for the Andean Wedding

After your experience with us, you'll receive carefully selected photos of your Andean ceremony, along with a short video capturing the most meaningful moments of your union, with the mountains as your witness.

## » Meals

- 5 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, and 4 Dinners

We'll provide boiled, warm water during your hike, from your lunch in Soraypampa to your breakfast in Lucmabamba. Make sure to bring an empty water bottle or camel bag for refilling—we recommend a 2-liter capacity.

- Water on the trail

Every morning at the campsites, you'll wake up to a hot cup of coca tea, delivered straight to your bed—perfect for warming up before you start the day.

- Wake up tea

You'll wake up every morning at the camp with a cup of hot coca tea! It'll be brought to your tent so you can warm up before you start the day.

- Tea Time or Happy Hour

During the trek, every afternoon before dinner, our cooks will serve popcorn, cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and hot water. After a long day of hiking, you won't have to wait until dinner to unwind, warm up, and enjoy a tasty treat!

- Daily snacks on the trail

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

We'll provide you with a cloth bag for your snacks—perfect for storing wrappers and keeping the environment clean. Feel free to use it throughout your trek!

## » Transportation

- Transfers

Private Transportation for the Salkantay Trek: Door-to-Door, Hassle-Free Service

- Day 0: Welcome to Cusco! Airport Pickup and Hotel Transfer.

- Day N: Farewell, Cusco! – Hotel to Airport or Bus Terminal Transfer

- Day 1: You'll be picked up from your hotel in the morning and travel by private transport to Challacancha, the trek's starting point.

- Day 3: Transport from Lucmabamba to the thermal baths of Cocalmayo.

- Day 5: Private transport from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.

- Day 5: Round-Trip Bus Ticket Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu

- Train Tickets

- Day 4: Train Ticket from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes

- Day 5: Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo (Peru Rail Vistadome Observatory Service)

- Personal Belongings Transportation

- On days 1,2, and 3, cargo mules will carry all the camping equipment and your baggage allowance (10 kg / 22 lb). Muleteers will be responsible for your duffle bag and personal items, and they'll hand them to you when you get to each camp.

- On day 4, your duffle bag will be transported by van and then by train.



# WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

## » Huayna Picchu Mountain

Up for a challenge? Climb Huayna Picchu, the iconic mountain behind Machu Picchu. This 45-minute uphill trek rewards you with breathtaking views and a profound sense of achievement. It's not for the faint-hearted, but if you're afraid of heights, push through—the reward is truly worth it!

- **Cost:** US\$ 60.00 per person.
- **Booking:** Reserve 2–3 months in advance due to high demand.
- **Entry Times:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (recommended)

With your 6:00 a.m. Machu Picchu Citadel Circuit 2 entrance, you'll have time to climb Huayna Picchu after your guided tour. This portion is completed independently, following your guide's instructions.

## » Machu Picchu Mountain

Machu Picchu Mountain is one of the breathtaking peaks that surround the archaeological site. Its trails are less steep, wider, and less intimidating than those of Huayna Picchu, making it an excellent option for those seeking a more relaxed climb. Reaching the summit takes approximately 1.5 hours and offers unforgettable panoramic views. This hike requires an entrance ticket, which we can secure for you in advance upon request.

- **Cost:** US\$ 60.00 per person.
- **Entry Times:** 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Your included entrance to Machu Picchu Citadel Circuit 2 is scheduled for 6:00 a.m. If you wish to hike Machu Picchu Mountain, you can select the 8:00 a.m. entry time. However, this will require pausing your guided tour of the citadel to complete the hike independently, following your guide's recommendations.

## » Dinner in Cusco (Day 5)

## » Optional Horseback Ride from Soraypampa to Humantay Lake (Day 1)

## » Personal Hiking Clothes and Gear

## » Travel Insurance

## » Tips for our staff

While our team receives fair salaries, any additional gesture is always appreciated in recognition of their hard work and dedication. Participants often choose to pool their tips and present them directly to the hiking team or through their guide.

## » 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, acts 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.

## » Is it for me?

The Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu is an excellent alternative to the Inca Trail trek and better suited for more adventurous trekkers who can handle higher altitudes and longer distances. Ascending to reach the famous Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft) isn't too strenuous nor very steep since it's at the beginning of the trek. Still, it does require stamina and a little time in Cusco to acclimatize to the altitude before beginning the trek.

## » 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 briefing meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) the day before the tour. The meeting lasts between 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to attend, you'll need to arrange a different time by email, phone, or by visiting the Salkantay Trekking office.

## » Tour Balance Payment

The tour has to be paid in full at most 2 days before your departure. Otherwise, your reservation will not be confirmed.

It would be greatly appreciated if you pay the tour balance (US dollars or Peruvian soles) at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw money from several ATMs located in the historical center. We also accept payments by CARD or PAYPAL online, but please note this is subject to a 5% fee (charged by Niubiz and PayPal). We do not accept bank checks or traveler's checks as payment methods.

## » Duffle Bag or Travel Bag

The evening before the trek, we'll provide you with a duffle bag to pack your clothes and personal gear needed for the trip. Our horsemen will carry it on the route and hand it to you once you get to each camp. Please note that you will not have access to your items in the bag until the end of each day.

The maximum weight allowed is 7 kg / 15.4 lb, including the weight of your sleeping bag, clothes, and other personal items. They measure 60 x 24 x 22 cm (23.6 x 9.4 x 8.7 in).

## » Can I store my luggage at your office?

**Of course!** During the trip, you can store your main luggage for free at our office (arrange it with us on the briefing day or by email).

You can also safely keep any equipment you won't need for the tour in your hotel. Almost every hotel offers this service. Please do not leave valuable items in your bags; put them in the hotel safe and ask for an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of theft, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt). For extra peace of mind, place items like credit cards inside a sealed and signed envelope.



## » Pick up of guests

### Please note:

- All pickups are within Cusco City, but we recommend booking a hotel in the historic center for its convenient location.
- Our guide or staff will confirm the pickup time the day before the tour.
- Due to traffic conditions, the pickup time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes.
- Cusco is an old city and has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs are located on streets without car access or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. For such reasons, we strongly advise you to 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.

## » Group tours

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

In some cases, a group may want to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all participants, whether such changes are possible.

## » Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are usually common in Peru, which may interrupt some of



our tours. Roads and train tracks can be blocked or taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date.

In case of changes or cancellations, our operations department will coordinate everything with you. Your safety is our highest priority, and we will make our decisions to protect it.

## » Lost objects

Please pay attention to where you leave your belongings and remember to take everything once you leave a place or a transport. 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)
- » 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
- » 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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