

ONE DAY TREK

HUCHUY QOSQO TREK

1 day



DESCRIPTION

One-Day Adventure to Little Cusco

If you're looking for an exciting day trip from Cusco that takes you off the beaten path through beautiful Andean scenery, small communities, and to a fascinating archaeological site, we recommend the Huchuy Qosqo 1 Day hike. You'll get to escape the busy city and spend the day among nature and learning all about the gorgeous surroundings and Inca history.

Huchuy Qosqo means "Little Cusco" and is a rarely visited but wonderful archeological site north of Cusco. Experts say that it was initially an administrative and military center near the Inca site of Pisac. Inside the archaeological park, you'll get to observe Inca buildings with delicate, perfectly executed stonework & grain-storage buildings called Collcas that were used to store and preserve food, as it was also an important agricultural center to produce corn – an essential food source for the ancient culture.

CONTENT





- DISTANCE / HOURS
- LUNCH & REST AREA
- PASS POINT
- RIVER
- FOOTPATH
- MAJOR ROAD
- MINOR ROAD
- RAILD ROAD

DAY 01: Cusco | Ccorao - Patabamba Community - Qoricocha Lake - Huchuy Qosqo - Lamay (Sacred Valley) - Cusco

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Hike through the beautiful landscapes of the Andes and take in the most astounding views.
- » Pass through small communities in the middle of the mountains and see how they go about their daily lives away from the city.
- » Enjoy an off-the-beaten-path hike to a rarely-visited and unique archaeological site in Cusco.
- » Explore the fascinating Huchuy Qosqo archaeological site in the company of your knowledgeable guide.
- » Learn all about the region and the history of the Incas.

DAY 01

Cusco | Ccorao - Patabamba Community
- Qoricocha Lake - Huchuy Qosqo - Lamay
(Sacred Valley) - Cusco

Hike Through the Beautiful Andes and Discover Ancient Secrets

We'll pick you up from your accommodation to start our exciting day trip. You'll drive through the stunning Andes to the starting point of your hike at the Qoricocha lake, and ascend to the highest point of the trek, the Apacheta pass. From there, the rest of the hike will be downhill. We'll pass through the Pukamarca community, the Puma Punku canyon, and even walk along a part of the original Inca Trail until we reach the unique and isolated Huchuy Qosqo.

Once you're inside the park, your knowledgeable guide will take you around the constructions and tell you all about the site's history. You'll explore every inch before making your way down to the small town of Lamay in the Sacred Valley. From there, our private transport will be waiting to take you back to your accommodation in Cusco. Once in the city, you'll have the evening to spend as you like.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS
Box Lunch (+ snacks)
- » DIFFICULTY
Easy to Moderate
- » WALKING DISTANCE
13 km / 8.08 miles
- » WALKING TIME
6 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION
4,050 m / 13,287 ft
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION
2,941 m / 9,649 ft
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION
4,200 m / 13,780 ft

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1. Huchuy Qosqo Archaeological Center
 2. Spectacular views of the Sacred Valley of the Incas.
 3. Enigmatic Inca constructions.

INCLUSIONS



¿WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

Entry Ticket to Huchuy Qosqo Archaeological Site

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Experienced Tour Guide

An official English and Spanish-speaking tour guide will accompany you along the route. Your guide will explain the culture and surroundings and keep you safe, sound, and comfortable to enjoy your trip worry-free!

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions for them every February. Your guide will always have a first aid kit and oxygen to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.). 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 pair of trekking poles, 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.

» Meals

- Box Lunch
- Snacks and water

Before the hike, we'll provide you with a water bottle and snacks of local fruits,

cookies, chocolate, caramels, etc.

- One cloth snack bag per person

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

- Hygiene Products

Before each meal, we'll give you a small towel and soap to clean your hands.

» Transportation

- Private Transport

All transportation is included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and after the end of the trip, we'll drop you back at the door of your hotel in Cusco

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Breakfast & Dinner

» Personal Hiking Gear

» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is the standard in any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our team, something extra is always welcome.

» 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

» 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 trek 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.

» 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 planned, even 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 our buses 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)
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Hiking boots or shoes (preferably waterproof)
- » Light footwear
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Pair of thermal pants
- » Shorts
- » Short 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
- » Trekking poles
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank



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



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