



TREK

HUCHUY QOSQO & PATABAMBA

2 days / 1 night


Salkantay
TREKKING
Treks & Expeditions Specialists



DESCRIPTION

CONTENT

The 2-Day Epic Andean Experience

Are you looking to escape the crowds and enjoy a couple of days in the Andes on a unique trek? Look no further than the Huchuy Qosqo & Patabamba route. This is a fantastic two-day trek in the surroundings of Cusco traveling from Tambomachay, located just 20 minutes from Cusco, to Huchuy Qosqo, an ancient Inca archaeological site that sits on a cliff with stunning views over the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Along the way, you'll be amazed by the beautiful views of the mountainous landscapes and intrigued by the small communities that live in these rural regions. You'll finish your two-day journey with a visit to the remote Huchuy Qosqo archaeological site. One of the most outstanding features of this complex is the use of lithic material, which, combined with adobe and clay, still defy time, weather, and even earthquakes.



DAY 01: Cusco | Tambomachay - Qoricocha Lake - Patambamba Community

DAY 02: Patambamba Community | Huchuy Qosqo - Lamay - Cusco

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Enjoy some truly stunning views of the beautiful Andes and the Sacred Valley of the Incas.
- » Hike over diverse terrain, from high altitude plains to fertile agricultural corn and potato fields.
- » Escape the city and crowds for two days and lose yourself in the best that nature has to offer.
- » Immerse yourself in small Andean communities and learn more about their way of life.
- » Explore the unique Inca site of Huchuy Qosqo that can only be reached by foot.

DAY 01

Tambomachay – Qoricocha Lake –
Patabamaba Community

Soak Up the Stunning Andean Wildlife and Beautiful Scenery

Your two-day adventure starts today as we head to Tambomachay, just above the city of Cusco. You'll begin walking and reach the Sicllacasa pass, from where you get outstanding views. We'll cross from one side of the valley to the next to get to our lunch spot at the Qoricocha Lake, which provides some more incredible landscapes. You'll see unique Andean flora and fauna in this area.

This afternoon, we'll keep hiking to the small community of Patabamba. We'll receive a warm welcome and spend time with the families there. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn all about the traditional Andean way of life and share special moments with these families. You'll spend the night in our camp in this village.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS
Lunch and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION
Lodge
- » DIFFICULTY
Moderate
- » WALKING DISTANCE
12 km / 7.46 miles
- » HIKING TIME
6 - 7 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION
3,800 m / 12,467 ft
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION
4,100 m / 13,451 ft
- » ACCOMMODATION ALTITUDE
3,850 m / 12,631 ft

1. Section of the hike.
2. Lunch at Qoricocha Lagoon.
3. Reception in the community of
Patabamba.

DAY 02

Patabamba Community | Huchuy Qosqo –
Lamay – Cusco

DAY FACTS

» MEALS

**Breakfast and Lunch
(+snacks)**

» DIFFICULTY

Moderate

» WALKING DISTANCE

10 km / 6.21 miles

» WALKING TIME

4-5 hours

» STARTING ELEVATION

3,850 m / 12,631 ft

» MINIMUM ELEVATION

2,941 m / 9,649 ft

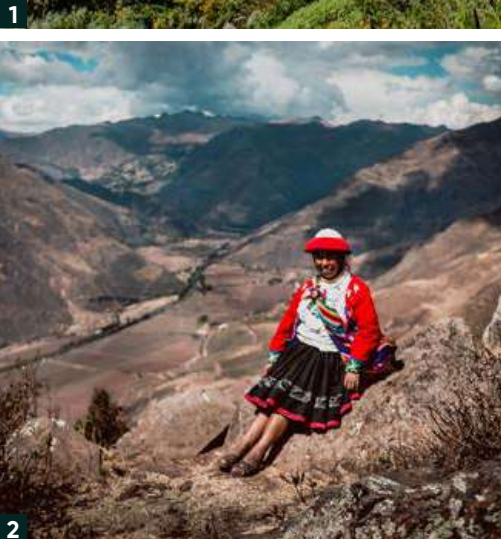
» HIGHEST ELEVATION

4,150 m / 13,615 ft

Explore the Unique and Remote Site of Huchuy Qosqo

Our day begins by hiking up to the Pukamarca pass to get amazing views of the Urubamba River and Sacred Valley of the Incas. We'll then continue to the Puma Punku canyon and join a part of the original Inca Trail. This fascinating stone path leads us to Huchuy Qosqo archaeological site. You'll enjoy a tour with your guide and learn all about the site's history before we pick a spot for lunch.

This afternoon, we'll hike the last leg of our trek to the small village of Lamay in the Sacred Valley. From there, our private transport will be waiting to take you back to your accommodation in Cusco.



1. Huchuy Qosqo Archaeological Site.
2. View of the Urubamba River.
3. Huchuy Qosqo Archaeological Site.

INCLUSIONS



¿WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entry Ticket to Huchuy Qosqo Archaeological Site

» 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!

- 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.

» Accommodation

- Lodge in Patabamba

The first night of this trek is spent in a lodge in the community of Patabamba.

» Meals

- 1 Breakfast, 2 Lunches, and 1 Dinner

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 hike, from your first lunch to your last breakfast. 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 bring the tea to your tent so that you will be warmed from inside out before you start your day.

- Tea Time or Happy Hour

The first 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 first day

Local fruits, cookies, chocolate, caramels, water, etc.

- 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

- Transport
 - Day 1: You'll be picked up from your hotel in the morning and will travel by private transportation to Tambomachay Archaeological complex, the trek's starting point.
 - Day 2: Transport from Lamay village in the Sacred Valley to your hotel in Cusco.
- Personal Belongings Transportation

On days 1 and 2, cargo mules will carry all the camping equipment and your baggage allowance (7 kg / 15.4 lb). Muleteers will be responsible for your duffle bag and personal items.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Walking Sticks

Walking Sticks (with rubber tips) can be very useful on rough terrain and for ascending and descending. You can rent a set from our company if you'd like.

- **US\$ 10.00 per person**

» Not Included Meals

- **Day 1: Breakfast**
- **Day 2: Dinner**

» Personal Hiking Clothing 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, pandemia, 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.

Have another question that we haven't answered here? Drop us a line and we will get back to you asap!

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

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

Suppose you 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.

If possible, it would be greatly appreciated if you could settle the remaining balance for the trek/tour in cash, either in US dollars or the local currency, at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw funds from various ATMs located along Avenida Sol, offering both US dollars and Peruvian Soles. Alternatively, you have the option to pay using a credit/debit card or PAYPAL, either online or in person, but please note that a 5% service charge will be applied by our payment gateway (Niubiz) and PAYPAL. We regret to inform you that we are unable to accept bank checks or traveler's checks as forms of payment for the balance.

» 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.

» 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.

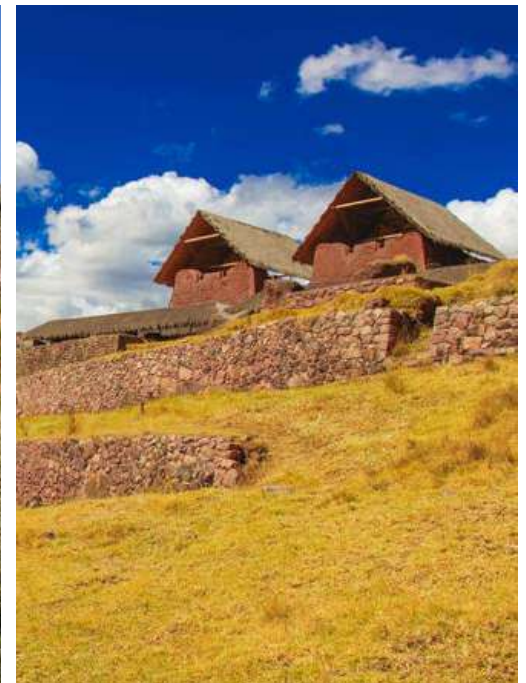
» Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are 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)
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Hiking boots or shoes (preferably waterproof)
- » Light footwear
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Pair of thermal pants
- » 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
- » 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.



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



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