



TOUR

MACHU PICCHU BY TRAIN

2 days / 1 night



DESCRIPTION

The Incredible Train Journey to the Inca Citadel

Machu Picchu is a tourist destination that thousands of people dream of visiting. It's considered one of the New 7 Wonders of the World and offers its visitors the architectural and engineering wonders that the Incas built and indescribable energy that renews the spirit. Andean culture, history, and tradition await you in this magical, mystical place.

Many visitors to Peru opt to hike to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, but if you prefer to take a more relaxing trip and journey along one of the most beautiful railways on the planet, then our 2-day Machu Picchu by train tour is for you! Let us plan every detail of this exciting adventure so all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the experience.

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Itinerary



Inclusions



Packing List



Cusco
3400 m. / 11155 ft.



Poroy
3499 m. / 11480 ft.



Corn
Plantations



Machu Picchu
2430 m. / 7972 ft.



URUBAMBA RIVER

Ollantaytambo
2792 m. / 9160 ft.



WAKAY WILLKA
5820 m. / 19094 ft.



Aguas Calientes
2040 m. / 6693 ft.



- LUNCH & REST AREA
- RIVER
- FOOTPATH
- MAJOR ROAD
- MINOR ROAD
- RAILROAD

DAY 01: Cusco | Poroy Train Station - Aguas Calientes

DAY 02: Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Ride the Vistadome train to Machu Picchu and enjoy panoramic views and breathtaking scenery on the way.
- » Visit and relax at the hot springs of Aguas Calientes.
- » Enjoy dinner in a top restaurant in the town.
- » Spend the night in a comfortable hotel.
- » Visit Machu Picchu bright and early to beat the crowds.
- » Explore the entire site with your knowledgeable guide and learn about its fascinating history.

DAY 01

Cusco | Poroy Train Station – Aguas Calientes

Journey Along the Beautiful Railway to Aguas Calientes

Your 2-day adventure begins today when we pick you up from your accommodation at an agreed time and drive you to the Poroy train station. The train will leave at 7:25 a.m., so you don't need to be up too early. Your journey will take you to the small town of Aguas Calientes, at the base of the Machu Picchu Sanctuary.

This train journey is famed for being one of the most beautiful in the world and is one of the top experiences to enjoy while in Peru. You'll be able to look out the windows all the way and observe stunning natural sights of the Andes and jungle landscapes as you slowly descend to 2,040 m / 6,692 ft.



After an incredible 4-hour journey, you'll arrive in Aguas Calientes and be greeted by your guide, who'll walk you to your hotel. There are no cars here so you need to go everywhere on foot.

At around 1:30 p.m., you'll enjoy a tasty lunch in one of the best restaurants in town and then have some free time to yourself this afternoon to explore however you like. The town is very picturesque and sits in the middle of a deep, green valley with a rushing river running through the middle. There are plenty of cafes and restaurants to hang out at, or you can take a hike to the hot springs, where you can spend the afternoon relaxing before your big day tomorrow.

In the evening, you'll enjoy a tasty dinner with your guide, who'll fill you with a detailed briefing on what'll happen tomorrow's grand day. Make sure you head to bed relatively early, as you'll be up before the sun tomorrow.

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 rooms
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and warm showers
- » Wi-Fi



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Lunch and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel
- » TRAIN TRIP DURATION:
4 Hours
- » AGUAS CALIENTES
ELEVATION:
2,040 m / 6,693 ft

1. Train the Sacred Valley of the Incas
2. Train between the Andes Mountains
3. Train in Aguas Calientes
4. Aguas Calientes
5. Comfortable hotel in Aguas Calientes
6. Comfortable rooms

DAY 02

Aguas Calientes | Machu Picchu –
Ollantaytambo – Cusco

Explore the Astounding Machu Picchu

To make the most of your visit to Machu Picchu, we like to get there bright and early to beat the large crowds. For this reason, we leave at 5:30 a.m. after a nourishing breakfast to catch the bus up to the Historic Sanctuary. The ride is around 25 minutes long and follows a steep, winding path that provides spectacular views of the surrounding mountains.

Once at the archaeological complex, you will begin a guided tour of approximately two hours with your expert guide, who will take you through some of the most significant sectors of Machu Picchu: houses, temples, and squares, among others.

Many locals thought of Machu Picchu to be a legend, but no one had seen it for a long time. Then, in 1911, the explorer Hiram Bingham stumbled upon its remains. Machu Picchu stands at 2,430 m / 7,972 ft in the middle of a tropical mountain forest in an extraordinarily beautiful setting. On the eastern slopes of the Andes, the natural setting encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna.



If you get tickets in advance, you can hike either Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain at this point. From both, you get incredible views of the whole citadel. Then, it'll be time to start making your way back to Aguas Calientes.

Once in town, you'll have some free time to explore and find a restaurant for lunch. You can either browse the shops for souvenirs or head to the hot springs if you didn't have the chance to go yesterday. In the afternoon, you'll board the train to Ollantaytambo. At the station, we'll take you directly to your accommodation, where you can relax and unwind after this amazing experience.



DAY FACTS

» MEALS:

Breakfast

» DIFFICULTY:

Easy

» ACTIVITY DURATION:

**2-3 hours exploring
Machu Picchu**

» MACHU PICCHU CITADEL ELEVATION:

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

» OPTIONAL MOUNTAINS:

Moderate to Challenging

» MACHU PICCHU MOUNTAIN ELEVATION:

**3,000 m / 9,843 ft
(3-4 hours)**

» HUAYNA PICCHU MOUNTAIN ELEVATION:

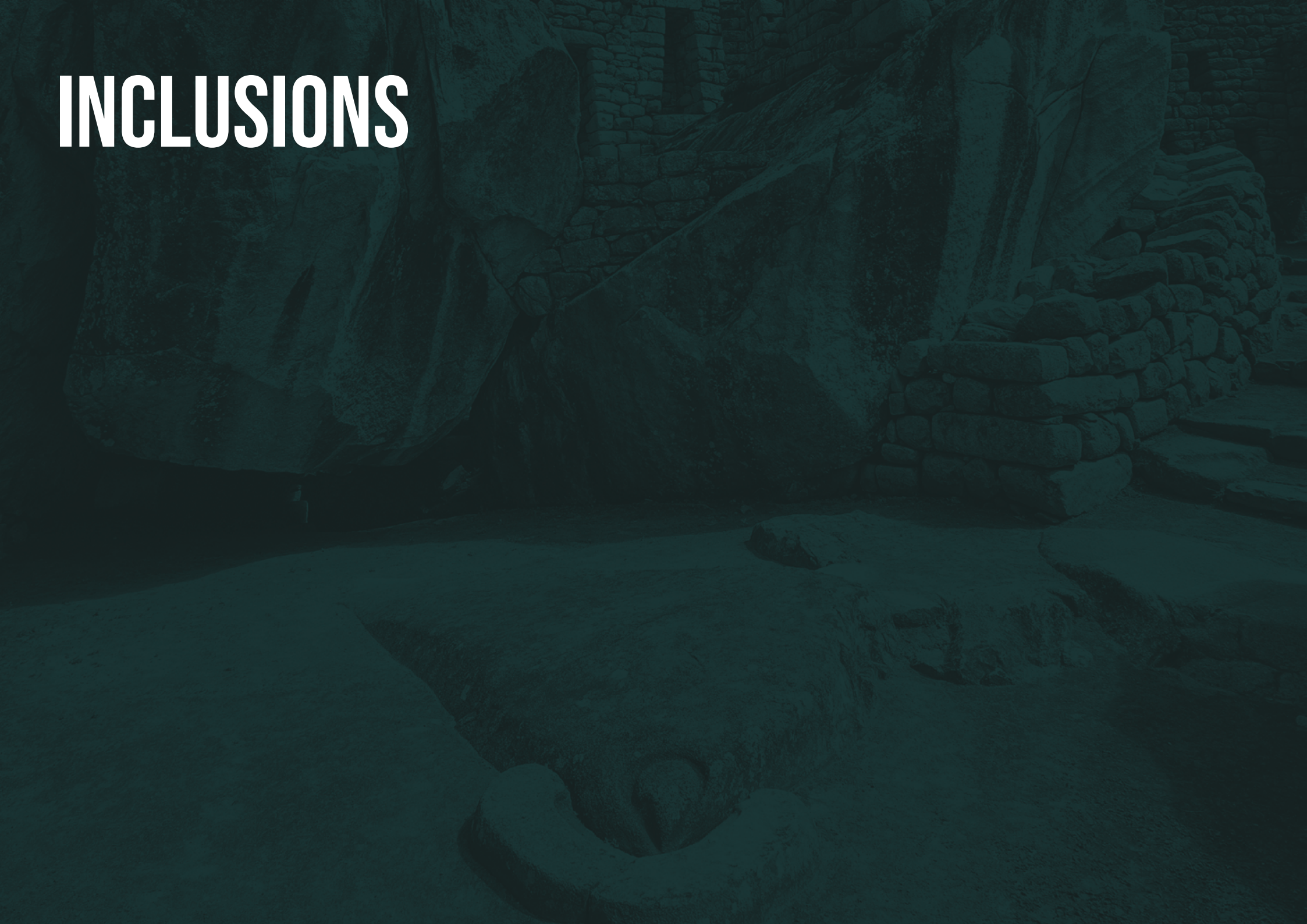
**2,720 m / 8,924 ft
(2 hours)**

» 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

- Entry Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site (Circuit 2)

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing
- Experienced Tour Guide

Our official tour guides speak English and Spanish and are professionally trained and certified. We choose them for their experience, responsibility, unbridled passion for exploring, and pride in sharing our culture and history. In every experience, they will keep you safe and comfortable so you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- 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.

- 24/7 Customer Service

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

» Accommodation

- Hotel in Aguas Calientes

You will spend one night in a comfortable hotel in Aguas Calientes, including luggage storage while you visit Machu Picchu. Accommodation is in double, twin, and triple rooms.

» Meals

- Day 1: Lunch and Dinner in Aguas Calientes

Vegetarian, vegan, or special menus are available at no extra cost.

- Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel



» Transportation

- Transport
 - Day 1: Pick up from your hotel and transfer to Poroy train station
 - Day 2: Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco
- Train Tickets
 - Day 1: From Poroy to Aguas Calientes (PeruRail Vistadome Service).
 - Day 2: From Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo (PeruRail Expedition Service).
- Round-Trip Bus Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» 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.

» Day 1 Breakfast

» Day 2: Lunch in Aguas Calientes and Dinner in Cusco

» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is usual on any excursion to 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, 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.

» Pre-departure Briefing

The evening before your trip, our staff will contact you to provide full instructions on the tour (between 6 to 8 p.m., by phone call and Whatsapp). Please make sure you are available at that time. If not, please contact us by email or phone to schedule a different time or visit the Salkantay Trekking Office.

» Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

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.

» 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 (or Poroy). 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)aa
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Insect repellent
- » Light footwear or sandals
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Shorts
- » Waterproof gaiter
- » Long sleeve t-shirts
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » 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



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



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