

ONE DAY TOUR

QESWACHAKA

1 day


Salkantay
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Trek & Expedition Specialists



DESCRIPTION

Qeswachaka: Venture to the last Inca Bridge

Have you heard of the Qeswachaka Bridge? It's the last Inca bridge, preserved to this day thanks to the inhabitants of the nearby communities. Every year, it needs more than 800 people, a lot of Peruvian feather grass (lchu), and 4 days to be renovated. If you'd like to visit this more than 600-year-old Inca legend, join this full-day trip to see one of the best places in Cusco.

To see it, you'll travel to the town of Quehue. Take a chance to cross the 30-meter-long bridge, and balance over the Apurimac River. If you're traveling in June, meet the townspeople of the communities that work hard to demolish the old bridge and set up the new one. This spectacle, declared a Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, comes along with ancestral rituals and a grand celebration. On top of that, you'll visit the famous 4 Lagoons, an immersive journey you can't miss!

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Qeswachaka Inca Bridge

One Day Tour



Ausangate
6300 m. / 20900 Ft.



 Distance / Hours
 Lunch & Rest Area
 Major Road

Qeswachaka Bridge Full Day Tour Itinerary

Day 01: Cusco - Quiquijana - Combapata - Quehue - Qeswachaka Bridge - Four Lagoons - Cusco

 Highest Elevation
 3,792m | 12,441ft

 Difficulty
 Easy

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Enjoy a unique 1-day tour to the only remaining Inca Rope Bridge of Qeswachaka, declared a Cultural Heritage by UNESCO.
- » Learn the fascinating, artistic method local inhabitants use to annually renovate the more than 600-year-old bridge, made of woven straw.
- » Surround yourself with the incredible Andean landscape and the growing Apurimac Canyon as you immerse yourself in the ancient rituals of the townspeople of Quehue.
- » Stop off to admire the famous 4 Lagoons: Pomacanchi, Asnacocha, Acopia and Pampamarca.

DAY 01

Cusco - Quiquijana - Combapata - Quehue - Qeswachaka Bridge - Four Lagoons

Travel Through Time, and Cross the Last Inca Bridge

On this adventure, you'll travel to the remote province of Canas. You'll stop for breakfast and then travel down the road to Quehue, where the Qeswachaka Bridge is located. Once you're there, you'll learn surprising insights about its construction and the famous, annual celebration of renovation by the neighboring communities. Then, you'll be able to cross this 30-meter-long bridge from end to end and enjoy an impressive view of the Apurimac River Canyon.

After boxed lunch close by, you'll explore the 4 Lagoons from their viewpoints: Pomacanchi, Ancascocha, Pampamarca, and Acopia. Finally, after a brief rest, you'll return to Cusco in our private transportation.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast and Boxed Lunch
- » DIFFICULTY:
Easy
- » ACTIVITY DURATION:
13 to 14 hours
- » QESWACHAKA ELEVATION:
3,700 m / 12,139 ft
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
3,792 m / 12,441 ft

1. Qeswachaka Inka Bridge
2. Qeswachaka Inka Bridge
3. Pomacanchi Lake

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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entry fee to Qeswachaka Bridge

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Experienced Tour Guide

An official English- and Spanish-speaking tour guide will accompany you. Along the entire route, your guide will explain the culture and surroundings and keep you safe, secure and comfortable so you can 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 with our guides every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit to handle basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.), as well as oxygen needs. If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic or hospital for treatment.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication and preparation with the agency leading up to your tour.

» Meals

- Breakfast and Box Lunch
- Snacks and water

For the day, we'll provide you with a water bottle and snacks of local fruits, cookies, crackers, 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

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



» Transportation

- Transport

All transportation and transfers are included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and take you back to the door of your hotel in Cusco.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Dinner

» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is the norm on any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our entire 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.

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

» 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.

» 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 or restaurant. 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
- » Light footwear or sandals
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank





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