



TREK

TRADITIONAL SALKANTAY TREK

5 days / 4 nights



DESCRIPTION

Where adventure returns to its essence

Over the course of five days, you will explore one of the most spectacular routes in the Peruvian Andes, traveling from towering snow-capped peaks and glacial lakes to cloud forests and the high jungle. This transition of ecosystems makes the Salkantay Trek a unique experience, where each day reveals a different face of the Andean landscape.

Along the way you will visit unforgettable places such as Humantay Lake, Salkantay Pass – the highest point of the expedition – coffee plantations in the cloud-forest fringe, and the archaeological complex of Llactapata, where you will enjoy your first view of Machu Picchu. Finally, you will experience the adventure of exploring the Inca citadel on a guided visit after an intense, exciting, and deeply transformative journey.

More than just a hike, this expedition is an opportunity to reconnect with nature, with the rhythm of the trail, and with the grandeur of the Andean world. If you dream of reaching Machu Picchu through trails filled with beauty and adventure, the Salkantay Trek Explorer is the perfect choice.

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Packing List

Salkantay Explorer

Trek - 05 Days



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

Salkantay Explorer Trek to Machu Picchu 05 Days Itinerary

- Day 01:** Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha - Soraypampa - Humantay lake - Soraypampa (Sky Camp)
- Day 02:** Soraypampa - Salkantaypampa - Salkantay Pass - Wayracmachay - Chaullay (Wooden Cabins Camp - Andean Huts)
- Day 03:** Chaullay - Collpapampa - Wiñaypoqo - Playa Sahuayaco - Lucmabamba (Jungle Domes)
- Day 04:** Lucmabamba - Lactapata Pass - Lactapata - Aobamba - Hidroelectrica - Aguas Calientes (Hotel)
- Day 05:** Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

Distance	Time	Highest Elevation	Difficulty
10km 6.21mi	5-6 hrs	4,200m 13,780ft	Challenging
22km 13.67mi	10 - 11 hrs	4,630m 15,190ft	Challenging
17.4km 10.8mi	5-6 hrs	2,900m 9,514ft	Moderate
25km 15.53mi	8-9 hrs	2,800m 9,186ft	Challenging
4.5km 2.8mi	4 hrs	2,430m 7,972ft	Easy

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Experience the original spirit of trekking in the Peruvian Andes.
- » Camp beneath star-filled skies and breathtaking landscapes.
- » Recognized among the 25 Best Treks in the World by National Geographic.
- » One of the most epic trekking adventures in Peru and South America.
- » An ideal alternative to the Inca Trail, with fewer crowds.
- » Visit the magical Humantay Lake and the majestic Salkantay Pass.
- » Experience dramatic ecosystem changes in just five days: Andes, cloud forest, and high jungle.
- » Arrive at Machu Picchu after completing the entire journey on foot.
- » Explore one of the most sought-after trekking routes among travelers from around the world.

DAY 01

Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha - Soraypampa - Humantay Lake - Sky Camp

Ascent to the Turquoise Jewel of the Andes

The day begins at approximately 4:30 a.m. with pickup in Cusco and transfer to Mollepata for breakfast before continuing to Challacancha (3,800 m), the starting point of the hike. The first section follows 7 km along a restored ancient Inca water canal, crossing a wide valley dominated by the Humantay and Salkantay snow-capped mountains. This section allows for gradual acclimatization while ascending toward Soraypampa (3,900 m). Lunch is enjoyed in a beautiful mountain setting.

In the afternoon, the ascent to Humantay Lake (4,200 m) takes place. Although the hike is relatively short, it can be demanding due to the altitude. The reward is extraordinary: a turquoise lake fed by glacial meltwater, framed by snow-covered peaks and considered one of the most iconic landscapes in Peru. Beyond its scenic beauty, the site holds deep cultural significance within the Andean worldview, closely linked to the sacred Apu Salkantay.



The day concludes with the return to Sky Camp, where a comforting dinner is served before resting in our comfortable domes under a blanket of stars, mountains, and glaciers, making the first day a powerful beginning both visually and experientially.



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.

- » 32 igloos
- » 2 person per hut
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets
- » **Optional:**
 - Wi-Fi



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Sky Camp
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate to Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
10 km / 6.21 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
5 to 6 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
3,800 m / 12,467 ft
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:
3,800 m / 12,467 ft
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
4,200 m / 13,780 ft
- » CAMPSITE ELEVATION:
3,900 m / 12,795 ft

1. Humantay Lagoon
2. Photo of the arrival to the Humantay Lagoon
3. Humantay Lagoon
4. Sky Camp
5. Sky Camp Dining Room
6. Interior of the Sky Camp domes

DAY 02

Soraypampa – Salkantay Pass –
Huayracmachay – Chaullay (Andean Huts)

The Great Challenge of Salkantay Pass and Entry into the Cloud Forest

The day begins with one of the most breathtaking sunrises of the trek: the first light of day illuminates Apu Salkantay as the group prepares with an energizing breakfast for the most demanding stage of the journey. The ascent of approximately 7 km, passing through Salkantaypampa and Soyrococha, leads to Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft). From the summit, panoramic views unfold of the snow-capped peaks of Humantay, Tucurhuay, and Pumasillo, in a high-mountain environment that combines natural grandeur with deep cultural significance, as Salkantay is considered a sacred mountain within the Andean worldview.



After reaching the highest point of the trek, the descent begins toward Huayracmachay (3,850 m), where lunch is served. From this point, a remarkable geographical transition begins: the Andean landscape gradually gives way to the cloud forest, with increased humidity, denser vegetation, and a noticeable rise in biodiversity. Orchids, ferns, and birds such as hummingbirds accompany the trail as the climate becomes progressively warmer.

The day ends in Chaullay, where the group rests at Andean Huts camp, cozy wooden cabins that provide shelter after a demanding day. After covering approximately 22 km in about 10 hours of hiking, the route leaves the high Andes behind and marks the entrance into the lush and humid landscape of the Peruvian jungle.



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DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Wooden Cabins Camp – Andean Huts
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
22 km / 13.67 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
10 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:
2,900 m / 9,514 ft

1. Salkantay Pass
2. Salkantay snow-capped mountain
3. A moment of rest at the foot of the majestic Apu Salkantay.
4. Andean Huts
5. Comfortable Andean-style cabins
6. Andean Huts Details

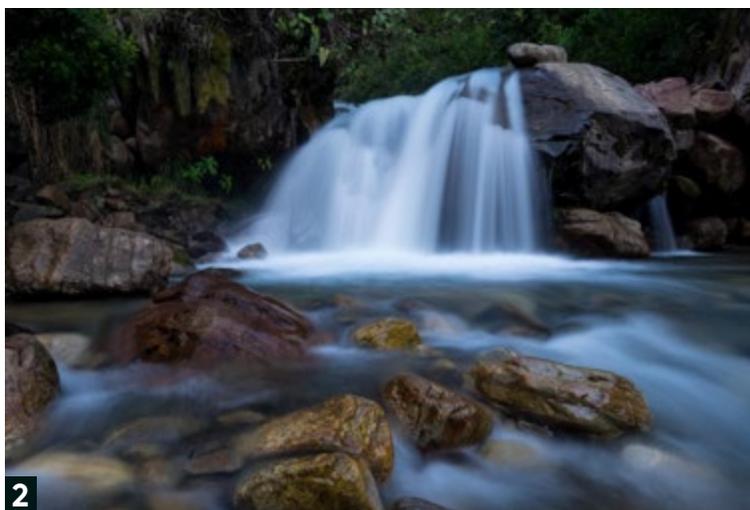
DAY 03

Chaullay – Collpapampa – La Playa –
Lucmabamba (Jungle Domes)

Adventure in the High Jungle and Coffee Experience

The day begins with breakfast surrounded by lush vegetation and the natural sounds of the valley. From Chaullay, the trail continues toward Collpapampa through the Santa Teresa Valley, where the landscape changes dramatically: the high mountains are left behind, giving way to a vibrant tropical environment filled with rivers, waterfalls, orchids, giant ferns, and extensive plantations of coffee, bananas, and avocados.

The climate becomes warmer and more humid, and biodiversity increases significantly. In this area, it is possible to observe a variety of bird species, including – with a bit of luck – the Andean cock-of-the-rock, the national bird of Peru.



The route continues toward the La Playa sector, where a local coffee farm is visited. There, a local producer explains the traditional process of Andean coffee production in detail: cultivation, harvesting, roasting, and grinding. This experience not only offers cultural insight but also highlights the economic importance of coffee in the region, concluding with a tasting of freshly prepared coffee whose aroma defines the surrounding landscape.

Finally, the journey continues to Lucmabamba (2,000 m / 6,562 ft), where lunch is served and the night is spent in the exclusive Jungle Domes. In the afternoon, there is an optional opportunity to visit the Cocalmayo hot springs (activity with additional cost). The day concludes with a comforting dinner and rest in the middle of the jungle, where the nighttime sounds of the valley strengthen the connection with the natural environment.

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.

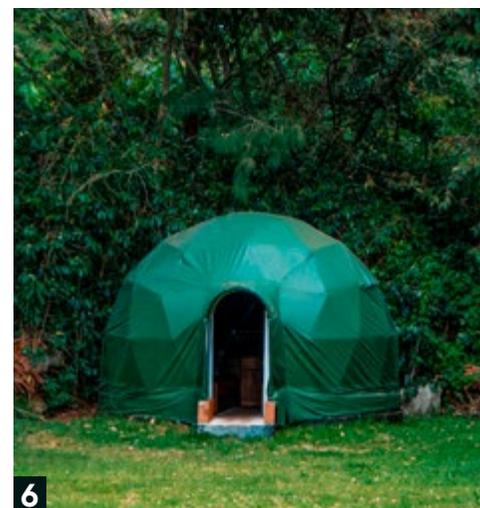
- » 16 domes
- » 2 people per dome
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and cold shower
- » **Optionals:**
 - Warm shower
 - Wi-Fi



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DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Jungle Domes
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
17.4 km / 10.8 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
5 - 6 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
2,900 m / 9,514 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. Domes mimicking nature

DAY 04

Lucmabamba - Llactapata - Aobamba -
Hidroeléctrica - Aguas Calientes



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Your First View of Machu Picchu from Llactapata

Today is an exciting day. After breakfast, we begin the ascent toward the Llactapata archaeological complex, following a section of the ancient Inca Trail.

After approximately three hours of hiking, we reach this impressive Inca site located directly across from Machu Picchu. From here, you will enjoy a privileged and unique view of the citadel, as well as the surrounding mountains Huayna Picchu and Machu Picchu Mountain.



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It is a powerful moment: after several days of trekking, you finally see your destination.

We then descend toward Hydroelectric and continue walking to Aguas Calientes. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and rest in a comfortable hotel.

Note: During the rainy season, the hike to Llactapata may not be guaranteed due to safety reasons.



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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



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DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
25 km / 15.53 mi
- » 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 Llactapata viewpoint
2. Archaeological site of Llactapata
3. Bridge over the Amazon forest in Aobamba.
4. Aguas Calientes
5. Hotel in Aguas Calientes
6. Comfortable rooms

DAY 05

Aguas Calientes | Machu Picchu -
Ollantaytambo - Cusco

Explore the Majestic Citadel of Machu Picchu

Today the expedition culminates with the visit to the destination that gave meaning to the entire journey. We will begin very early to head toward Machu Picchu and take advantage of the first hours of the day, when the morning light highlights the architecture and the atmosphere is more serene. The ascent can be made by bus to the citadel, allowing you to admire the natural surroundings that frame this masterpiece of Inca engineering.

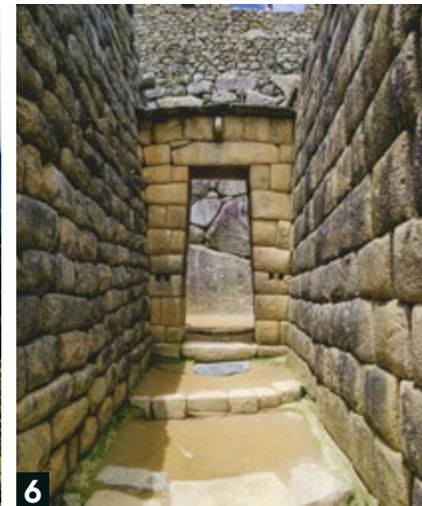
Once inside, you will enjoy a guided tour of approximately two hours through the most important sectors of the complex: ceremonial temples, plazas, agricultural terraces, residential areas, and more. During the tour, you will gain deeper insight into the Andean worldview and the advanced architectural and hydraulic knowledge of the Incas, whose precision continues to amaze historians, specialists, and visitors from around the world.



At the end of the guided tour, you will have free time to explore the citadel on your own or complete optional hikes previously reserved, such as Machu Picchu Mountain, Huayna Picchu, or Huchuy Picchu. Afterwards, you will return to Aguas Calientes for lunch and board the train to Ollantaytambo, where private transportation will transfer you back to Cusco, bringing this complete experience of adventure, culture, and history to a close.

Optional:

- Ascent to Machu Picchu Mountain (reservation required)
- Ascent to Huayna Picchu (reservation required)
- Ascent to Huchuy Picchu (reservation required)



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)**

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 5: Entry Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site

Machu Picchu Circuit 2 offers the most complete and popular route through the citadel, making it the most requested. Although included in this experience, availability is limited, so we strongly recommend booking at least three months in advance.

If Circuit 2 is unavailable, we will arrange Circuit 3-B, which explores the lower area of the citadel, including the urban sector and key ceremonial sites. If this is also sold out, Circuit 1-B will be arranged, covering mainly the upper panoramic area with the iconic postcard viewpoint.

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing

You'll meet with your guide for an orientation the evening before the trek. The meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m. at our main office in Cusco.

- 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 Duffel Bag

For the trek, you'll receive a duffel bag to pack your personal belongings, with a maximum weight limit of 5 kg (11 lb), which will be carried by our staff.

- 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

Our attention to detail sets us apart. You'll receive a cover to protect your backpack along the way.

- 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 deeply respect the Pachamama (Mother Earth). That's why our campsites and lodges are thoughtfully designed to blend with the environment and minimize any negative impact.



Sky Camp



Andean Huts



Jungle Domes

- Campsite Facilities

Our campsites are designed for your comfort and convenience:

- Restrooms: We have shared restrooms at our Sky Camp, Andean Huts, and Jungle Domes.
- Showers: Enjoy refreshing showers at the Andean Huts and Jungle Domes camps.
- Dining and Kitchen Areas: Each camp features fully equipped dining areas and kitchens, so you can enjoy your meals in complete comfort and peace of mind. Our mules transport all the fresh supplies for the kitchen.

- Day 4: Hotel in Aguas Calientes

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

» Meals

- 5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, and 4 Dinners

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 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.

- Wake up tea during the Salkantay Trek

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.

- Tea Time (Happy Hour) during the Salkantay Trek

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!

- One cloth snack bag per person

Before starting any tour, 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 journeys!

» Transportation

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

- Day 1: You'll be picked up from your hotel in the morning and travel by private transportation to Challacancha, the trek's starting point.
- Day 5: Private transportation from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.



- Day 5: One-Way Bus Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu

- Day 5: Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo

Expedition Machu Picchu by PeruRail or The Voyager to Machu Picchu by Inca Rail (train options and schedules subject to availability).

- Personal Belongings Transportation

- On days 1,2, and 3, cargo mules will carry all the camping equipment and your baggage allowance (5 kg / 11 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?

» Sleeping Bag

You can rent sleeping bags from our company if you don't have your own. Our bags are high-quality, durable, and designed to protect you in temperatures as low as -18°C (0°F). They are mummy-shaped and come with a sleeping liner for added warmth and hygiene. Each sleeping bag is thoroughly cleaned after every use.

- **US\$ 25.00 per person**

» Trekking Poles

Trekking poles (with rubber tips) can be a great help on uneven terrain, especially during ascents and descents, as they reduce the impact on your knees and improve stability. If you don't have your own, you can rent a pair from our company.

- **US\$ 25.00 per person**

» 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!

- **Booking:** Reserve 2–3 months in advance due to high demand.

» 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.

» Return bus ticket Consettur from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes (Day 5)

» Lunch in Aguas Calientes and Dinner in Cusco (Day 5)

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

» Optional Horseback Ride from Soraypampa to Salkantay Pass (Day 2)

» Train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes (Day 4)

"If you feel tired or unwell after the previous trekking adventure, you have the option to take the train to Aguas Calientes from Hidroelectrica train station instead of walking.

- **US\$ 41.00 per person**

» 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 carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all your questions about traveling with Salkantay Trekking. Please read the following information carefully – it will also 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



Valle Sagrado



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.

» 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.

» Duffel Bag or Canvas Case

The evening before the trek, we'll provide you with a duffel 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 5 kg / 11lb, 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 from Machu Picchu 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.

Note: Your tour includes a One-Way Consettur Bus Ticket Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu, so you can choose to use it from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu or from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes. If you want a round-trip bus ticket, you'll need to pay an extra of US\$ 12.00.

» 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

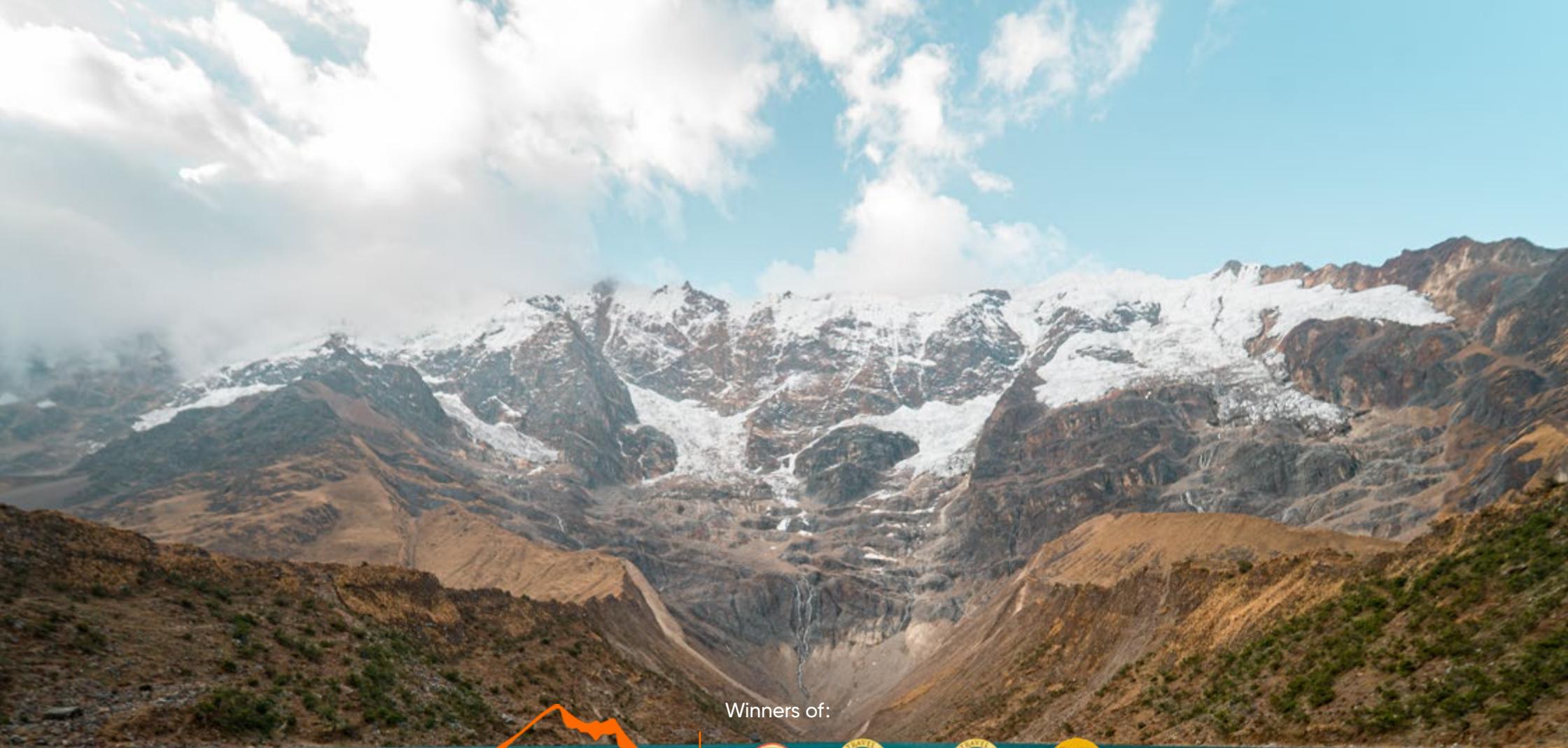
Please pay attention to where you leave your belongings and remember to take everything once you leave a place or a transport. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.

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
- » 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.
- » Bathing suit
- » Towel
- » Flashlight



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



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