



TREK

SHORT SALKANTAY TREK

4 days / 3 nights

Salkantay
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Treks & Expeditions Specialists



DESCRIPTION

A Walk of Many Experiences

After acclimating in the city of Cusco, capital of the majestic Inca Empire, join us on the express version of the ultimate trek to Machu Picchu, the 4 Days Salkantay Short Trek. This incredible route will take you to the glorious Humantay Lake, the savage Salkantay Mountain, down through the mysterious cloud forest, and to the brow of the Peruvian jungle.

Every night, you'll enjoy sleeping in the comfort of our unique accommodation and delight in some of the tastiest dishes imaginable in the middle of the Andean mountain range. Our expert and professional guide will accompany you the entire route and share all they know about the region, the culture, and the history. Join us for an exciting journey in comfort and with the best company!

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The Short Salkantay Trek 04 Days



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Classic Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu 04 Days Itinerary

- Day 01:** Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha - Soraypampa - Humantay lake - Soraypampa (Sky Camp)
- Day 02:** Soraypampa - Salkantaypampa - Soyrococha - Salkantay Pass - Wayracmachay - Chaullay - Collpapampa (Mountain Sky View)
- Day 03:** Collpapampa - Wiñaypozo - Loreta - Playa Sahuayaco - Hidroelectrica - Aguas Calientes (Hotel)
- Day 04:** Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

Distancia	Tiempo	Altura máxima	Dificultad
10km 6.21mi	5-6 hrs	4,200m 13,780ft	Challenging
23.5km 14.6mi	10 - 11 hrs	4,630m 15,190ft	Challenging
26km 16.16mi	8-9 hrs	2,950m 9,678ft	Challenging
3km 1.86mi	2-3 hrs	2,430m 7,972ft	Easy

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Hike one of the 25 best trekking routes in the world, according to National Geographic, and one of the most incredible treks in South America.
- » Enjoy the best alternative route to Machu Picchu in great company.
- » Witness breathtaking views: snow-capped mountains, colorful valleys, waterfalls, crystalline streams, cloud forests, and unique flora and fauna.
- » Experience the drastic change of scenery and climate from the snow-capped mountains to the jungle, all on the same day.
- » Sleep comfortably surrounded by the sounds of nature in our exclusive camp.
- » Explore the magical and mystical Machu Picchu in the company of our expert guide, who'll explain the history of the Incas.

DAY 01

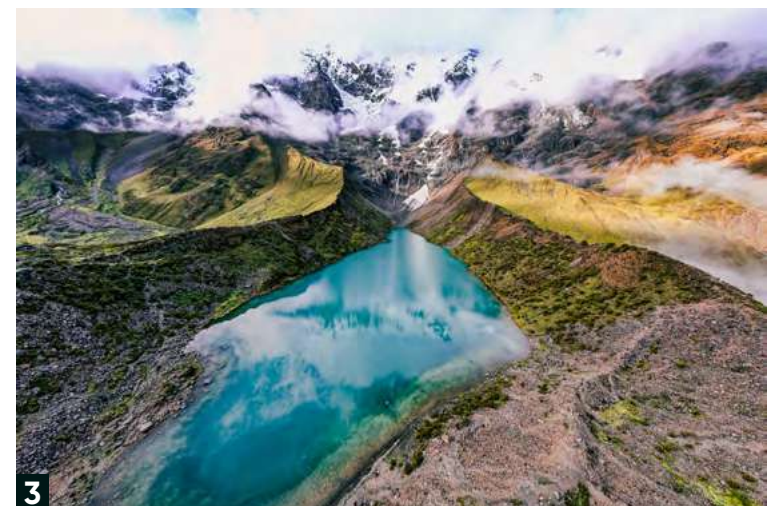
Cusco | Mollepata – Challacancha –
Soraypampa – Humantay Lake – Sky Camp

Hike to the Gleaming Gem in the Mountains

Today you will get an early start on this adventure. We'll pick you up from your accommodation in Cusco at 4:00 a.m. and travel for approximately two hours to have a quick breakfast in Mollepata. Our transportation includes cozy blankets in case you need to sleep for a few more minutes. After feeding and resting a bit, we'll drive for another hour to the starting point of the trek in Challacancha.

Before we start our trek, you will meet the muleteers and cooks who are part of the team and do a final check of your luggage. Then, we will begin our relatively easy three-hour hike to Soraypampa (3,900 m / 12,795 ft), where our first camp is located. Along the way, you will enjoy beautiful glaciers and a deep valley. Also, you will see that an Inca water channel follows us most of the way and is still used by farmers in the area to this day. This stretch has a length of 7 km / 4.35 miles.

Once in Soraypampa, you'll have some time to get settled into your cozy igloo in our Sky Camp and enjoy your first lunch cooked by our talented chefs. There's no doubt you'll be amazed by their talents in the middle of the mountains. Once you're full of energy, we'll begin our afternoon trek up to Humantay Lake (4,200 m / 13,780 ft), often called the jewel or gem in the mountains, and you'll see why once you reach the top.



The round trip is around 2:30 hours long and covers 3 km / 1.86 miles. The distance may seem short, but you may get tired due to its high altitude. You need to go slowly. When you reach the stunning lagoon, you'll have plenty of time to catch your breath, enjoy the fantastic scenery and contemplate its turquoise waters in contrast to the snowy backdrop. The views here are truly like something out of dreamland.

Once we return to camp, you will have time to enjoy a delicious dinner while watching the sunset behind the mountains. It's hard to describe the energy of this place, but the inner peace is as close as it gets. Then it's time to head back to your Sky Camp for a good night's sleep and contemplate the constellations.

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.

- » 26 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:
5-6 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

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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 –
Collpapampa (Mountain Sky View)

The Stunning Salkantay Pass and Descent to the Amazon Jungle

In the morning, you will wake up with the day's first rays and see the Apu Salkantay while enjoying an energizing coca tea. Afterward, you will have a nutritious breakfast before embarking on the 7 km trek for approximately three hours to the highest point of the route, the Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft). It is a difficult ascent along the "path of the 7 snakes" because of its winding path.

Once at the top, you will appreciate the most magnificent view over the surrounding valleys and the Salkantay mountain right in front of you (6,271 m / 20,574 ft). It boasts the second-highest mountain in the Cusco region, and it's considered an Apu (Inca God). You will also be able to observe the mountains: Humantay, Tucurhuay, and Pumasillo. After enjoying the views and rest, you will start descending (7 km / 4.35 mi) to our lunch point at Huayracmachay (3,850 m / 12,631 ft). This section is rocky and steep but has impressive views of the surrounding valley.



After a revitalizing lunch, you will enter the edge of the rainforest, also known as the "cloud forest." This section has a distance of 9.5 km / 5.9 mi and lasts approximately three and a half hours. Along the way, you will enjoy the verdant rainforest and witness how the scenery changes rapidly and drastically from the Andes to the Amazon. You will observe colorful landscapes, unique fauna, and native plants and feel the warmer climate.

After a long day of hiking, you will be glad to arrive at Collpapampa for the night. Finally, we will serve you a hearty meal before resting at our exclusive Mountain Sky View Campsite.

Like in the times of our ancestors, our commitment is to our Pachamama (Mother Earth) and the Apus (sacred Mountains). Our campsite Mountain Sky View is adapted to the natural environment without generating any audio-visual impact, constructed with elements found in the same area, and located in a place surrounded by tropical mountains and rocky rivers under the shining stars.

- » 16 huts
- » 2 people per hut
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and Hot shower
- » **Optional:**
 - Wi-Fi



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Mountain Sky View Campsite
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
23.5 km / 14.6 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
10 - 11 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
2,950 m / 9,678 ft

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

DAY 03

Collpapampa | La Playa - Hidroelectrica -
Aguas Calientes

The Final Stretch to Aguas Calientes

We'll wake you up at 6:00 am today for a quick breakfast before beginning our hike to La Playa through the stunning Santa Teresa valley. This morning, you can enjoy soaking up the new lush landscape over a 5-hour trek. You'll be able to spot rivers, wild orchids, and lots of plantations, including coffee, banana, and avocado. You'll also get to savor the granadilla and passion fruit on the route.

We will continue our hike and then keep going to the bottom of the mountains to cross to the other side of the valley. In this tropical section, we'll be accompanied by waterfalls, birds, fruit trees, flora, and fauna.

When we reach La Playa, it'll be time to enjoy our last lunch prepared by our incredible chefs as we relax and watch a show all about coffee. After we've had some time to rest a little more, we'll board the private transport that'll take us to Hidroelectrica train station. From there, we'll hike alongside the tracks surrounded by lots of vegetation and joined by the Urubamba River. However, if you feel exhausted, you can take the train to Aguas Calientes for an extra US\$ 37.00.



Among the tropical paradise, you'll see more plantations and beautiful plants as well as a huge variety of birds, including the national bird of Peru, the cock of the rocks (El Gallito de las Rocas).

After three hours of hiking, we will arrive in Aguas Calientes; from here, we will take you to your hotel to relax in your comfortable room with a private bathroom, hot shower, WiFi, breakfast in the morning, and luggage storage that will allow you to leave your things while you go on a visit to the town's hot springs. In the evening, we will meet for dinner at a prestigious restaurant before returning to the hotel to rest. Tomorrow you will have to get up before sunrise and start our last adventure to the majestic Machu Picchu.



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

DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- » ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel
- » DIFFICULTY:
Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
26 km / 16.16 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
8-9 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
2,950 m / 9,678 ft
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:
1,800 m / 5,906 ft
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
2,950 m / 9,678 ft
- » ACCOMMODATION ELEVATION:
2,040 m / 6,693 ft

1. Hike through the lush Amazon rainforest
2. Traditional coffee elaboration
3. Train to Aguas Calientes
4. Aguas Calientes
5. Hotel in Aguas Calientes
6. Comfortable rooms

DAY 04

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu –
Ollantaytambo – Cusco

Explore the Astounding Inca Fortress: Machu Picchu

Today's the day you've longed since you set foot on the trail. You will visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Machu Picchu! We'll wake up while it's still dark after enjoying a restful night's sleep in our hostel. We like to begin this final day early to beat the large crowds at Machu Picchu and enjoy the soft morning light hitting the massive rocks. The entrance opens at 6:00 am, and we want to be one of the first inside.

From Aguas Calientes, we'll take a bus up to the Inca citadel before entering and gazing in awe at the incredible construction. Once in the complex, you'll enjoy a tour of approximately two hours with your guide and visit the most essential parts: houses, temples, terraces, and cultivation fields, among others. You'll truly be amazed by the Incas' ingenuity, which remains a mystery to this day.

The ancient culture didn't have modern tools or even iron or steel to work with. Those who constructed the city were geniuses in organizing this community sustainably and beautifully on the side of a mountain, even bringing water in canals and aqueducts through



its streets for the people to use. When a Peruvian guide showed this site to Hiram Bingham, it was almost unrecognizable, covered in thick vegetation and disrepair. It has since been cleaned and restored and is now protected and treasured by the world.

After your incredible guided tour of the citadel, you'll have the chance to enjoy one of the additional hikes up Huayna Picchu Mountain (2,720 m / 8,924 ft) or Machu Picchu Mountain (3,000 m / 9,843 ft); these tickets must be booked in advance. You'll be able to contemplate an incredible view over the citadel of Machu Picchu, one of the best panoramas in the world.

You need to ensure you come back down to Aguas Calientes to enjoy some lunch before you catch the train back to Ollantaytambo. Your train time will depend on availability. In Ollantaytambo, our private transport will await you to transport you back to your accommodation in Cusco. You'll now be able to enjoy a well-deserved rest, although your heart will be soaring high in the Andes like a condor for years to come.



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

- Day 1: Day 1: Entry Ticket to Humantay Lake & the Salkantay Trek
- Day 4: Entry Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site

The "Machu Picchu Circuit 2" ticket offers the most complete tour of the Machu Picchu citadel and is also the most requested. For this reason, we recommend booking it well in advance to secure your entry.

» 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 Duffle Bag

For the trek, you'll receive a duffle 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 & Rain Poncho

Our attention to detail sets us apart. You'll receive a cover to protect your backpack and a poncho for extra comfort and protection 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 Private Campsites

Like our ancestors, we're very considerate of the Pachamama (Mother Earth). For this reason, our campsites and lodges are adapted to the environment to avoid generating negative impacts.



Sky Camp



Mountain Sky View

- Campsite Facilities

Our campsites are designed for your comfort and convenience:

- Bathrooms: Shared bathrooms are available at our Sky Camp, while our Mountain Sky View Campsite offers private bathrooms.
 - Showers: Enjoy refreshing showers at the Mountain Sky View Campsite.
 - Dining & Kitchen Areas: Each campsite features spacious dining rooms and fully equipped kitchens, ensuring you can enjoy your meals comfortably and worry-free.
 - Our mules transport all fresh cooking supplies.
- Day 3: 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

- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 3 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 lunch in La Playa. Make sure to bring an empty water bottle or camel bag for refilling—we recommend a 2-liter capacity.

- Wake up tea

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 or Happy Hour

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!

- Daily snacks on the trail

Before starting your trekking, your tour guide will provide you a cloth bag with local fruits, cookies, chocolate, caramels, etc. Every morning, we'll refill it so that you can enjoy your snacks during the walk.

- One cloth snack bag per person

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 trek!

» 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 in our transportation to Challacancha, the trek's starting point.
- Day 3: Transport from La Playa to Hidroelectrica.
- Day 4: Transport from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.
- Day 4: One-Way Bus Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu
- Day 4: 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 and 2, 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.
- On day 3, your duffle bag will be transported by van and then by train.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Sleeping Bag

You can rent one from our company if you don't have your own. Our sleeping bags are effective and durable to protect you from temperatures as low as -18°C (0°F). They are mummy-form and include a sleeping liner. The bags are cleaned after every use.

- **US\$ 20.00 per person**

» Trekking Poles

Trekking Poles are very useful on rough and uneven terrain. If you'd like, you can rent a set from our company.

- **US\$ 20.00 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!

- **Cost: US\$ 60.00 per person.**
- **Booking:** Reserve 2–3 months in advance due to high demand.
- **Entry Times:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (recommended)

With your 6:00 a.m. Machu Picchu Citadel Circuit 2 entrance, you'll have time to climb Huayna Picchu after your guided tour. This portion is completed independently, following your guide's instructions.

» 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.

- **Cost: US\$ 60.00 per person.**
- **Entry Times:** 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Your included entrance to Machu Picchu Citadel Circuit 2 is scheduled for 6:00 a.m. If you wish to hike Machu Picchu Mountain, you can select the 8:00 a.m. entry time. However, this will require pausing your guided tour of the citadel to complete the hike independently, following your guide's recommendations.

» Return bus ticket Consettur from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes (Day 4)

» Lunch in Aguas Calientes and Dinner in Cusco (Day 4)

» Optional Horseback Ride from Soraypampa to Humantay Lake (Day 1) and from Soraypampa to Salkantay Pass (Day 2)

» Train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes (Day 3)

If you feel exhausted or unwell after the hike from Collpapampa to La Playa, you have the option to take the train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes.

- **US\$ 40.00 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



Sacred Valley



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.

» Tour Balance Payment

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.

» Duffle Bag or Travel Bag

The evening before the trek, we'll provide you with a duffle 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 7 kg / 15.4 lb, 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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