

## Choquequirao - Machupicchu

## 09 Days - 08 Nights

Choquequirao ( 3,085 m ) is situated amongst the spurs of the Salkantay Mountain Range in the Province La Convencion in the Region Cusco above the Valley of the river Rio Apurimac. The entire complex encompasses 1,800 hectares of which 30-40% is uncovered. The typical Inca terraces form the largest constructions on site. A temple, some administrative buildings and the living quarters of the aristocrats are situated around the central square. On the outskirts of the site lie the living quarters of the common people grouped together in a small village. There are numerous water channels, aqueducts and water springs. Most of the buildings are well-preserved and well-restored. Restoration is still continuing.

## Day 01: Cusco - Cachora - Chiquisqa

The bus will pick us up at the hotel at 6 :00hrs to begin our journey to the village of Cachora. During our journey we will stop a moment to observe the archaeological remains of Tarawasi from the bus, continuing thereafter towards the Cunyac Bridge between the departments of Cusco and Apurimac. Next we will travel through the district of Curawasi and Saywite Stone, arriving at Cachora at 10:00 hrs. approximately. We will begin our trek from this area, along sloping path leading to the pass of Capuliyoc (2800 m.a.s.l) where we will stop for lunch after a two-hour walk. Then we will continue our journey to the town of Chaquisqa (1930 m.a.s.l). The whole course to Chaquisqa is downward and the landscape is awesome and the weather is warm. Our first camp will be setup here. This is a three-hour walk.

## Meals Included: Lunch - Dinner



### Day 02: Chiquisca - Playa Rosalina - Sunchupata

Very early in the morning we'll wake up with a nice coca tea, and a nutritious breakfast will make us ready for the tough day, right after having our breakfast, we'll ascend for about 5 hours on a switchback trail to get the town called Maranpata, a place where we'll have our lunch. Upon our arrival at this lunch spot, we'll have the first views of Choquequirao in a further direction. In the afternoon after eating lunch we'll walk for 2 more hours to get the second camp site Choquequirao 2,950 m / 9,676 ft, that is located into the park, where we'll spend that afternoon enjoying the beautiful sunset a top the Andes mountains. In the evening we'll have tea time, subsequently dinner. All meals included.

Hiking Time: 8 hours

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Hiking Distance: 14 km / 8.7 miles. Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



## Day 03: Choquequirao - Pinchayunuyoc

This day we will have the chance to explore the incan city of Choquequirao, where our guide will explain a rich history of the place, during the tour we'll visit the Priest house, Usnu (a platform for main rituals), Main temples or religious site, Terraces with Llamas, The Granary constructions. About midday we will have our lunch, thereafter we will walk uphill for about 45-minutes, then to descend until getting the third camp site that is Pinchayunuyoc archaeological site (2,850m / 9,320feet), where we will explore the incan site of Pinchayunuyoc in the afternoon. The pretty scenic views around the camp site will be undeniably beautiful, that will make us feel in a different atmosphere. In the evening we will have tea time, subsequently dinner.

Hiking Time: 8 hours

Hiking Distance: 10 km / 6.2 miles. Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



## Day 04: Pinchayunuyoc - Maizal

After having breakfast, we will get ready to hike the fourth day, we will walk downhill for about 2 hours to get Rio Blanco(1,990m / 6,507feet) from where we will start to ascend until reaching the fourth camp spot which is Maizal( 3,200m / 10,464feet); after that we will have a 3-hour walking uphill to reach the next camp site, where we'll eat our lunch upon our arrival. This camp spot offers amazing views as the great snowcapped mountain Victoria. In the evening we will have tea time, subsequently dinner.

Hiking Time: 5 hours

Hiking Distance: 8 km / 4.9 miles. Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



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## Day 05: Maizal - Yanama

We'll be waken up with hot coca tea which is the wake up call, right away to start the day having a nice breakfast, we will ascend through the cloud forest, along the pathway we will see a lot of fern, a couple of orchids, and many other exotic vegetation proper ones of the cloud forest, after that we will arrive to the ancient mining center that was taken advantage for many decades. After exploring the mining center for a while we will get into the Inca trail that is very well preserved to reach the Victoria pass(4,200m / 13,734feet), at the top of this pass we will have our lunch enjoying the amazing views around, and the beauty of Vilcabamba range with many peaks along. Afterwards we will descend for 2 hours to arrive the highland picturesque community Yanama(3,650m / 11,936feet) where we will camp. In the evening we will have tea time, subsequently dinner. Hiking Time: 8 hours

Hiking Distance: 12 km / 7.4 miles. Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



### Day 06: Yanama - Totora

As usual we will have our hot coca tea to wake up, and have breakfast, subsequently we will begin to hike up that way to ascend and reach the next pass that is Yanama pass (4,700m / 15,369feet) which is the highest point on this Choquequirao trek to Machu Picchu trek, from this pass we will get awesome sights of other mountains around, and the glacier peaks. Then we will walk downhill until reaching the Totora town (3,200m / 10,464feet), in which we will spend the sixth night. This sixth day we'll enjoy our lunch on the downhill section at about 1:00pm. In the evening we will have tea time, subsequently dinner.

Hiking Time: 9 hours

Hiking Distance: 18 km / 11.2 miles. Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



## Day 07: Totora - La Playa - Santa Teresa

This day will be walking mostly in a highland tropical place, walking by small towns along the trail to the seventh camp site that is located in Santa Teresa town, on this section of the trail we will meet other hikers who followed the route of Salkantay, and on this section of the trail we will see beautiful waterfalls, highland vegetation and exotic fruit crops, one them is the granadilla, a fruit that belongs

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to family of passion fruit of course we will have a chance to try this fruit. When we arrive to La Playa town we will have our lunch, After lunch we go on by car to Santa Teresa Base cam or Hostal Then we can walk for 30' to Santa Teresa Hot Spring Constructed on the slopes of the mountain and on the banks of the Urubamba River, the thermal water complex has three pools, of different sizes and depths, which are supplied with medicinal water that varies between 40°C and 44°C. The thermal baths of Santa Teresa differ mainly from the other springs of Peru because of its crystalline waters. These medicinal waters possess properties to treat cutaneous ulcers, bone pain and rheumatism. In the thermal baths you can also submerge under cold streams from the Uripata lagoons, which provides a comforting sensation. At the bottom of the pools there is soft sand and around the pools we can contemplate rocks, vegetation, the sound of the river and the mountain. The thermal baths of Santa Teresa are fully equipped with bathrooms, showers, dressing rooms, soccer fields, space for camping, cafeteria, kiosk for food and beverage supply and a viewpoint. It also has a hydromassage system. It is a very pleasant place to rest after extensive walks
Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



### Day 08: Santa Teresa - Aguas Calientes (Machupicchu Town)

This day we will take a car to Machupicchu Hydroelectric Station it's take us 30' drive to continue the journey of adventure, those who wish to walk are three hours from Hydroelectric to Aguas Calientes "**Town of Machu Picchu** "pñ; where we will place in our respective assigned hotels in this itinerary tours to Machu Picchu will have some free time,

Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



### Machupicchu Museum & Orchid Garden

The museum has the aspect of a small rural house, but at the same time dynamic and modern, where you can find around 400 cultural pieces divided in 7 rooms, that explain in the simplest and most enjoyable way the history and significance of Machu Picchu. Among the best examples displayed in the museum the following stand out: the constructive tools of copper and bronze, as well as pins and anthropomorphic representations, a clear proof of metallurgical ability of the Incas; we can also find lithic objects and vessels made of clay, possibly used to do rituals. The site museum also offers visitors the possibility to explore the "Orquideario" (The Orchid Garden), with more than 400 species of plants and a "Mariposario" (Butterfly Garden) that houses species unique in the world. The Andean Cock-of-the-Rock is Peru's national bird. One of the most famous birds of Peru with stunning head-dress of orange-red feathers that remind some of the

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orange-red fringe that Incas used to wear as a badge of his rank. Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



Day 09: Aguas Calientes ( Machupicchu Town ) Machu Picchu - Sun Gate - Cusco rise to Bus Station for a 20' journey to the famous Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu, also known as " The Lost City of the Incas ". bus drive, climbing 6km of winding road, to the incredible site of Huayna Picchu also known as Wayna Picchu ( Quechua " Young Peak " ) The number of daily visitors allowed to enter Huayna Picchu is restricted to 200 is a mountain in Peru around which the Urubamba River bends. It rises over Machupicchu, the so - called lost city of the Incas, and divides it into sections. The Incas built a trail up the side of the Huayna Picchu and built temples and terraces on its top. The peak of Huayna Picchu is about 2,720 meters ( 8,920 ft ) above sea level, or about 360 meters ( 1,180 ft ) higher than Machu Picchu. According to local guides, the top of the mountain was the residence for the high priest and the local virgins.



**Machupicchu** Every morning before sunrise, the high priest with a small group would walk to Machu Picchu to signal the coming of the new day. The **Temple of the Moon**, one of the three major temples in the Machu Picchu area, is nestled on the side of the mountain and is situated at an elevation lower than Machu Picchu. Adjacent to the Temple of the Moon is the Great Cavern, another sacred temple with fine masonry. The other major local temples in Machu Picchu are the Temple of the Condor, Temple of Three Windows, Principal Temple, "**Unfinished Temple** ", and the Temple of the Sun, also called the Torreon. Then we'll participate in a guided tour of the Citadel, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, **The Sacred Sun Dial** the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.



**The Sun Gates of Machu Picchu** boast a picture - perfect vantage point overlooking Peru's most famous ruins. Tourists flock to this outcrop high in the Andes Mountains to enjoy the same view featured on virtually every postcard depicting the Machu Picchu citadel. Also known as Inti Punku,

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the Sun Gates consist of two stones perched at a narrow passage in the crevice of the mountain just above Machu Picchu. The sun shines brilliantly through this portal each day when it rises - hence the name.



## Garden Waterfall of Mandor - Hot Spring - Cuzco

Excellent opportunity to enjoy a stroll through the Town of Aguas Calientes and visit its Hot Springs Thermal Waters. Then, you will have time to perform some of the following activities:

MANDOR WATERFALLS. Visiting Mandor Waterfall is an unforgettable adventure. It is an area of lush forest surrounding the town of Machu Picchu. You just have to follow the railway line from Machu Picchu Pueblo for a 45 minute-hike. You will reach a railway crossing, from which you will see a small group of houses whose dwellers will tell you how to reach Mandor Waterfall



## **Hot Spring**

Is a distance of 800 m. east of the town of Machupicchu, there are underground hot sulfur springs wich bubble up from the rocky underground at varying temperatures. The especially – Built pools at this resort are the basis of its use as hot mineral baths. The hot spring offer natural resources for medical therapy, and also is a great treatment for Rheumatism. It help to rid of stress and toxins, enhance your metabolism and avoid high blood pressure. The average temperature of the water runs from 38° to 46°C. There are also changing rooms, bathrooms sand and a small snack bar. **at 14.30 p.m or 19.00 p.m train back to Cuzco** upon arrivel transfer to your selected hotel for overnight.

**Meals Included: Breakfast** 



## **Note on Itinerary**

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Although we do our very best possible to adhere to the schedule above, this itinerary is subject to change for several reasons beyond our control, including strikes, weather, natural disasters, and terrain conditions. On some occasions, these conditions may demand us to deviate from our original schedule, in which case we will provide the best available alternative options. And we'll make a great experience of it!

## What's Included For Choquequirao Trek to Machu Picchu 9 Days

## Inclusion

- Transportation from hotel to Capuliyoc.
- Round trip bus ticket in Machu Picchu town.
- Train ticket back to Cusco by Ollantaytambo at the end of our journey.
- One night hotel in Machupicchu town.
- Entrance ticket to Choquequirao
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu & Huaynapicchu
- Camping equipment 4 season tent
- Sleeping bag
- Therma-Rest mattresses
- Other camping equipment, a dining tent with table and chairs, and a kitchen tent, manned by a professional cooking staff.
- Transportation from the train station in Ollantaytambo to the hotel in Cusco.
- Trek Leader.
- Meals (Option for vegetarians, or other options)
- A professional Quechua chef.
- Horses, and muleteers; horses carry your 8-kl / 16-pound personal items.
- Oxygen tank.
- Emergency Horse to escort us during the trek.
- A personal porter included to carry your 8kg / 16 pounds personal items.

# Exclusion

- Hiking poles (available for renting **\$5** per day)
- Extra expenditure or things of a personal nature during the trek
- laundry and telephone calls, personal taxis, souvenirs, soda, alcoholic drinks, extra snacks, tickets for the hot Springs in Aguas Calientes.
- First breakfast and last dinner on day 8.
- Gratuities for the guides, porters or muleteers, and other staff.
- Entrance to Machupicchu Museum & The Orchid Garden aprox. 5\$USA

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**Travel insurance** (bring copies with you please), we highly recommend to get an insurance of trip cancellation, interruption; an insurance to protect your travel investment, Included with your pre-departure package, bring your travel insurance to cover trip cancellation, interruption, baggage loss and delay, emergency medical evacuation insurance and emergency medical expense insurance. Any unexpected situations occurred during the journey and which are beyond our control, including changes in scheduling trains or flights, delays, strikes, cancellations, missed connections, etc. it should be covered by the passenger as a whole. Also, if you for physical reasons of health cannot continue the trek or walk, and will need emergency evacuation then all charges incurred such as transportation, hotel, ambulance, doctors, medication, hospitalization, etc. will be at passenger's expense.

# **RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**

- Departure Date
- Full name
- Nationality
- Number of passport
- Date of Birth
- Contact Telephone
- Payment of 50% of the tour.
- Hotel information to pick up
- Requirements to Reserve the tour
- Departure Date
- Names (as shown in passport)
- Surnames.(as shown in passport)
- Scanned Passport (Required)

The price is based on two-person. Whether you would like to take a private service, our service would increase in **US\$350** with two-person, **US\$300** with three-person, **US\$250** with four-person or more, these prices are applied to each person. We need a minimum of two people to run the tour to Choquequirao Machu Picchu Trek. We guarantee that your tour will be limited to a maximum of 8 people..

## The Best Fare For The Best Trip

We don't believe any other tour companies make comparable trips when you take into account our unique itineraries and signature itineraries, impressive locations, small groups and quality Trek Leaders / Tour Leaders. But, should you come across a similar itinerary or matching itinerary of our quality at a cheaper price, even within 45 days after booking with us, we will happily refund the difference. It's how we deliver our promise.



## You Book, You Go...Don't Worry... We Won't Cancel!

While other tour companies generally cancel their trips due to low participation of travelers or pass their travelers to other big groups tour operators, we guarantee that we will never cancel a trip because of low signing-up or participation for the departure date neither get our travelers to other tour operators! This makes to our travelers the assurance and peace of mind to know their travel plans are insured and guaranteed.

## Price per person in Hostel 3\*: (Backpacker Class)

- 01 Person:1680\$USA
- 02 04 Persons:1460\$USA
- 05 08 Persons:1425\$USA

## 09 - 12 Persons:1365\$USA

Hostel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Campamento	Trek	2023	2023	07
Bromelia	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01

## Price per person in Hotel 3\*: (Tourist Class)

### 01 Person:1780\$USA

### 02 - 04 Persons:1500\$USA

## 05 - 08 Persons:1470\$USA

## 09 - 12 Persons:1420\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Campamento	Trek	2023	2023	07
Gringo Bill	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01

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Price per person in Hotel 4\*: (First Class)

- 01 Person:1850\$USA
- 02 04 Persons:1650\$USA
- 05 08 Persons: 1550\$USA

## 09 - 12 Persons:1495\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Campamento	Trek	2023	2023	07
Casa De Sol	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01

## Price per person in Hotel 5\*: (Luxury Class)

### 01 Person:1950\$USA

## 02 - 04 Persons:1670\$USA

05 - 09 Persons:1575\$USA

### 06 - 10 Persons:1530\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Campamento	Trek	2023	2023	07
Sumaq	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01