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Salkantay - Machupicchu

05 Days - 04 Nights

The mountains of the Cordillera Vilcabamba rise to form a ragged chain between the regions' two great rivers; the Urubamba and the Apurimac. Along the cordillera's northern side, massive snow peaks collide with lush tropical rain forests.

Located northwest of Cusco, Nevado de Salkantay, the cordillera's tallest peak, is at the eastern end of the chain and rises to 6271 meters above sea level. The name Salkantay means ' **Savage Mountain** ' which may refer to the swirling clouds that rise up from the jungle lowlands and engulf the peak.

The Salkantay to Machu Picchu trek normally takes 7 days and has become popular with trekkers wanting to combine a quieter less trodden route with a visit to the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu. For the first 4 days you will be surrounded with magnificent scenery and rarely see other groups of trekkers. On the fifth day you join up with the Inca Trail at Wayllabamba and continue to Machu Picchu arriving early on day 7. The trek is only a little more difficult than the Inca Trail, and horses can be used for the first 4 days to carry food and equipment. Since horses are not allowed on the Inca Trail, you'll swap over to using human porters for this final section.

Day 01: Cusco (3400 m.a.s.l.) - Mollepata - Soraypampa (16 km on foot, 6 hours).

(**05.30 hours aprox. Time of hike**) We pick you up from the hotel at around (**05.00 a.m.**) and travel by Bus or by Car to Mollepata District (**2800m**). which is a small community located down along the main road from Cusco to Abancay, then we keep travelling to Cruzpata (**3050m**) arriving approximately at 10:00 am, and here we start our trip and meet our arrieros " **Horsemen** " and trek crew to help us to make easy our hike. During the morning we walk approximately 2.30 hours going up appreciating the diversity of the flora and fauna typical from this ecological site, and then we stop to enjoy our delicious lunch at Chuñuna which is a quiet spot. And then in the afternoon we will hike for about 3 hours and after a funny and relaxing hiking we arrive to our first campsite which is at Soraypampa (**3800m**), where we have our dinner and pass the first night.

Meals. Lunch & Dinner



Day 02: Soraypampa - 7 snakes Pass - Challhuay. (22 km on foot, 10 hours)

(**08.30 hours aprox. Time of hike**)

We wake up very early then after a good breakfast, we leave from Soraypampa (**altitude 3800 m.s.n.m.**) this is the harder day because we have to climb to the 07 snakes pass (**in this point we get 4600 m.s.n.m. of altitude**), the highest part in our trip to Machupicchu, where we can see the spectacular view of the second highest peak Named Salkantay a stunning snow covered mountain (6,271 m) and great views of Humantay and Huayanay mountains as well, small lakes and moraines too and of course the flora and fauna typical from this region(05 hours aprox.). Later going downhill we will find some streams and many kind of birds, in the afternoon finishing our hard walking we arrive to Challhuay. Where we have dinner and pass the night in ours tents, from this point starts the cloud forest region where the mosquitos exist, besides the semitropical weather and native people.

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Meals. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 03: Challhuay - La Playa. (06.00 hours aprox. Time of hike) (11 km on foot, 6 hours).

After and early breakfast approximately at 6:00 am. We begin our third day hiking until Wiñay Poqo. Where we have our lunch.

Hiking down hill is pretty easy and here you will be introduced to a high jungle niche very well know as Ceja de Selva where you will have the chance to find coca, coffee and several native fruits plantations. In the afternoon walking more than two hours again down hill and we arrive to La Playa village, we have dinner and the night in tents.

- Option for shower at the creek of Santa Teresa River, good One.

Meals. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 04: La Playa - Aguas Calientes Town .(06.30 hours aprox. Time of hike) (16 km on foot, 6 hours).

From La Playa we take a local transportation for approximately 20 minutes to Lucma (**or just hike if not local transport is available**), from here we start our climb of about 03 hours to Lactapata (**newly discovery Inca Site**) which is famous for a " **great condor view of Machu Picchu** ", then we enjoy our picnic box lunch then we hike down hill for about 2.30 hours to the Hydroelectric Station by 3:00 pm. Aprox. We will take the local train to Aguas Calientes which will lasted 45 minutes, In the evening we have dinner at Local Restaurant, Accommodation in a Hotel in Aguas Calientes. Accommodation based in a DWB or TWB.

The Fabled City

For centuries the Lost City has been the most durable of myths about ancient Peru. Hundreds of gold-hungry Spaniards died looking, all in vain. The irony was that there were lost cities buried in the forested regions of the Andes. The 20th century has seen the discovery of more than one but none more famous and awe-inspiring as the fabled Machu Picchu.

Meals. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 05: Machu Picchu - Cusco

The day starts with an early morning 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

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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 metres (8,920 ft) above sea level, or about 360 metres (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 Torreón. 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 Intipunku, 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.



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

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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 orange-red fringe that Incas used to wear as a badge of his rank.

Meals Included: Breakfast



Tour Included:

- Information briefing before your trek
- Transport Cusco - Mollepata
- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Hot drinks in the evenings and with meals
- Mules to carry 5 kgs of personal equipment
- Transportation La Playa - Santa Teresa
- Entrance ticket for Huaynapicchu - Machu Picchu
- 2 hour guided tour of Machu Picchu
- Train ticket Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo
- Bus ticket Ollantaytambo - Cusco
- English and Spanish speaking professional guide during the whole trek
- Double occupancy tents
- Sleeping mats + Sleeping bag
- Bus ticket Aguas Calientes - Machupicchu Ruins - Aguas Calientes
- Cook and dining tent
- Hostel in Aguas Calientes
- The group is 15 - 20 size

What you need to pack for the Salkantay trek:

- Passport
- Backpack to carry water, some snacks, a camera, sunscreen, valuable things, Jacket etc.
- Trekking Poles - We recommend for people with problems of knees, ankle, or you are used to using hiking poles. If you do not have one, you can rent a pair of trekking poles for **10 dollars** from us.
- Wool hat or beanie
- Sun hat
- Scarf
- Gloves
- 3 - 4 t-shirt, if you have long sleeve better layers (**sweater, fleece**)
- 2 - 3 pair of long pants if you have leggings, you can do on leggings

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- Hiking shoes
- 2 - 3 pairs of wool socks
- A jacket Rain gear (**Pants, jacket, if you do not have you can buy rain poncho**) it is crucial, especially for the wet season.
- A small towel.
- Shorts.
- Sunglasses.
- A small headlamp.
- Water bottle.
- Toothbrush and other personal toiletries.
- Toilet paper.
- Sun cream.
- Insect repellent.
- Sandals / Flip flops.
- Swimwear.
- If you have thermal clothing you can take them which not that important, you will use them at least for the first night which is at 4000 m
- Some snacks such as chocolate, cereal bars, candies, nuts, energy bars, etc.
- Extra Cash in Soles
- Original Passport

Price per person in Hostel: 780\$USA private

490\$USA Group

Hostal	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Camping	Trekk	2023	2023	03
Bromelias	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01

Price per person in Hotel 3*: 850\$USA private

530\$USA Group

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Camping	Trekk	2023	2023	03
Gringo Bill	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01

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Price per person in Hotel 4*: 990\$USA private

650\$USA Group

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Camping	Trekk	2023	2023	03
Casa de Sol	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01

Price per person in Hotel 5* : 1050\$USA private

780\$USA Group

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Camping	Trekk	2023	2023	03
Sumaq	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01