



TREK

# THE SALKANTAY BASECAMP TREK

*5 days / 4 nights*





# DESCRIPTION

## *The Savage Mountain Trail to Machu Picchu*

After delving into the rich history of Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire, set out on the Salkantay Trek—a breathtaking journey to Machu Picchu. This scenic route takes you past the shimmering Humantay Lake, beneath the towering Salkantay Mountain, and through the mystical cloud forest, where the Andes merge with the Peruvian jungle.

Each night, relax in comfortable accommodations and savor delicious meals surrounded by stunning landscapes. With our expert guides, uncover the region's history, culture, and natural beauty. Embark on an unforgettable adventure through the heart of the Andes.

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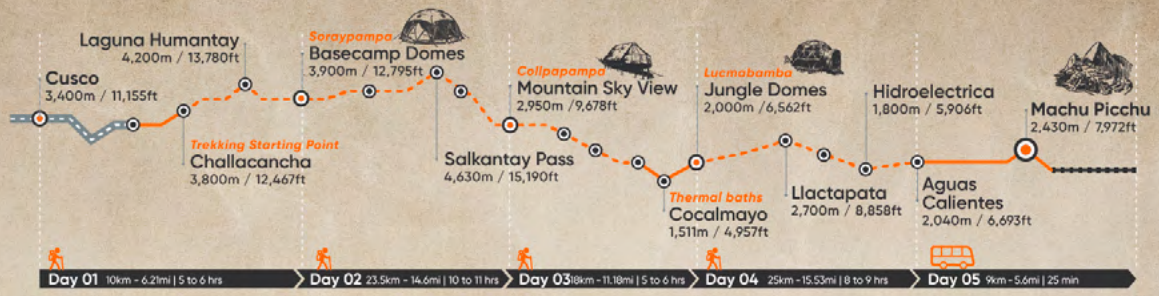
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# The Salkantay Basecamp Trek

## 05 Days



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

### The Salkantay Basecamp Trek to Machu Picchu

#### 05 Days Itinerary

**Day 01:** Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha - Soraypampa - Humantay lake - Soraypampa (Salkantay Basecamp Domes)  
**Day 02:** Soraypampa - Salkantaypampa - Soyrococha - Salkantay Pass - Wayracmachay - Chaullay - Collpapampa (Mountain Sky View)  
**Day 03:** Collpapampa - Wiñaypoqo - Loreta - Playa Sahuayaco - Lucmabamba (Jungle Domes)  
**Day 04:** Lucmabamba - Llactapata Pass - Llactapata - Aobamba - Hidroelectrica - Aguas Calientes (Hotel)  
**Day 05:** Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

Distance	Time	Highest Elevation	Dificultad
10km   6.21mi	5-6 hrs	4,200m   13,780ft	Challenging
23.5km   14.6mi	10 - 11 hrs	4,630m   15,190ft	Challenging
17km   10.56mi	5-6 hrs	2,950m   9,678ft	Moderate
25km   15.53mi	8-9 hrs	2,800m   9,186ft	Challenging
3km   1.86mi	2-3 hrs	2,430m   7,972ft	Easy



# FULL ITINERARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- » Ranked among the Top 25 Treks in the World by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine.
- » Experience one of Peru and South America's most epic trekking adventures.
- » A top alternative to the Inca Trail, offering fewer crowds and more solitude.
- » Discover breathtaking spots like Humantay Lake and the majestic Salkantay Mountain.
- » Stay in exclusive, private campsites designed for comfort in the heart of the Andes.
- » Hike through stunning landscapes—cascades, waterfalls, glaciers, vibrant valleys, rare wildlife, and cloud forests.
- » End your journey with the ultimate reward: exploring the awe-inspiring citadel of Machu Picchu.



# DAY 01

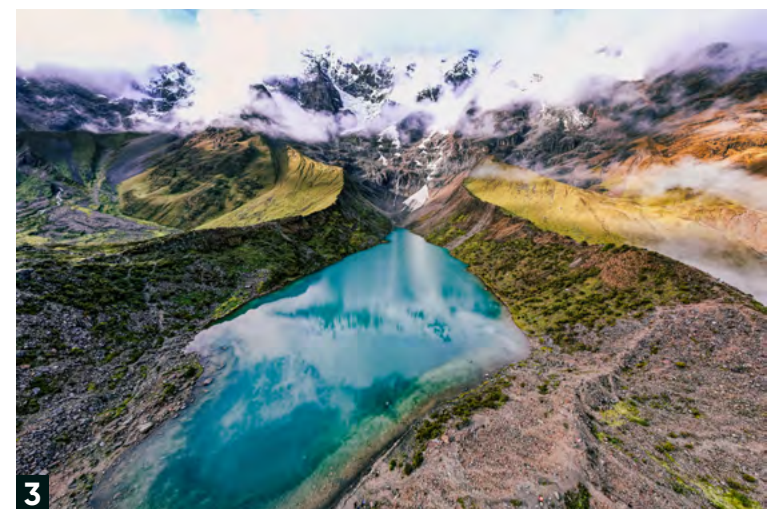
Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha - Soraypampa - Humantay Lake - Salkantay Basecamp Domes

## Hike to the Jewel in the Mountains

Your adventure begins early! We'll pick you up around 4:00 a.m. in our comfortable transport, complete with blankets for extra rest. After a two-hour drive, we'll stop in Mollepata for a hearty breakfast before continuing to Challacancha, the trek's starting point.

Here, you'll hand over your belongings to the muleteers for a lighter hike. The three-hour trek to Soraypampa (3,900 m / 12,795 ft) begins with a gentle ascent through a glacier-framed valley, helping you acclimate before tougher stages. Following a restored Inca water channel, we'll cover 7 km / 4.35 miles to reach our Salkantay Basecamp Domes, where you'll leave your gear and enjoy a delicious lunch amid breathtaking mountains.

After a short rest, we'll hike to the stunning Humantay Lake (4,200 m / 13,780 ft). This 3 km / 1.86-mile round trip takes about three hours—short but challenging due to altitude and incline. However, the reward is immense. The turquoise lake, set beneath the Humantay glacier, feels like a dreamscape, framed by streams and towering peaks. Few places in the Andes are as magical.



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Back at camp, enjoy a well-deserved dinner while witnessing a spectacular sunset. The energy here is indescribable—peaceful, awe-inspiring, and deeply moving. Finally, retreat to your Salkantay Basecamp Domes, where comfort and nature blend seamlessly. As dawn breaks, you'll wake to the majestic view of Apu Salkantay right before your eyes.



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In the morning, you will walk to Soraypampa and enjoy a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, we will hike up to Humantay Lake. You will spend the night in our comfortable Salkantay Basecamp Domes.

- » 2 people per Basecamp Domes
- » Shared dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets
- » **Optional:**
  - Wi-Fi



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## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**Salkantay Basecamp Domes**
- » 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**

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1. Humantay Lake
  2. Photo of the arrival to the Humantay Lake
  3. Humantay Lake
  4. Salkantay Basecamp Domes
  5. Dining Room
  6. Salkantay Basecamp Domes



# DAY 02

Soraypampa - Salkantay Pass -  
Huayracmachay - Chaullay - Collpapampa  
(Mountain Sky View)

## Discover the sacred mountain, the cloud forest, and the tropical jungle

Today, you'll witness one of the best sunrises of your life as the sun lights up the Salkantay Mountain with its first rays. The second day of trekking brings us great challenges, and we'll prepare for them with a hearty and nourishing breakfast.

The first stage consists of 7 km, which we will cover in approximately 3 hours. The route begins by passing through Salkantaypampa and Soyrococha until our destination, the Salkantay Pass. At 4,630 m / 15,190 feet, this will be the highest point of the entire journey, which you will reach with the constant support of our guides. The effort of the ascent will be worth it as you take in the view and feel the energy of the Apu (lord in Quechua) Salkantay, considered a deity with influence over the life cycles of the region.

The excitement isn't over yet! After admiring the beauty of the Andes, we begin the descent





stage, which includes some slopes until we reach Huayracmachay (3,850 m / 12,631 feet). Here, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch to gain energy and prepare for the first territory change: we enter the tropical forest zone. Known as the "cloud forest," this lush, humid, and diverse forest features a much warmer climate filled with vegetation.

**Hiker's Recommendation:** Activate your senses! Don't forget to notice the little details, listen to the sounds of nature, and soak in the positive vibes around you. You'll have the chance to admire various types of orchids and maybe even spot a few hummingbirds.

This 9.5 km stretch will take you to Collpapampa, where you can enjoy a delicious dinner before your well-deserved rest in our Mountain Sky View cabins. Surrounded by wildlife and vibrant flora, they are the perfect place to relax after conquering a day full of adventures.

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**
- » 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 - Lucmabamba -  
Jungle Domes

## Venture into the jungle and enjoy a coffee experience.

Today, we'll rise early and enjoy a delightful breakfast with a view of the trees. After that, we'll hike through the Santa Teresa Valley, soaking in the lush landscape filled with rivers, waterfalls, orchids, and numerous banana, coffee, and avocado plantations. This excursion will connect you with nature and fill your lungs with fresh air.

We'll pass through a small village called Collpapampa before heading downhill, where we'll observe the diverse flora and fauna. If you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of the famous cock-of-the-rock, Peru's national bird. Afterward, we'll arrive at La Playa, where we'll visit a local coffee farmer's plantation, who will explain the brewing process to us. Then, we'll continue our hike to the Jungle Domes in Lucmabamba (2,000 m / 6,562 ft) to enjoy our





delicious lunch.

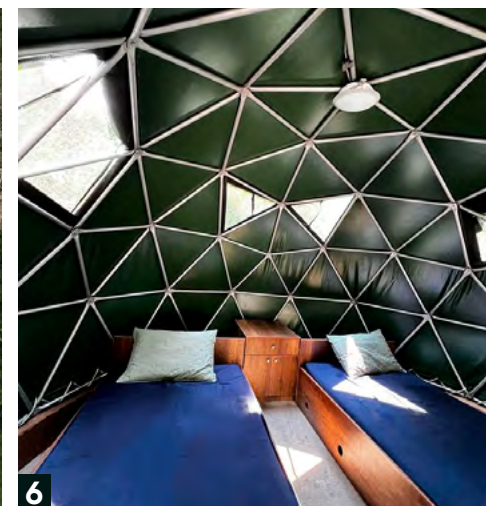
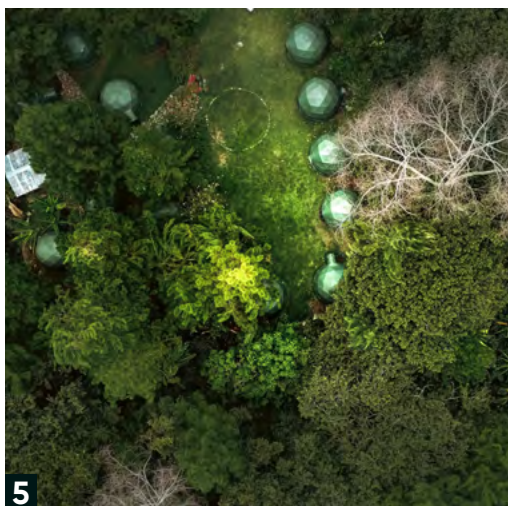
In the afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to explore the surrounding area of the village and learn about the daily life of the locals. As an optional activity, you can visit the Cocalmayo hot springs for a relaxing dip after several days of hiking. This itinerary variation is not included in the service, so you will need to cover an additional cost (transportation and entrance fee).

After choosing your activity, you'll return to Lucmabamba, where you can enjoy a delicious dinner and settle into our exclusive Jungle Domes. There, you'll hear the many sounds of nature and feel in harmony with the earth.

Once you've finished your selected activity, you'll head back to Lucmabamba, where a delightful dinner awaits you. Afterward, you can relax in our exclusive Jungle Domes, surrounded by the soothing sounds of nature, allowing you to truly connect with the earth.

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
- » **Opcionales:**
  - Warm shower
  - Wi-Fi



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**Jungle Domes**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Moderate**
- » WALKING DISTANCE:  
**17 km / 10.56 mi**
- » WALKING TIME:  
**5 to 6 hours**
- » STARTING ELEVATION:  
**2,950 m / 9,678 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. Comfortable interior of the domes



# DAY 04

Lucmabamba - Llactapata - Aobamba - Hidroeléctrica - Aguas Calientes

## Enjoy your first view of Machu Picchu from Llactapata.

Today, you'll be excited to put on your hiking boots and start the trek after enjoying a delicious breakfast. In the morning, you'll walk a section of the famous Inca Trail, recognized worldwide. After two hours of climbing and taking in the fascinating views of the Santa Teresa Valley, you'll arrive at Llactapata (2,700 m / 8,858 ft), an Inca archaeological site located across from Machu Picchu.

Llactapata is the first Inca complex you'll see on the hike, where you'll learn about the mysteries of this ancient culture and this extraordinary site. From here, you'll also get your first distant glimpse of Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu. Our guide will narrate the history of the Incas while you take all the photos you want to remember and share your fantastic experiences with friends and family back home.

Afterward, you'll march downhill for an hour and a half. You'll get more views of the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, which will raise your expectations for the following day. We'll stop for lunch in Aobamba before continuing the half-hour hike to Hidroeléctrica (1,800 m / 5,906 ft). One of the most impressive sights along this stretch is the 250-meter-tall artificial waterfall, which generates electricity for the entire city of Cusco.



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Once at Hidroeléctrica, you have different options:

- If you're tired after the entire route, you can take a train to Aguas Calientes (not included).
- If you prefer to enjoy the last stretch of the hike, you can walk alongside the railroad tracks to Aguas Calientes, which will take about three hours. This journey will provide another opportunity to enjoy the warm jungle surroundings.

Along the way, you'll see the Intihuatana, an ancient rock that the Incas used as a sundial. It was employed to measure and determine the winter solstice, which signified the beginning of the agricultural season for them. After that, you'll arrive at the train tracks leading to Aguas Calientes. Once in the town, you'll enjoy dinner at a nice restaurant and spend the night in a comfortable hotel.

**Note:** For safety reasons, the hike along the Llactapata trail is not guaranteed 100% during the rainy season. When there are frequent heavy rains, this trail can become very dangerous.



## 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**

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

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 incredible Inca citadel of Machu Picchu and travel back in time

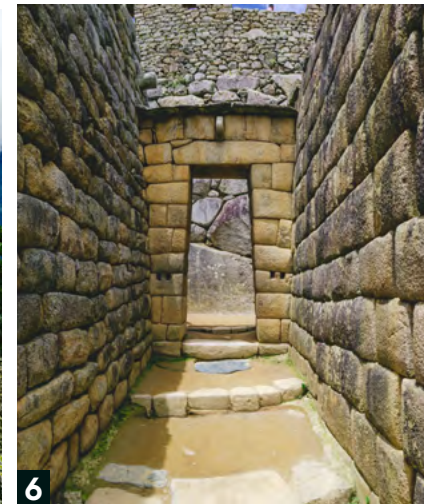
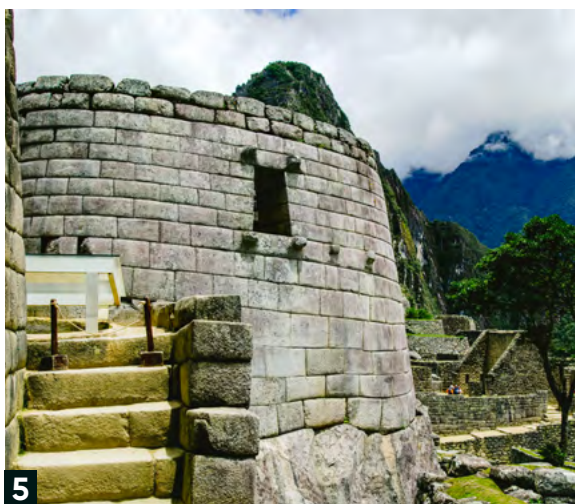
Today is the big day! The moment you've been waiting for since you started your trek has finally arrived. You will visit Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll need to wake up early to avoid the crowds and enjoy the serenity of the place in the morning light.

We will take a bus to the fortress, enjoying the landscape through the window. Once at the Inca citadel, you will have an approximately two-hour guided tour covering the most significant areas of this incredible historical site. You will see houses, temples, terraces, and fields, among others. You will be impressed by the Inca engineering, which was far ahead of its time and remains a mystery in many aspects.





**Fun Fact:** When a Peruvian guide showed this place to Hiram Bingham, it was almost unrecognizable, covered in thick vegetation, and in a state of disrepair. Since then, it has been cleaned and restored; today, it is protected and cherished by people from all corners of the world.



## 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: Entry Ticket to the Salkantay Trek and Humantay Lake
- Day 5: 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. We choose them for their experience, responsibility, unbridled passion for exploring, and pride in sharing our culture and history. In every experience, they will keep you safe and comfortable so you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- One Duffle Bag

For the trek, you'll receive a duffle bag to pack your personal belongings up to a maximum weight of 7 kg / 15.4 lb (this weight includes your sleeping bag). The horses will carry it on the route.

- 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—enjoy a backpack cover and rain poncho for comfort and protection on the trail.

- 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.



Salkantay Basecamp Domes



Mountain Sky View



Jungle Domes

- Campsite Facilities

Our campsites are designed for your comfort and convenience:

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

- 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, filtered, and cooled water during your hike, from your first lunch to your last breakfast. For this, you need to bring a camel bag or an empty bottle which you can refill during each meal (we recommend a capacity of 2 liters).

- Wake up tea

You'll wake up every morning at the camp with a cup of hot coca tea! It'll be brought to your tent so you can warm up before you start the day.

- Tea Time or Happy Hour

Every afternoon before dinner, the cooks will provide you with popcorn, cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, hot water, etc. After a long day of hiking, you won't have to wait until dinner to relax, warm up, and enjoy a bite!

- 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 5: Transport 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 (PeruRail Expedition Service)



- 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 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.

- **US\$ 25.00 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\$ 25.00 per person**

## » Huayna Picchu Mountain

If you're up for a challenge, you can climb the famous mountain seen in photos behind the site of Machu Picchu. It's 45 minutes uphill and can be scary if you fear heights, but the top views are totally worth it! You can take this excursion after your guided tour in Machu Picchu, but be sure to plan ahead. Due to high demand, admission must be issued at least two to three months in advance. Consider there might be changes to protect your integrity, mainly due to weather conditions.

- **The ticket for Huayna Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 60.00 per person.**

## » Machu Picchu Mountain

Machu Picchu Mountain is another of the mountains that surround the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. It offers less steep, wider, and visually less frightening trails than Huayna Picchu, and it takes 1.5 hours to reach the top. This walk requires an entrance ticket, which we can secure for you if you request it in advance.

- **The ticket for Machu Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 60.00 per person.**

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

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

## » Train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes (Day 4)

In case you feel exhausted or in bad condition after the trek from Lucmabamba to Hidroelectrica, you can opt 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



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 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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