

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Lares Trek to Machu Picchu 5D/4N (Start Trek on Day 2)

Hiking & Trekking

5 Days / 1 Country

Peru

Departure city: Cuzco, Peru

End city: Cuzco, Peru

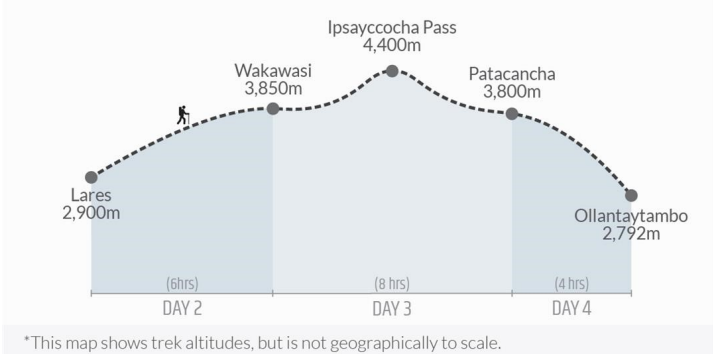
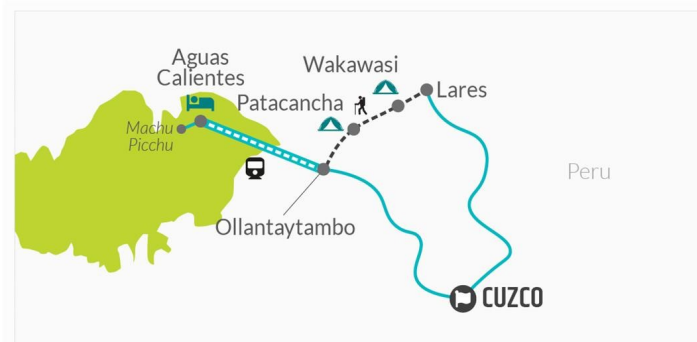


HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through Andes mountain villages
- See magical Machu Picchu in the early morning light
- Camp in the midst of snow-capped peaks
- Enjoy authentic views of community life
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The most famous hike to reach Machu Picchu is the Inca Trail, yet other great and less crowded alternatives exist, such as the Lares Trek. This high altitude trek will please hikers interested in interacting with the local communities and seeing their way of life in the countryside.

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What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 4

- 1 Cuzco Junior suite

Included in Lares Trek to Machu Picchu 4D/3N (Start Trek on Day 1)

- 2 Nights camping during trek and 1 night at 3 star hotel in Aguascalientes 1 night 3-star hotel at Aguas Calientes
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Meals: 10

- 4 Breakfast(s), 3 Lunch(es), 3 Dinner(s),
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Experiences: 1

- Lares Trek to Machu Picchu 4D/3N (Start Trek on Day 1)
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What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip Personal Expenses
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations
- Travel Insurance
- Tips

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Experiences Included

Lares Trek to Machu Picchu 4D/3N



The Lares Trek is mainly a cultural experience. You will enjoy a decent amount of hiking and some amazing views of the mountains. The main draw of the Lares Trek is hiking to remote Quechua villages where locals are dressed in their traditional clothes. You will appreciate their traditional lives and how not much has changed in hundreds of years, before finishing your cultural experience with a visit to Machu Picchu.

INCLUDED

- 2 Nights camping during trek and 1 night at 3 star hotel in Aguascalientes
- 1 night 3-star hotel at Aguas Calientes
- Cuzco pick-up, various transfers
- Cuzco accommodation pick-up
- Van Cuzco - Lares town (starting point of trek)
- Round Trip tourist train Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes
- Round Trip tourist bus Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu
- Bus Ollantaytambo to Cuzco
- 3B / 3L / 3D
- Active adventure
- Trekking to Machu Picchu
- Professional bilingual guide on trek & Machu Picchu tour
- Briefing, entry fees, services during trek
- Pre-departure briefing
- Machu Picchu entrance fees
- Foam sleeping mat
- Horses to carry cooking and camping equipment plus a total of 5 kilos for each trekker for the first 3 days of the trek (this includes 2.5 kilos for your sleeping bag & mattress plus 2.5 kilos of personal items)
- Cook who is responsible for preparing and serving all delicious Peruvian meals and snacks
- First aid kit & emergency oxygen bottle

NOT INCLUDED

- Airport pick-up/drop-off (please make your own way)
- Day 1 breakfast, day 4 lunch & dinner
- Bottled water
- Accommodation drop-off in Cuzco

- Guide for bus and train transfers (these portions are on your own)
- Hot springs Lares town (10 soles)
- Small gift for communities
- Accommodation in Cuzco
- Tips
- Sleeping Bag (Rental \$15 USD for the trek)
- Optional Huayna Picchu Trek (48 soles) must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance
- Optional Machu Picchu Mountain Hike (48 soles) must be booked at least 1 week in advance

Itinerary

Day 1: Cuzco, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



Check-In Milhouse Hostel Cusco

Day 2: Wakawasi, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00 - 6:00

Cuzco to Lares Town & Trek to Wakawasi (3,850m) (L/D)

Accommodation pick-up between 5:00- 6:00 am and transfer by bus to Lares Town (2,900m). There, you can spend some time to enjoy the hot springs (extra cost) before starting your 6-hour trek. We'll begin our zigzagging climb to the town of Wakawasi (3,850m) with views of glaciers, wildlife and local communities. Our campsite at Wakawasi community will afford us with the chance to meet local families living in harmony with nature.

Inclusions: Accommodation pick-up, Bus Cuzco - Lares Town, 1N Camping, Meals 1L/1D. (14km, 6hrs)

Day 3: Patacancha, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00 - 6:00

Trek to Patacancha Town (3,800m) (B/L/D)

Start off the day with an uphill 4-hour trek which will take us over Ipsayccocho Pass (4,400m), then another 40-minute walk downhill will bring us to our lunch stop next to the lake. Continue 3 more hours to Patacancha town (3,800m) where we will camp surrounded by llamas, alpacas and amidst native crop plantations.

Inclusions: 1N Camping, Meals 1B/1L/1D. (15km, 8hrs)

Day 4: Aguas Calientes, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00 - 6:00

Trek to Ollantaytambo & Train to Aguas Calientes (B/L/D)

From Patacancha mountain community (3,800m) we will walk 4 more hours until Ollantaytambo. Have lunch and hop on a train to reach Aguas Calientes, where we will spend the night in a hotel. Your guide will meet with you to give you indications for the next day. Depending on the time, wander around town where you will find internet cafes, cafes with board games and cards, plenty of shops and places to relax.

Inclusions: Train Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes, 1N Aguas Calientes 3* Hotel, Meals 1B/1L/1D. (12km, 4hrs)

Day 5: Cuzco, Peru



Lares Trek to Machu Picchu 4D/3N (Start Trek on Day 1)

Departure Times: 05:00 - 6:00

Explore Machu Picchu & Return to Cuzco (B)

We will catch one of the first buses (05:30 am) to Machu Picchu (25-minute ride) in order to appreciate the magnificent city as the mist dissipates in the early morning light. A walking tour (approximately 2 hours) is given by your guide and after this you can explore the mysterious city on your own. If you still have energy you can also climb the Huayna Picchu Peak (to book in advance at an extra cost). Take the bus back down to Aguas Calientes. You can visit the local marketplace next to the train station where you can shop until the train whistle blows, signaling your return to Ollantaytambo. From Ollantaytambo, you will take a bus back to Cuzco arriving around 08:00 pm. You will be dropped off at the Plaza San Francisco. Please make your own way to the accommodation of your choice.

DESCRIPTION OF MACHU PICCHU GUIDED SITE VISIT: The one and only, the most spectacular (and not to mention most popular) archaeological site in all of South America. Your guide will take you on a 2-hour tour of Machu Picchu walking you through the most important sites and covering the history of the place. Then you will have free time to explore on your own and take pictures at your leisure. Take an OPTIONAL hike up the steep peak named Huayna Picchu, which is located inside the Machu Picchu archaeological site. This sometimes muddy peak takes about 45 - 60 minutes to hike up and awards you with unforgettable views of Machu Picchu from a coveted perspective. Keep in mind that if you want to take this optional hike, you must now purchase your ticket at least 2 weeks in advance for an additional cost in order to get one of the 400 passes (200 people are allowed up at 7:00am and 200 more at 10:00am). Please send us an email directly to request this extra ticket.

