

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu 6D/5N (Start Trek on Day 2)

Hiking & Trekking

6 Days / 1 Country

Peru

Departure city: Cuzco, Peru

End city: Cuzco, Peru

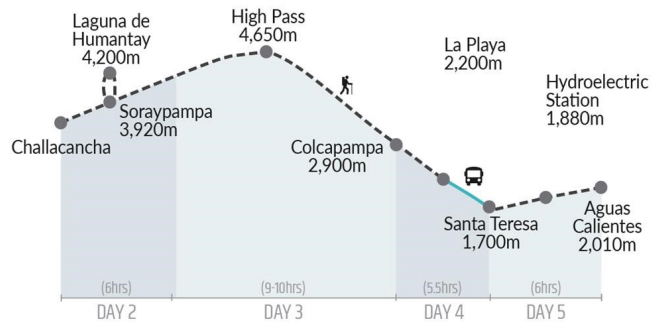
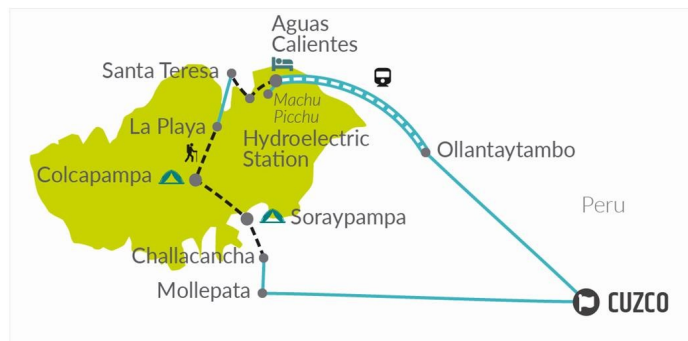


HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike among 6,000m Andean peaks
- Cross snowy high passes with incredible views
- Reach the comfort of Aguas Calientes town
- See the Machu Picchu site as it opens

Forget the Inca Trail and hike to Machu Picchu along the higher and more beautiful Salkantay Trail! Discover a different side of the great Andes mountain range and get the most amazing views of the mountains by taking this alternative route to Machu Picchu.

MAP



*This map shows trek altitudes, but is not geographically to scale.

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: 5

- 1 Cuzco Junior suite

Included in [Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu 5D/4N \(Start Trek on Day 1\)](#)

- Camping and 3-star hotel
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Meals: 13

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

- [Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu 5D/4N](#) (Start Trek on Day 1)
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What is not included

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

*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

Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu 5D/4N



This challenging and scenic trail is a unique journey among the Salkantay snowy peaks. Hike through mountains, jungles, valleys and villages on your way to Machu Picchu. Discover the diverse landscapes of the Andes mountain range and get to know the Inca history and local culture. This alternative route to Machu Picchu is the perfect combination of a classic and adventurous visit to Peru.

INCLUDED

- Camping and 3-star hotel
- Bus and train transfers
- Cuzco Accommodation Pick-Up
- All transfers as per itinerary
- Bus Ollantaytambo to Cuzco
- 4B / 4L / 4D / 3 snacks with typical menus
- Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu
- Professional bilingual guide on trek Machu Picchu tour
- Machu Picchu Entrance Fee
- Horseman and mules to carry cooking and camping equipment plus a total of 5 kilos for each trekker. (This includes 2.5 kilos for your sleeping bag & mattress plus 2.5 kilos of personal items.)
- Foam Sleeping Mat
- Emergency oxygen bottle
- Small group experience; Max 15, Avg 4
- Pre-departure briefing

NOT INCLUDED

- Airport Pick-Up/Drop-Off (please make your own way)
- Sleeping bag
- Day 1 Breakfast, Day 5 Lunch & Dinner
- Bottled Water
- Guide for bus and train transfers (these portions are on your own)

Itinerary

Day 1: Cuzco, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



Check-In Milhouse Hostel Cusco

Day 2: Soraypampa Camp, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00

Cuzco to Mollepata to Challacancha, Trek to Soraypampa Camp (3,920m) (L/D)

Today we pick you up between 5:00 - 5:15 am and travel by tourist-class bus to Mollepata (2,900m) where you can stretch your legs and buy snacks. Continue by car to Challacancha where we will make final preparations and double check our equipment. Embark on a 3-hour walk that will take us to Soraypampa (3,920m) where we will have lunch with panoramic views of beautiful snow-capped mountains. Hike up to Laguna de Humantay (approx. 1.5 hours each way) for more incredible views of the Andes mountains and then return to camp for the night. Our first campsite is located at 3,920m and is the highest and coldest campsite of the trip. Take some time to rest up, and enjoy your first night immersed in nature. Have dinner and go to sleep early.

Day 3: Colcapampa Camp, Peru



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Trek to Challhuay or Colcapampa Camp via High Pass (4,650m) (B/L/D)

We will have breakfast at around 6:00 am and begin our 4-hour walk to the highest pass on this trek (4,650m) located halfway between 2 huge mountains; Salkantay (6,267m) and Humantay (5,900m). (Optional horse rental available to reach high pass for approx. 100 - 120 soles). From the pass, the views of the 2 snow-capped mountains are incredible with a possibility of snow here. After a 2-hour downhill hike, a well-deserved lunch will be served at Huayracampa, followed by another 3-hour trek to our campsite at Challhuay or Colcapampa as we near the beginning of the high jungle region at 2,900 meters.

Day 4: Santa Teresa Town, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00

Trek to La Playa & Transfer to Santa Teresa Town (1,700m) (B/L/D)

After breakfast at 6:30 am, we start trekking for the day through the upper jungle crossing the Santa Teresa River and a variety of little brooks. Today we will pass through valleys and have wonderful views of waterfalls, tropical fruits and plants. We will have lunch at La Playa (2,200m) and continue by car to Santa Teresa town (1,700 meters), our camp for the night, with a warmer climate. After a rest, we have the option to visit the hot springs in Santa Teresa town (extra cost) and enjoy the well-deserved soothing water, a real treat after 3 hard days of trekking!

Day 5: Aguas Calientes, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00

Trek to Hydroelectric Station & Aguas Calientes (B/L/D)

After having breakfast at 8:00 am, our last day on the trail will take us from Santa Teresa (1,700m) along a relaxing path for 3 hours to reach the hydroelectric station (1,880m) where a box lunch will be served. From here Aguas Calientes (2,010m) is another 3 hour slight uphill walk where we will finally have time to relax, recharge our batteries and get ready for our visit to Machu Picchu. Dinner at a local traditional restaurant.

*Optional bus transfer from Santa Teresa to the Hydroelectric Station is available for an extra cost.

*Optional train transfer from Hydroelectric Station to Aguas Calientes is available for extra cost.

Day 6: Machu Picchu, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:00

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 in the early morning light as the mist dissipates. 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 optional Huayna Picchu Peak inside the archaeological site (to be booked in advance at an extra cost). Take a bus back down to Aguas Calientes. Return by train to Ollantaytambo and take a bus to Cuzco. You will be dropped off late in the day at the Plaza San Francisco. Upon arrival you will need to make your own way to your accommodation.

