

Salkantay and Santa Teresa River to Machu Picchu

5 days / 4 nights

This trek was named by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine among the 25 best treks in the World.

A alternative for the conventional Inca trail trekking route, on the south face of the Salcantay Glacier. This trek combines high mountains and jungles, before arriving to Machu Picchu, the «lost city of the Incas». We will be trekking on the Vilcabamba range, that goes through different ecological niches, from a high 4700 meter pass down to 1000 meters, bypassing coffee, bananas and papaya plantations. Good opportunities for bird watching as we follow the tropical high jungle Santa Teresa River where we can bathe.

Day 1: Cusco, Soraypampa

- Departure from Cusco, 3400 m to Mollepata above the Apurimac River.
- A 5 hour scenic drive takes us to our camp at Soraypampa 4000 m. This is a unique camp located between two high peaks the Salcantay and the Humantay, with spectacular views of the glaciers.
- B, L, D

Day 2: Soraypampa, Huayrajmachay

- Today we trek over a high pass at 4700 meters, with the Salcantay Glacier on our right side and the glaciated peak of Humantay, 5990 meters on the other.
- Then down to camp in the valley below. We trek into a hidden part of the high Andes, our path is the only access into this remote area. During four days, we will be passing through some of the most spectacular scenery in Peru, trekking over icy passes, across high planes and down into the jungle.
- We will be provided with double occupancy sleeping tents, kitchen and dining tents, latrine tent and the services of arrieros (wranglers).
- Breathtaking view of the massive Salcantay peak 6,50 m the highest peak in the Vilcabamba Range.
- B, L, D

Day 3: Huayrajmachay, Huiñaypoco

- As we follow the Santa Teresa River, the weather will become warmer and our

surroundings more tropical. You will trek into the «Ceja de Selva» (the eyebrow of the jungle), with colorful orchids, hummingbirds and flocks of parrots. The contrast between this lush area and the peaks we have trekking amongst is very impressive.

- This afternoon we can swim in pools along the river.
- B, L, D

Day 4: Huiñaypoco, Aguas Calientes

- Early Morning breakfast, we go through different coffee and banana plantations. We will walk up another pass then down to at a very scenic place to have lunch with the a most spectacular view of the back wall of Machu Picchu.
- Then down to the hydroelectric plant for a short train ride to the town of Aguas Calientes, to relax in the local hot springs.
- Overnight at a hotel of your choice.
- B, L, D

Day 5: Machu Picchu, Cusco

- All day visit to the Sacred City, escorted by an experienced guides.
- Early afternoon train back to Cusco.

Includes

- Transportation to the head of the trail
- During the trek, we will have mules for the cargo and horses for emergencies
- All the meals during the trek
- Professional bilingual guide, Cook, assistant cook
- Double occupancy tents, dining tent, kitchen tent, bathroom tent
- Clients do not carry anything but a day pack
- Train back to Cusco

Not includes

- Personal sleeping bags, Personal gear
- Hotels, transfers in or out of Cusco
- Overnight at Aguas Calientes
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu
- Clients do not carry anything but a day pack
- Sleeping bag renta
- We provide you with an insulite mattress, you may up-grade for a therma-rest mattress with adicional cost
- Single tent supplement
- Advise if vegetarian diet is required

Salkantay and Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

6 days / 5 nights

This trek was named by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine among the 25 best treks in the World.

A remote and ancient footpath in the same region of the Inca trail, but less traveled and offering more spectacular views. This route provides a magnificent wilderness alternative for those who wish to escape the more congested trekking routes.

On the trail, we pass through an amazing progression of ecological zones, from sparsely vegetated alpine meadows flanking two spectacular glaciated peaks, down through subtropical forest into the Inca Trail. We arrive later the «Lost City of the Incas», Machu Picchu.

Day 1: Cusco, Mollepata, Soraypampa

- Early morning beautiful scenic drive from Cusco to Mollepata and up to Soraypampa where we camp at the head of the trail.

- Our Mule wrangles and mules will be waiting. You will enjoy tea time and later dinner in our dining tent, with tables and stools and a good cook that will prepare excellent meals.

- L, D

Day 2: Soraypampa, Sisaypampa

- We start our trek escorted by a bilingual guide and camp crew. Mules carry our luggage and a few saddle horses are available in case they are needed. Today, we slowly hike up to the Inca Chirihasca Pass at 5000 meters. We hike along the right face of the massive Salkantay with magnificent views of snow-covered peaks.

- Then we descend to our camp at Sisaypampa.

- B, L, D

Day 3: Sisaypampa, Llulluchapampa

- After a healthy breakfast, we start hiking, bypassing the hamlet of Huayabamba and entering the main Inca Trail.

- We then go through an Andean cloudforest to camp above the tree line at Llulluchapampa.

- B, L, D

Day 4: Llulluchapampa, Phuyupatamarca

- Early morning rise to start our hike to the Warmiwanusca Pass. Entering a clear Inca Trail, this is one of the best days on the Camino Inca with a visit to the ruins of Sayacmarca, Conchamarca and later camping near Phuyupatamarca (city above the clouds)

- Magnificent views of the Veronica and Salkantay Ranges.

- B, L, D

Day 5: Phuyupatamarca, Machu Picchu

- Early morning wake-up call to see the sun rise over the ruins. This is the best camp on all the Inca Trail.

- After breakfast, trek down to the ruins of Winay Wayna and then through the «Gates of the Sun» (Inti Punku) and into Machu Picchu, the «Lost City of the Incas».

- Overnight at a hotel of your choice at the town of Aguas Calientes.

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Day 6: Machu Picchu, Cusco

- All day visit to the Sacred City, escorted by an experienced guides.

- Early afternoon train back to Cusco.

Includes

- Transportation to the head of the trail

- For the first portion of the trek, we will have mules and horses, then later we will have porters

- All the meals during the trek

- Professional bilingual guide, cook, assistant cook

- Double-occupancy tents

- Dining tent, kitchen tent, latrine tent

- Clients do not carry anything but a day pack

Not includes

- International or local airfare

- Entrance ticket to the Inka trail

- Sleeping bags

- Personal equipment

- Hotels

- Overnight at Machu Picchu

- Single tent supplement

- Sleeping bag rental

- Insulite mattress provided, up-grade for a therma-rest mattress with adicional cost

- Advise if vegetarian diet is required