

SALKANTAY TREK/ MACHU PICCHU

5 days/ 4 nights. Alternative Trek to Machu Picchu
Cod-602

Program overview

Day 1 CUSCO/ MOLLEPATA/ SORAYPAMPA

Day 2 SORAYPAMPA/ COLPAPAMPA

Day 3 COLPAPAMPA/ PLAYA

Day 4 PLAYA/ HIDRO ELECTRICA/ AGUAS CALIENTES

Day 5 AGUAS CALIENTES/ MACHUPICCHU/ CUSCO



Program details

Location:

The Salkantay Route, also known as the "New Inca Trail", is located to the north of Cusco city. This hike reaches a height of 4,600 meters above sea level at its highest point.

Weather:

It is very sunny during the day, but cold at night. The temperature drops below 0 ° C at night during the months of June to September. In the season from December to March it is very rainy, reason why the trail is closed in those months.

Landscapes:

Geography changes dramatically from day to day. In the first days you walk through mountain landscapes with snow-capped mountains on each side. Salkantay stands out with a height of 6,264 meters above sea level. In the following days Andean forests are traversed until reaching more tropical areas where coffee, banana and other fruit plantations abound.

Due to the restrictions and limits imposed on the Inca Trail, it has become increasingly difficult to book. Once reservations reach the limit of 500 people per day, no more requests are accepted for that date, causing many people to run out of spaces. It is for this reason that this trek to Machu Picchu is offered as an alternative to the Inca Trail.

The Salkantay route has the same scenic beauty but is less crowded than the classic Inca trail, which increases its appeal.

Itinerary

1^o day: CUSCO/ MOLLEPATA/ SORAYPAMPA

06:00 hrs. Very early we left by bus from Cusco, passing through the towns of Izcuchaca and Limatambo and after 3 hours of travel, we arrive at MOLLEPATA. After a light breakfast we start our long but slow

walk to the sector called SILCACANCHA where lunch will be waiting for us. After a short rest, we will continue among green and beautiful landscapes to SORAYPAMPA; place where we will spend the first night and enjoy our dinner.
Meals: Lunch, Dinner.



2º day: SORAYPAMPA/ COLPAPAMPA

After a restorative breakfast we start the day's walk; This will be a day full of adventures because it will be the day that we will cross the so-called PAMPAS DEL SALKANTAY (Hills of Salkantay) until we reach the highest point of the SALKANTAY AND HUMANTAY imposing snow-capped mountain located above 4,650 m.a.s.l. from where we can appreciate all the majesty of the area. After lunch and a well-deserved rest, we continue with our journey to HUAYRAC where we will have indescribable views of the place and then continue to our second camp in the COLPAPAMPA sector where we will have dinner and spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

3º day: COLPAPAMPA/ PLAYA

Breakfast. This day will be unforgettable because we will see how nature changes completely, we will go from snow-capped mountains to inter-Andean landscapes with a variety of flora and fauna typical of this area, we will pass very close to the Andean Community of ARRANYANNIYOC where we will begin to descend towards the Rainforest eyebrow, where we will see valleys of small formations of hot springs that follow the course of the SANTA TERESA RIVER, due to the warm and humid nature of this area, a micro climate has been formed that has made the most of the Orchids that have been cataloged due to their colors and variety by experts as the most beautiful in the world, we will arrive at the area called LLUSKAMAYU where we will have lunch, and then continue the walk for 2:30 minutes, until we reach our camp where we will have dinner and spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



4º day: PLAYA/ HIDRO ELECTRICA/ AGUAS CALIENTES

After breakfast we begin the walk through the rainforest eyebrow; semi-tropical humid climate and with a variety of crops of coffee, coca and fruit trees, we will see this panorama almost the entire length of the way until we reach SAHUAYACO, where we will have lunch and then continue descending to the old Hydroelectric Plant from where we will walk along the roads of the train to reach the town of Aguas Calientes where after the dinner we will spend the night in our lodging.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

5º day: AGUAS CALIENTES/ MACHUPICCHU/ CUSCO

We highly recommend you to see the sunrise in MACHU PICCHU. Very early, after breakfast at the hotel, we will go up to MACHU PICCHU for a time of 1:30 minutes to the point of entry. Extensive tour of the archaeological complex; its artisanal, agrarian sector, houses, prisons, royal tomb, the temple of the sun, the Intihuatana, sacred square, the room of the three windows, the solar clock, the viewpoint, the bridge and the sun portal. Free time to take beautiful pictures.

Return by bus to the town of Aguas Calientes to have lunch while waiting for the train.

16:00 hrs. The return train to Cusco leaves via the Ollantaytambo station. Transfer by private car to continue direct trip to the city of Cusco

Meals: Breakfast.

Service Includes:

- Transportation by bus from Cusco to Mollepata.
- Return train ticket (Machu Picchu / Ollantaytambo + bus connection to Cusco).
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu.
- Meals during the walk (4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners).
- Chef.
- Professional bilingual guide during the 5 days of walking.
- Guided visit to Machu Picchu.
- 1 night of lodging (tourist class) in the town of Aguas Calientes.
- Bus tickets (descend from Machu Picchu).
- Complete camping equipment: kitchen tent, sleeping tent, matra.
- Horses to carry camping equipment and food.
- Horses to load 5 kilos per passenger free of charge.
- First aid kit.
- Oxygen balloon.

Does not include:

- Sleeping bag

We recommend to bring:

- Change of clothes for the walk; shirts, shorts and some warm clothes.
- Rain jacket or poncho (plastic ponchos can be purchased in Cusco).
- Strong shoes or footwear, ideal for the mountain hike.
- Camera, film and batteries (cold conditions quickly drain batteries).
- Flashlight.
- Hat to protect you from the sun, rain and cold.
- Sunscreen.
- Mosquito repellent.
- Toilet paper and a small towel.
- Snack: cookies, energy bars, chocolates, etc.
- Bottle of water and purifying tablets (Micropur).
- Swimwear if you intend to go to the thermal baths.

Rate in dollars (USD \$) per person

Caminatas en Grupo							
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