

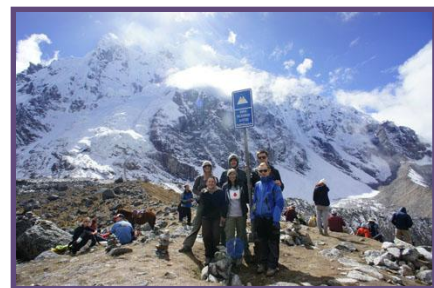
SALKANTAY TREK EXPRESS & MACHU PICCHU 4 days & 3 nights



This amazing trek runs beneath the magnificent Salkantay Mountain (6.271meters), one of the highest and most stunning in the Peruvian Andes. The Salkantay was recently named among the 25 best Treks in the World, by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine. It is a trek open to everybody, and the most popular alternative to the Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu, and rich in natural scenery. If you are strong and have some outdoor experience, this Salkantay Express is the perfect adrenaline rush to Machu Picchu. Throughout this physically demanding journey you will experience dynamic scenery, remote high mountain passes, and host of archaeological sites. On the last day we arrive at the world famous ruins of Machu Picchu making your efforts over the previous days all that more rewarding.

Day 1: Cusco - Soraypampa - Huayracmachay

We will collect you early from your hotel and take private transport to the village of Mollepata (2.5 hours). We continue in our vehicle for 1.5 hours more to Soraypampa, where we will start hiking. From here we climb gently for about 2-3 hours to Salkantaycoch. We have lunch very close to the Salkantay Mountain and spectacular glaciers. After lunch and a short rest we continue to climb steeply for another 2 ½ to 3 hours to the Salkantay pass, which is the highest point of the trip (4,600



meters). From here we descend for 2 to 3 hours to the campsite at Huayracmachay. Total hours walking: 5 - 7 hours. Meals Included: **Lunch, dinner.**



Day 2 : Huayracmachay- Arrayanniyoc - Challhuay-La Playa

From our campsite, we will climb for about one hour quite steeply to Unuyoc on a narrow path, where we will have great view of the Santa Theresa river valley and then descend for another hour to the Unuyoc campsite. From Unuyoc to Wiñaypocco is another hour, and here we will have lunch. After lunch we walk through the high jungle



(known in Spanish as the eyebrow of the jungle) enjoying the landscapes which offer us much natural beauty. In the afternoon follows a gentle descent for 2-3 hours to the small high jungle village of La Playa where we will spend the night. Total hours of walking: 8-9. Meals Included: **Breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

Day 3: La Playa - Hydroelectric - Aguas Calientes

We will begin our hike toward Villa de Lucmapampa and climb an original cobblestone path on the Inca Trail. Along the route, you will see plantations of coffee beans, passion fruit, bananas, avocados, and coca leaves. Then we will arrive at the Llactapata Archeological Site (2,700 meters), which is mostly covered by trees. Here you can see how the tree roots have grown into the original Incan walls and it will give you an idea of

how the site was like when the explorers first found it. From here, there is a great view of Machu Picchu and the Urubamba Canyon. Then we will descend to Hidroeléctrica (1,900 meters), where we will take the train to the small town of Aguas Calientes (2,000 meters). We will spend the night in a hotel here. Total hours of walking: 5-6 hours. Meals Included: **Breakfast, lunch, dinner.**



Day 4: Machu Picchu - Cusco

Early in the morning (before dawn) we will take a bus up to the ruins of Machu Picchu. You will then have a 2.5 hour guided tour of Machu Picchu with your guide. After your tour you can further explore the ruins by yourself or climb Huayna Picchu for that classic photo of Machu Picchu. In the afternoon, we return to Cusco by train to Ollantaytambo or Poroy Train Station, our driver will wait and transfer you directly back to your hotel. Meals included: **Breakfast**



What's included?

- Pre trek briefing.
- Collection from your hotel in the morning of trek departure.
- Transport from Cusco to the trailhead at the beginning of the trek in private car.
- Entry fee to Machu Picchu (If you wish to climb Huayna Picchu its \$15 extra, please advice when booking).
- English/ Spanish speaking professional guide.
- Camping equipment, dining tent with camp tables and chairs & kitchen tent for the cook to prepare meals, tents for our staff to sleep in.
- Cook and cooking equipment (assistants are provided for larger groups)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (optional vegetarian food).
- Horses (for equipment and personal items) including horsemen. They carry camping equipment, food and kitchen utensils.
- 1 emergency horse which can be ridden if you are feeling ill or if you're a little slower.
- Bus up and down from Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu.
- Train ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo or Poroy.
- Train ticket from Poroy or Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes.
- Private transport from Poroy or Ollantaytambo to Cusco.
- 1 night accommodation in Aguas Calientes in a hotel according to customer choice.
- Sleeping bags

What is not included?

- Breakfast on the first morning.
- Lunch and dinner on the last day.
- Huayna Picchu Entry (\$15 extra).
- Tips for the guide, cook and porters.
- Additional horses/mules for passenger's luggage.