

AMAZON TRAILS PERU



LARES VALLEY TREK with Machu Picchu

3 days - min. 2 persons

This is a shorter trek through typical Andean landscape, passing by glacial lakes and snow capped mountains - highest point: 4600 m

DAY 1: CUSCO TO QUISHUARANI TO CANCHA CANCHA : At 4:30 am we pick you up to travel 3 1/2 hours to the starting point of the trek, Quishuarani village at 3750 m. After breakfast we start our trek, walking through Andean landscapes with lakes and up towards the Pachacutec Pass at 4700 m. The view from here is overwhelming: we have the Pitusiray and Sahuasiray snowcapped mountains right in front of us. Descending into the valley we pass by several glacial lakes. We can see herds of alpacas, llamas and sheep, it is also possible to see Gray Brocket Deer, Viscachas, Andean Goose, or with some luck the rare Giant Coot, Puna Hawks and the impressive Andean Condor. This night we camp at 3850 m, near Cancha Cancha village with typical stone houses.

DAY 2: CANCHA CANCHA to HUARAN and OLLANTAYTAMBO: After breakfast our horsemen pack the horses and we start to walk southwards, the trail descends gently following the Cancha Cancha river towards Huaran (3100m). On this walk along the river we see cultivated fields and pass through old Polylepis forests; this type of vegetation is very interesting for bird life like Hummingbirds, Flycatchers, Tit tyrants and the valley itself is very impressive. The walk today is around 5 hours till we arrive to Huaran, in the Sacred Valley. In the afternoon our private van takes us to Ollantaytambo train station. Here we catch a train to Aguas Calientes. Reception upon arrival, night in a Hostal (DWB) in Aguas Calientes

DAY 3: MACHU PICCHU AND RETURN TO CUSCO : We meet our guide early to walk up or take the bus up to Machu Picchu; the site opens at 6 am. Once inside we start with our guided tour of the archeological complex (2 – 2,5 h). Afterwards we have free time to explore on our own and enjoy the views, or maybe climb Wayna Picchu. In the afternoon we return to Aguas Calientes to take the train back to the Sacred Valley or Cusco, transfer to your hotel.

Note: This itinerary is variable and may be modified according to the progress of the group, weather conditions etc.

Tour Price includes:

- private transport: Cusco – Quishuarani & Huaran – Ollantaytambo
- English speaking, professional Guide for the trek and Machu Picchu
- all meals (till lunch of day 2), boiled water for drinking during the trek (vegetarian meals on request)
- cook and cooking equipment
- camping equipment (quality double tents and mats, dining tent, tables and chairs)
- horses to carry food, cooking & camping equipment and 5 kg of personal luggage per person
- emergency horse (with saddle)
- entrance fee to Machu Picchu
- First Aid Kit
- one night in a hostel in Aguas Calientes (DWB) including breakfast
- tourist train ticket from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes and back, transfer to Cusco

Not included:

- sleeping bag (for rent at our office in Cusco)
- hiking poles (optional)
- drinking water (partially, especially on day 4)
- entrance fee to Wayna Picchu (18 US\$ p.p., limited spaces)
- dinner and lunch in Aguas Calientes
- extra horse for personal luggage

maximum group size: 6 persons



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