

AMAZON TRAILS PERU



SALKANTAY - MACHU PICCHU TREK

4 days * min. 2 persons

Day 1: CUSCO - MOLLEPATA – SORAYPAMPA – CHAULLAY : We pick you up at 4:30 am at your hotel and travel by private minibus to the village of Mollepata (arrival around 7 am). From here we continue uphill to Soraypampa (3850m), at the end of the road, where we meet the horses and horsemen. While we have breakfast the staff packs the horses and we start walking uphill towards the pass at 4600 m. Here we have beautiful views of the snow capped Salkantay Mountain (6240m). Then we descend on the other side of the pass and in the afternoon we camp at Chaullay (3000 m) or at another camp a little bit further down. We have a teatime snack and eat dinner later.

Day 2: CHAULLAY TO LUCMABAMBA (PLAYA) : After breakfast we continue our trek downhill to Collpapampa and we then we follow the Rio Santa Teresa valley towards Lucmabamba. On our hike today we pass through spectacular scenery, with waterfalls and great mountain views. Going down the vegetation in the valley starts changing with many orchids, begonias and many different varieties of birds. Camp at Lucmabamba, 1950 m. In the afternoon the guide gives us a briefing for the next day. Teatime and dinner.

Day 3: LUCMABAMBA (PLAYA) – LLAQTAPATA - AGUAS CALIENTES : On this day we continue downhill passing through different plantations like coffee, banana, yucca and passion fruit. After Lucmabamba we climb up to Llaqtapata (2650 m) for about 3 hours, where we can visit a small Inca site. This place has a special view: we can appreciate the impressive Machu Picchu on the opposite slope of the mountain. We then descend to Rio Urubamba. In this area we have good chances for seeing Toucans, Andean Cock of the Rocks, Quetzals, Hummingbirds and Torrent Ducks. We have lunch and then follow the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes. If you are tired there is the option to go to Santa Teresa and through the Urubamba Valley, which is easier and you may take a car and train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes (not included). In the late afternoon we arrive to Aguas Calientes town (2050 m). We have a briefing with the guide about the visit of Machu Picchu the next morning. Night in a hostel (DWB).

Day 4: MACHU PICCHU AND RETURN TO CUSCO : We meet our guide early to walk up or take the bus (not included) up to Machu Picchu; the site opens at 6 am. 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 (extra ticket). In the afternoon we return to Aguas Calientes to take the train back to Ollantaytambo 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:

- Pickup at your hotel
- private transport to Soraypampa
- English speaking, professional Guide for the trek and Machu Picchu
- cook, cooking equipment & all meals (till lunch of day 3), snacks, drinking water
- one night in hostel in Aguas Calientes (dwb) including breakfast
- entrance fee to Machu Picchu
- train ticket 'expedition' from Aguas Calientes to Poroy or Ollantaytambo & transfer to Cusco
- First Aid Kit
- horses to carry food & camping equipment & 5kg of personal luggage p. person
- emergency horse
- camping equipment (quality double tents and mats, dining tent, tables and chairs)

NOT INCLUDED:

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



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