



## Trekking Salkantay to Machu Pichu 5 days



**Highlight:** Machu Picchu, Salkantay Mountain, amazing mountain scenery, High Mountain passes, quieter trails, local villages

**Begin from:** Cusco / Mollepata

**End in:** Machu Picchu

**Duration:** 05 Days/ 04 Nights

**Physical Rating:** Moderate, 1 day and half going up, rest going down

**Accommodation:** Camping in tents with mattress, pillows and sleeping bags included.

### **Trekking through the sacred Mountain of Salkantay**

This amazing trek runs beneath the sacred Salkantay Mountain (6271m/20569ft), one of the highest and most stunning in the Peruvian Andes, passing through Quechua communities and lesser-known Inca ruins, to finally reach Aguas Calientes on the fourth day. The impressive Sacred Inca city of Machu Picchu is visited on the last day of the program. This itinerary is an interesting alternative to the overcrowded classic Inca Trail from km 88 or 104. Snow peaks. Waterfalls, hot springs and Condors can be seen during trekking.



## Day 01 - Cusco / Sayllapata / Soyroccocho

Pick up from the Hotel at 05:00; private transport from to **Sayllapata** 4 ½ hrs. We cross the town of Limatambo (2100m/6888ft), then drive up a beaten track along the right shore of the Apurimac River, to reach Mollepata (2800m/9184ft), from where we continue on to **Sayllapata** (3600m/11808ft), where we meet our horsemen and horses. From this point we start the ascent on foot towards Soraypampa (3800m/12464ft), following a climbing trail with many level variations and along which we encounter little groups of houses. After lunch in Salkantaypampa, hike up for around 2 hrs ascent to our camp at Soyroccocho, just next to the impressive glacier of Salkantay (4200m/13776ft). Camping at this place. **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





### **Day 02 - Soyroccochoa / Collpapampa**

Early breakfast; we start a 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour ascent, we reach the highest point of the trek Abra Huayracmachay (4525m/14846ft). From this point, we start descending towards into the so-called cloud forest. Then descending to the cloud forest along the route, it can see the remains of an ancient Inca path, a long easy descent along the Salkantay River; lunch at Huayracmachay (3,850m/12628ft) arriving late afternoon to our second camp at Collpapampa (2890m/9479ft), a beautiful spot with some natural hot springs to relax in. **Meals Included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### **Day 03 - Collpapampa / Santa Teresa**

Breakfast; continue our hike with an easy downhill walk along the Sta. Teresa River, enjoying the increasingly lush vegetation, passing waterfalls, passion fruit and coffee plantations. The arid highland landscape begins to transform into a cloud forest filled with trees and bromeliads. Following the Santa Teresa River, we pass the waterfalls at Coripacchi, the settlement at Wiñaypoko and finally arrive to Santa Teresa (1900m) campsite. Here we can visit the hot springs which are located next to river and offers lockers and toilets, is a nice place to recover energies and without a roof nature open pools. **Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

### **Day 04 - Santa Teresa / Aguas Calientes**

After breakfast, we take a car to the Hydroelectric train station from where we board a train that takes us to Aguas Calientes (40 minutes train ride), then transfer to our hotel, then is free day for visiting this place on your own, possibilities are visit the hot springs or walking to Mandor Waterfalls. Night in Hotel. **Meals included:** Breakfast.

### **Day 05 - Visit Machu Picchu full day / Back to Cusco**

Breakfast at your hotel; full day **Excursion to Machu Picchu**, early transfer to the bus stop for the short ride (20 minutes) up to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, you will participate in a guided tour of the Citadel, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Sun Dial (the most important preserved Intihuatana), the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, houses, warehouses, a large central square; and all connected by narrow roads and steps that are surrounded by terraces cut into the mountain side. After the tour you'll have time to stroll around the Archaeological site at your leisure.

Opportunity to walk (approx 1 hour) up to the **Sun Gate** (Inti Punku) or climb to the top of Wayna Picchu, with a magnificent view of the whole Sanctuary, return in the afternoon by train to Cusco and transfer to your hotel. **Meals Included:** Breakfast

### **What is included?**

#### **Private Group Service 8 persons:**

- Pick up from your hotel for trekking departure.
- Bus to Mollepata, head of the Trekking.
- Entrance fee to Machu Picchu.
- English, Dutch speaking guide for trekking (Marcelo).
- 4 Season tents, 2 people in each 3 persons capacity tent.
- Sleeping, mattress and pillows. (If requested we can offer you one extra dek for cold)
- Chef and cooking equipment.
- Dining tent with tables, chairs, kitchen tent and lamp.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Toilet tent.
- Emergency oxygen bottle.
- Horses (to carry tents, food and cooking equipment) – days 1 to 4
- Horses to carry personal gear (including sleeping pad and sleeping bag) – days 1 to 4
- Two emergency horses for the group.
- Guided tour in Machu Picchu.
- Train Expedition back to Cusco.
- One night accommodation in Aguas Calientes hotel Machu Picchu or Plaza.
- Transfer from the train station to your hotel.

#### **Not included is:**

- Lunch on the last day: after the guided tour at Machu Picchu.
- Bus up and down from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu.
- Entrance to the thermal springs in Aguas Calientes.
- Train ticket from Hidroelectrica station to Aguas Calientes-Machu Picchu.

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