

## TOUR OVERVIEW

Salkantay, a sacred mountain and the highest peak in the Vilcabamba range, rises majestically to 6,271m (20,570 ft), offering an unforgettable journey. Wake up surrounded by the spirits of the Andes, including the awe-inspiring Nevado Tucarhuay and Nevado Humantay. As you trek, marvel at landscapes that shift from snow-capped peaks to lush rainforests, adorned with unique high-altitude vegetation and flowers in an array of stunning shapes and colors. "From the sacred summits to the living spirit of Machu Picchu, your adventure starts here."

**Salkantay & Machu Picchu - 4 Days** This trek perfectly combines the cultural and natural beauty of the Andes. As we challenge ourselves through diverse ecosystems, we are rewarded with magnificent views of the snow-capped Salkantay (6,264m/20,551ft), the most iconic peak of the Vilcabamba mountain range. Along the way, we are transported back to the time of the Incas, connecting with the spirits of towering mountains such as Tucarhuay and Humantay, whose peaks rise above 5,000 meters (16,404 feet). Marvel at the landscapes as they shift from snow-covered peaks to lush rainforests, adorned with unique high-altitude vegetation and vibrant flowers.

## ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### Cusco - Mollepata (Marcoccasa) - Soraypampa

We will leave Cusco at 5:00 am and head forwards Challacancha (3400m/11154f), passing the village Mollepata (3000m/9843f). In Challacancha we will meet the horsemen and the rest of the group and start our trek. We start hiking within a magnificent valley, surrounded by the most important snow-capped mountains such as the Humantay (5217m/17116f) and the Salkantay (6264m/20551f). Our campsite will be at Soraypampa (3700m/12139f).in the afternoon we can visit the Humantay lake which is an extra hike. Optional: After having lunch in Soraypampa, we strongly recommend hiking to Laguna de Humantay where you are able to discover the beautiful view of Humantay Lake and Humantay snow-covered. Hiking time from Soraypampa (3900m/12795ft) to Humantay lake (4220m/13845ft). Hiking Time 3 hours. Climate: cold Transport time: 4 hours Hiking time: 2-3 hours Extra hike to the lagoon: 3 hours.Camping

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Lunch

Dinner

#### MEALS:

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cusco
- ✓ Soraypampa
- ✓ Mollepata

## DAY 2

### Soraypampa - Salkantay Pass - Andenes

After breakfast, we will set off towards the Salkantay pass (4600m/15092f) which offers an exceptional view of the snow-capped Salkantay (6264m). Thereafter, we will descend again and will have time to enjoy the increasing vegetation of the ecosystem. Our camp site will be in Collpapampa (3000m/9842f), in the middle of the tropical forest with hot weather and mosquitoes. Hiking time: 10 - 11 hoursCamping

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Breakfast

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- ✓ Andenes
- ✓ Salkantay Pass

DAY 3

Andenes - Lucmabamba - Hydroelectric Station - Aguas Calientes town

After an early breakfast, we will descend through a dimmed forest, where the vegetation grows brightly, among this outstanding kindness for instance a great variety of Orchids, Bromeliads, Bomareas and etc. Also we will meet with some families in Wiñaypoco (2650m / 8694f) and Granadilla (2100m / 6890f), where we will catch our vehicle riding to Hydroelectric where we will have the lunch. From there, we'll continue walking or by train to Aguas Calientes town (this is extra because it's not included), where we will have an overnight in hostel. Hiking time: 5-6 hours, during a warm day with mosquitoes. Transportation time: 1h30, from La Playa to Hydroelectric.Camping

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DAY 4

Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Cusco

Our great day has finally arrived, after all our efforts put into the hike comes the reward of having the privilege to visit the wonderful citadel of Machupicchu. Now is the time to leave the hotel to take our bus at 5:30 in the morning and reach our objective at dawn to Machupicchu, here our guide will share with us his knowledge of lifestyle within the Inca community while showing us the main attractions: such as temples, Altars , residences and laboring sectors of the Inca, after this joyous visit we will be able to understand more about the culture and life of the Incas. Once all is accomplished we will take our bus down to the town of Aguas Calientes where we will have time to have lunch and say our goodbyes to the town of Aguas Calientes as we hold it in our memories. We will then finally take the train in the afternoon that will take us back to the city of Cusco.

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Breakfast

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- ✓ Machu Picchu
- ✓ Cusco