

SALKANTAY TREK

5 Days



¡WELCOME TO CUSCO!

Cusco is the most visited tourist destination in Peru and one of the best in all of South America. There you can find attractions as famous as the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Humantay lagoon, the mountain of 7 colors and, of course, Machu Picchu, a destination considered one of the 7 wonders

In Cusco there are Andean and tropical landscapes of great beauty. Most visitors stay in the city of Cusco because there is the airport to the city. Also in the 'capital of the Inca empire' there are important tourist attractions such as Sacsayhuaman, the Cathedral, the Coricancha and more. Currently the best hotel and restaurant services are there.

100 kilometers from the city of Cusco is the best tourist destination in South America: the Inca city of Machu Picchu. The wonder of the world is the goal of almost all tourists who come to Cusco. Machupicchu was a citadel for agricultural, urban and religious purposes. It has a history that goes back more than five centuries. In addition, the lush landscape that surrounds it, make it one of the most photographed places in the world.

However, Cusco is not just Machu Picchu. In the high mountains of Cusco, near the imposing snow-capped Ausangate, is Vinicunca, the famous mountain of 7 colors. This summit is more than 5 thousand meters above sea level. Thousands of visitors arrive there every day. This amount has made the rainbow mountain the second most visited tourist destination in Cusco, only after Machu Picchu.

And Cusco offers even much more. There you can find beautiful landscapes, archaeological sites, thermal baths, memorable walks and a long etcetera. Some of the little known but worth visiting destinations are: the Palcoyo mountain, the South Valley of Cusco, the Waqrapukara fortress, the Tres Cruces de Oro viewpoint, the abode of the gods, the Cocalmayo thermal baths and more. . Meet them!

All tourist destinations can be visited on your own or with a tour organized by a tourism agency. Of course, the safest and most reliable option is to do it through a tourist agency in Cusco. Most tourist agencies offer a well-organized and complete service to enjoy the best of Cusco.

The most popular tours in Cusco are: the City Tour (for the city of Cusco), the Sacred Valley of the Incas tour (Full Day), the tour to the mountain of the 7 colors (Full Day), the tour to the lagoon Humantay (Full Day), the tour to Maras and Moray (half day), the tour to Machu Picchu (Full Day), the 2-day tour to Machu Picchu, the 4-day Inca Trail and the 5-day Salkantay trek.

All these services are performed with the best organization. For this we have a team of tourism experts who organize every detail of our services. All our tours include: pick up of the tourist, full round trip transportation, entrance to each tourist attraction and professional tour guide service. They will not have to buy anything else!

The tourist attractions of Cusco are exceptional. However, there are many other tourist destinations in Peru that are worth visiting. Soon we will be able to offer tours to all destinations in the Inca country: the Colca Canyon, Paracas, the city of Lima, Huacachina, the Amazon jungle and more.

Here you can learn about the tours offered by 'Machupicchu Terra', one of the leading tourism agencies in Cusco. You will know what it includes, the itinerary, the prices and more. Get to know Cusco with the best! Welcome!

¿ABOUT US?

Welcome to Machupicchu Terra! We are a tourism agency recognized for the quality of its tours to all destinations in Cusco such as the Sacred Valley, the 7 Colors Mountain, Machu Picchu and much more. Since 2013 and until today we have been offering quality services to tourists from all over the world.

We have our own premises in the historic center of the city of Cusco at Calle Recoleta Angosta 604. To operate our different services we have authorization from the Ministry of Culture of Peru with code AUT00115. In other words, we are a professional tourism agency that offers all the security and good organization of a legal service.

To contact our travelers we have different well-designed web pages that offer all the information about Cusco and Machu Picchu. They stand out: www.boletomachupicchu.com, www.machupicchuterra.com, www.imachupicchu.com and more.

To carry out our operations we have a team of professionals in the tourism sector as well as collaborators in web system programming, content writers, video editors and more. All our services organized in detail to meet the expectations of our customers.

Mission

Our main mission is to offer tourists a quality service that meets their high expectations in the different tourist attractions of Cusco and Peru.

For this we propose to create a website with easy navigation and complete information about the trip to Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Machu Picchu. Our goal is to provide a safe and easy interface for booking our tours. Likewise, we seek to assist tourists on prices, times, information, documents and everything related to the trip to Machu Picchu.

Vision

We seek to offer the best tourist services in Cusco and the rest of Peru. For this we constantly update ourselves looking for new tourist proposals. In addition, we use the latest web technologies to reach more and more customers. This is how we have a YouTube channel 'Imachupicchu' with educational videos that help the traveler to decide the best experience for him in Cusco.

Every day we seek to improve to offer the best tourist service to our customers. We have constant communication through various digital channels. Our goal is to become the most serious and best organized tourism agency in all of Cusco and Peru.

Reliability

We are a legal tourism agency of Cusco authorized by the Ministry of Culture of Peru and the Regional Directorate of Culture Cusco. Our authorization code is AUT00115. All our operations and services are legitimate. We have good reviews on online forums like TripAdvisor, Google Business and more.

All our payment methods have internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of all tourist information during the purchase. With us you can be sure to choose a legal and reliable tourism agency!

TOUR SALKANTAY TREK 5 DAYS – THE MOST CHALLENGING ROUTE TO MACHU PICCHU!

ABSTRACT

The Salkantay trek, along with the Inca Trail, is considered the best trek route to Machu Picchu. The first route is the most challenging as it covers almost 70 kilometers through Andean and tropical landscapes. The highest point of the trek is the Salkantay pass (at 6,271 masl), a pass close to the famous snow-capped mountain of Cusco. The lowest point is in the town of Santa Teresa, located at 1,550 meters above sea level. During this arduous walk you will be able to see: the Salkantay mountain, the Humantay lagoon, the town of Aguas Calientes and, of course, Machu Picchu, one of the 7 wonders of the world.

The Salkantay trek tour includes everything you need for a safe and well-organized trek. Includes pick-up, full transportation, professional guide, food, transfer of utensils on horseback, camps (and hotel reservations), entrance to Machu Picchu and more. The adventure lasts 5 days and 4 nights and is available all year round. For many it is the best adventure on the trip to Cusco and Peru. An unforgettable hike!

IT INCLUDES:

- ✓ Briefing (summary of the tour by the guide) one night before the tour.
- ✓ Pick up from the tourist hotel in the city of Cusco.
- ✓ Full round trip transportation (minivan transfer).
- ✓ Expedition tourist train trip (with option to Vistadome on return train).
- ✓ Roundtrip Consettur bus trip.
- ✓ Team of cooks and meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners (with vegetarian option).
- ✓ Transfer of camping utensils on horseback.
- ✓ 4 nights of camping and tourist hotel.
- ✓ Professional tour guide service in Spanish or English.
- ✓ Entrance Machupicchu Only.
- ✓ Entrance to the Humantay lagoon.
- ✓ tents
- ✓ Snacks and drinks.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- × Sleeping bag (required utensil) and trekking pole.
- × Breakfast the first day.
- × Lunch and dinner on the last day.



TOUR SALKANTAY TREK 5 DAYS – THE DETAILED ITINERARY



ITINERARY

DAY 1: CUSCO – LAGUNA HUMANTAY – SORAYMPAMPA

- The tour begins with the pick up at 05:00 to 05:30 from your hotel in the city of Cusco and transfer by tourist minivan to the town of Mollepata.
- In this town we make a stop to get ready for the walk. We will visit the Tres Cruces sector (lunch) with views of the Limatambo valley. Then we will continue to Markokasa and Choquekiclla.
- From this point we will have privileged views of the snowy Salkantay and the Humantay lagoon. Then we will arrive at Soraypampa where, after dinner, we will spend the night in a simple but cozy camp.

DAY 2: SORAYPAMPA – ABRA SALKANTAY – COLLPAMPA

- From Soraypampa, after a nutritious breakfast, we will hike to the Salkantay pass (at 4,650 meters of elevation). From there we will have unforgettable landscapes of the Cordillera de los Andes.
- Then we will descend for 2 hours to the Huayrac camp where we will enjoy our nutritious and delicious lunch.
- Then we will descend to the lower part of the mountain following the route of the Salkantay River. We will pass through Challhuay pampa and stop at the Collpampa camp (at 2,900 meters elevation). After dinner we will spend the night in our camp.

DAY 3: COLLPAMPA – LA PLAYA – SANTA TERESA

- We woke up at 6 in the morning with a coca tea. We then enjoy a nutritious breakfast and get ready for the trek.
- I start the trek from the Collpampa camp to the Playa camp in the jungle of Cusco, a place full of green mountains that impress the eye.
- Once at La Playa camp we enjoy a well-deserved lunch. Then we will continue the walk towards the town of Santa Teresa.
- In Santa Teresa we will settle in our camp. That night, after dinner, we will rest in this warm town, located 1,550 meters above sea level.

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DAY 4: SANTA TERESA – LUCMABAMBA – LLACTAPATA – HIDROELECTRICA - AGUAS CALIENTES

- We get up around 6 in the morning to enjoy a nutritious breakfast. Then we will descend for approximately 2 hours until we arrive at the Hidroeléctrica train station where we will have lunch.
- From Hidroeléctrica we will undertake the classic 2-hour route that will lead us to the town of Aguas Calientes, also called Machu Picchu town due to its proximity to the Inca city.
- We will have dinner around 7:00 pm in a restaurant in Aguas Calientes. Then we will rest in a tourist hotel in the town. We will also have the option to relax in the thermal baths of the town (not included in the tour). We are close to Machu Picchu!
- The town of Aguas Calientes is also called Machupicchu town because it is only 10 kilometers from the Inca citadel.
- The tour includes different standard hotel options, all of good quality and 100% recommended. In addition, for an extra payment, the tourist can optionally request one of the 3 or 4 star hotels that we have.
- All the tourist hotels are located in the town of Aguas Calientes, near the bus and train stations and the thermal baths.

DAY 5: AGUAS CALIENTES - MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

- We will get up around 4:30 in the morning to enjoy a nutritious breakfast at the tourist hotel.
- Then we will board the Consettur bus that will take us to Machu Picchu in just 30 minutes (optional free 2-hour walk).
- In Machu Picchu we will tour the archaeological site with our tour guide. We will also have free time to take the classic postcard photo.
- At the time indicated by the tour guide, we will return by Consettur bus (30 minute trip) to the town of Aguas Calientes.
- In Aguas Calientes we will have free time to have lunch on our own. Finally we will board the train that will take us to Ollantaytambo and then by bus to the city of Cusco where the tour ends.



TOUR SALKANTAY TREK 5 DAYS – TOURIST SERVICES INCLUDED

COMPLETE TRANSPORTATION: BY MINIVAN, TRAIN AND BUS

The tour includes the pick up of the tourist at his hotel located in the historic center of the city of Cusco. It also includes transportation in a tourist minivan to the town of Soraypampa, the starting point of the trek. It also includes tourist transport to the town of Santa Teresa on the third day of the route. In Machu Picchu, the Consettur bus trip to and from the Inca city is included. Finally, the tour includes the return trip by Expedition train to Ollantaytambo and, later, by tourist minivan to Cusco.

FOOD ON THE ROUTE

The tour includes four breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners. This food is made in part in tourist restaurants on the route and also under the preparation of our team of chefs in the different camps. Tourists can request a vegetarian option in advance via email. The food on the route is nutritious and prepared with Andean ingredients from the region. Does not include lunch and dinner on the last day of the visit to Machu Picchu.

FIRST AID KIT

The tour includes first aid equipment for a safe walk. The kit includes alcohol, rubs for muscle ailments, oxygen, ointments in case of injuries and more. The tour guides also have knowledge of first aid if necessary.

TRANSFER OF UTENSILS ON HORSE

The tour includes the transfer service of kitchen utensils and camping on horseback. The muleteer is the right person to lead the animal through the different camps. A horse is also used in emergencies to transport visitors. Tourists have to bring their own backpacks with them. The transfer on horseback is only for the necessary utensils for the adventure.

MACHU PICCHU ENTRANCE ONLY

The tour includes the Machupicchu Solo entrance ticket, the most used by tourists from all over the world to discover the wonder of the Incas. This ticket allows you to visit all the Inca temples and enclosures such as: the Temple of the Sun, the Intihuatana, the Temple of the Condor, the Main Temple, the Sacred Rock and much more. The most important thing is that this ticket allows you to get the classic postcard photo of Machu Picchu that all tourists dream of. The Machu Picchu entrance is only allowed for people of all ages. The ticket offers discounts for university students, people under 18 years of age and citizens of Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia.

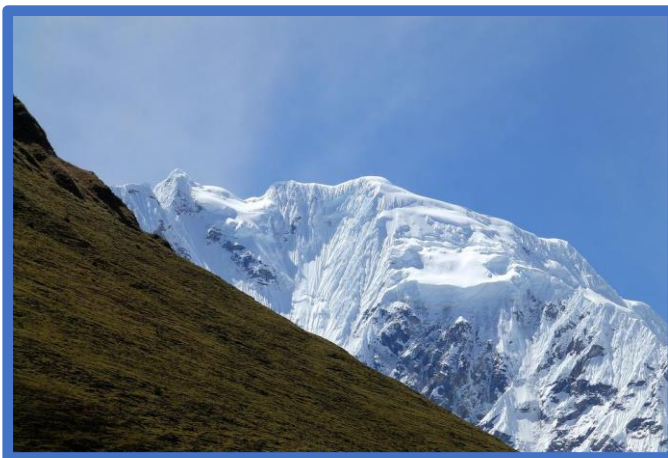
PROFESSIONAL TOURIST GUIDE IN SPANISH OR ENGLISH

The tour includes the service of a professional tour guide on a shared route (the tourist along with other tourists from different origins). The guide will accompany the visitors during the 5 days of adventure. The languages available are Spanish or English. The groups are made up of a maximum of 10 tourists. For a group of up to 12 people includes an assistant guide. The tourists have knowledge of the Quechua culture (the guides are Quechua speakers). Thanks to the tour guide, the tour of the route and Machu Picchu is complete, more informative and more enjoyable.

CAMPS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The tour includes three nights of camping and one night in a hotel in a tourist hotel in the town of Aguas Calientes (optionally you can upgrade to a three or four star hotel). All camps are established with the best quality implements. Necessary equipment includes tents, tents, a night coat, a duffel bag for debris, and more. Tourists can optionally add accessories such as walking sticks, extra mats and more. All camps are made for a comfortable night's sleep!

TOUR SALKANTAY TREK 5 DAYS – PHOTO GALLERY



TOUR SALKANTAY TREK 5 DAYS – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DOES THE TOUR HAVE LIMITED AVAILABILITY?

The tour has limited availability. It is best to hire it 2 or 3 weeks in advance.

CAN I CANCEL THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

Yes. The tour can be canceled, as long as it is done in advance (the last period allowed is 3 days before). The request must be sent by email. The single penalty is 50% of the value of the tour (refund of 50% of the amount paid). The transfer of money is by the same method by which the payment was made: Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express, PayPal.

CAN I CHANGE THE DATE OF THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

No, unfortunately due to the new rules of the authorities of Machu Picchu (Ministry of Culture of Peru); Changes in the date of the Machu Picchu entrance tickets are not allowed. It is recommended to choose the date of the visit well and complete all the data with total security.

DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE PICK UP FROM MY HOTEL?

Yes. The tour includes pick up from the tourist's hotel located in the historic center of Cusco. Most tourist hotels are in this area. In case your hotel is located outside this area, you must coordinate the pick-up in a central square of the city.

WHAT TYPE OF TICKET TO MACHU PICCHU IS INCLUDED?

The tour includes the 'Machupicchu Solo' entrance. This ticket allows you to visit the main constructions of the Inca citadel. In addition, it allows you to get the classic postcard photo with Machu Picchu in the background.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM ALTITUDE OF THE TOUR?

The Salkantay viewpoint or pass is 4,650 meters above sea level. At that altitude you can feel some symptoms of altitude sickness: fatigue, migraine, tiredness, etc.

DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE FOOD?

Yes. The tour includes 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners. A part of the dishes are prepared by our chef team. Another part is prepared in the chosen tourist restaurants. All foods are nutritious and delicious. Lunch and dinner on the last day in Machu Picchu are not included.

HOW DO I PAY FOR THE TOUR?

You can pay for the tour online using our payment form. Payment is by any Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club or PayPal credit or debit card. The website has internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of tourist information. After payment you will receive a confirmation email. The reservation will be confirmed.

WHAT KIND OF TRAIN JOURNEY IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR?

The tour includes the Expedition train trip on the return leg (from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo). The tour also offers the option to choose (for an additional cost), the Vistadome train service. This service is especially recommended on the return train (includes dance show and parade of clothing made of alpaca).

DOES THE TOUR OFFER DISCOUNTS?

Yes. The tour offers discounts for university students, people under 18 years of age as well as citizens of Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia. The prices of the tour are promotional and according to the tourist market of Cusco. Take advantage of our offers and make one of the best hiking trails in Cusco!

IS THE TOUR AVAILABLE EVERY DAY?

Yes. The tour is available every day of the year, except in cases of exceptional emergencies such as natural disasters or protests on the route. January, February and March are the rainiest months and it is when fewer tourists visit Machu Picchu. The rest of the year the influx of visitors is greater. It is recommended to bring a rain poncho, sunscreen, repellent, comfortable sportswear as well as snacks and drinks.