

# ULTIMATE SALKANTAY TREK to Machu Picchu

5 days / 4 nights



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# From the Andean Sacred Mountain to Machu Picchu



The Salkantay Trek is one of the best hiking adventures in Peru and is consistently ranked among the top hikes in the world, offering a varied experience across high mountain passes, lush jungle forest, and amazing Inca sites.

You'll visit the beautiful Humantay Lake and camp at our exclusive Salka Glamp Campsite. On the second night, relax in cozy Andean huts with amazing views.

Reach the 4,630-meter Salkantay Pass, surrounded by glaciers, then descend into the warm Cloud Forest to visit an organic coffee farm and enjoy a hands-on Pachamanca barbecue experience.

On Day 4, take in your first breathtaking view of Machu Picchu from Llaqtapata, followed by a relaxing night in a hotel. End your journey with a guided visit to Machu Picchu and a scenic ride back to Cusco on the Panoramic Vistadome trains.

## ¿Why Ultimate Salkantay Trek?

- Hike one of the best and most complete trekking adventures in Peru
- Enjoy our exclusive Salka Glamp Campsite and stay in Andean huts
- Pachamanca barbecue, and visit an organic coffee farm
- Enjoy stunning views of Machu Picchu from the Llactapata Inca site
- Return on the Panoramic Vistadome train







# Ultimate Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu

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## Legend

### Transportation

- Van Transportation
- Train Transportation
- Hiking
- Walking Tour
- Mountain Pass
- Van Route
- Train Route
- Hiking Route

### Accommodation

- Camping
- Hotel

### Meals

- Lunch
- Pachamanca

### Experiences

- Archeological Site
- Sight / Viewpoint



#### 1 Day 1

Cusco – Humantay Lake – Salka Glamp Campsite

- Cusco - Challacancha (3:00 hrs.)
- Challacancha - Salka Glamp 16 km / 10 mi - 8 hours

#### 2 Day 2

Salka Glamp – Salkantay Pass – Wayracmachay – Collpapampa –

- Salka Glamp – Collpapampa 18 km / 11.2 mi - 9 hours

#### 3 Day 3

Collpapampa – Lucmabamba – Llastapata

- Collpapampa – Llastapata 16 km / 10 mi - 6 hours

#### 4 Day 4

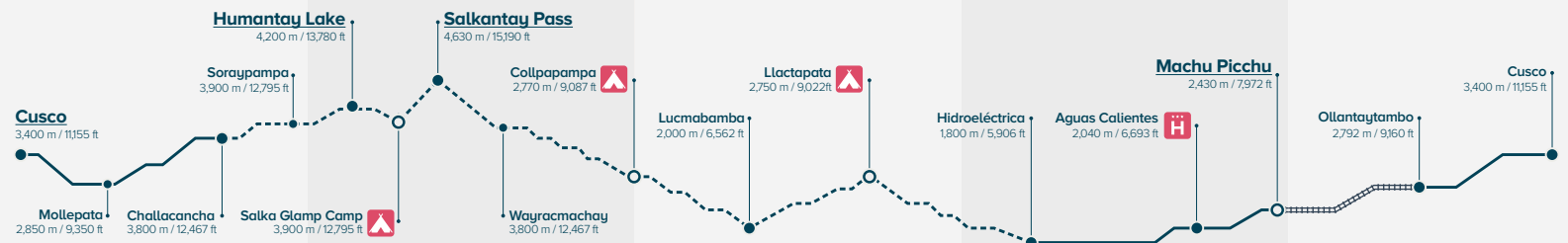
Llastapata – Hidroeléctrica – Aguas Calientes

- Llastapata – Aguas Calientes 14 km / 8.7 mi - 6 hours

#### 5 Day 5

Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

- Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu (20 min) Round Trip
- 2 - 3 hrs. exploring Machu Picchu







## Tour Details

Start / End **Cusco / Cusco**

Duration **5 days / 4 nights**

Distance **64 km / 39 mi**

Difficulty **Moderate to  
Challengin**

Accommodation **Camping, hotel**

Group Size **Up to 12**

Activities **Hiking, Adventure**

Language **English, Spanish**





# Full Itinerary

## → Day 01

Cusco – Humantay Lake – Salka-Glamp Campsite

## → Day 02

SalkaGlamp – Wayracmachay – Collpapampa

## → Day 03

Collpapampa - Lucmabamba - Llactapata

## → Day 04

Llactapata - Hydroelectric - Aguas Calientes

## → Day 05

Machu Picchu





# Day 01

## Cusco – Humantay Lake – Salka Glamp Campsite

We will pick you up from your hotel around 4:30 am (depending on your location) for a three-hour scenic drive to the trailhead. On the way, we'll stop in the town of Mollepata to enjoy a delicious breakfast before continuing to the starting point, where you'll meet your porters and horsemen

The adventure begins with a three-hour hike to Humantay Lake (4,200 m / 13,779 ft), where you'll have time to rest, explore, and take in the incredible turquoise waters. We then hike downhill for about an hour to Soraypampa (3,600 m / 11,811 ft), where our chef will be waiting with a lunch made from fresh, local ingredients.







After lunch, the trail continues uphill for two hours to Salka Glamp (4,150 m / 13,615 ft), our high-altitude camp for the night. Here, you might spot Andean geese (often seen in pairs, “love birds”), deer, and the curious rabbit-like vizcacha that lives among the rocks.

You’ll spend the night at the exclusive Salka Glamp Campsite, a peaceful spot with beautiful views of Salkantay Mountain. After a warm, freshly prepared dinner, you can relax and enjoy a sky full of stars before settling into your cozy tent for the night.

Distance

**12 km / 7.5 mi**

Duration

**6 hours**

Highest Altitude

**4,200 m / 13,779 ft**

Meals

**Breakfast, snacks,  
lunch, tea time,  
dinner**

Difficulty

**Moderate**





Humantay Mt. from the Route



Salkantay Mt. from Soraypampa





Humantay Lake



## Day 02

### Salka Glamp – Collpapampa

You'll wake up bright and early with a cup of coffee or coca tea in your tent, while taking in the spectacular views of the mountains. After breakfast, we'll set off for a two-hour ascent to the Salkantay Trek's highest point, the Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft).

At the top, we'll take some time to explore, enjoy the area, and even visit a beautiful lake at the base of Salkantay Mountain (6,270 m / 20,574 ft). From there, we follow a 3-hour descent to the lunch place at Wayracmachay (3,800 m / 12,467 ft), where you can spot the vizcacha, a rabbit-like Andean rodent related to the chinchilla.







After a well-deserved lunch, we'll get ready for the day's final stretch, three more hours downhill that'll take us from the cold highlands into the lush cloud forest. You'll feel the change almost instantly as the weather becomes warmer, more humid, and the landscape greener.

For the night, you'll stay in comfortable Andean huts, offering a cozy and unique experience surrounded by the greenery and tranquility of the cloud forest. The campsite is next to the village of Collpapampa.

Distance

**18 km / 11.2 mi**

Duration

**9 hours**

Highest Altitude

**4,630 m / 15,190 ft**


Meals

**Breakfast, snacks,  
lunch, tea time,  
dinner**

Difficulty

**Challenging**





Salkantaypampa





Salkantay Pass



## Day 03

### Collpapampa – Lucmabamba – Llactapata

Enjoy a leisurely morning in the village while admiring the views of the mountains you left behind. After breakfast, we'll prepare for the most beautiful day of the trek, hiking toward the legendary citadel of Machu Picchu. You'll follow narrow paths along the river, cross wooden bridges, pass waterfalls, and walk through granadilla and banana plantations until you arrive at Lucmabamba (2,000 m / 6,561 ft) for lunch.

Today's lunch is a special highlight of the Salkantay Trek. After hiking for about 3 hours and taking a van for the last stretch, you'll participate in a Pachamanca Barbecue, an ancient traditional underground stone cooking method. After burying the food, you'll visit organic coffee farms, where you'll prepare and enjoy your own cup of coffee. While the food cooks for about 45 minutes, you can







relax and explore. Then, you'll sit down to enjoy delicious Pachamanca.

Once energized, we'll prepare for a 3-hour climb along the Inca Trail to Llactapata, a small Inca citadel located on a mountaintop at 2,750 m (9,022 ft). Here, you'll catch your first glimpse of Machu Picchu from a distance. This site, originally discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911, was lost to history until its recent rediscovery.

You'll camp right in front of Machu Picchu, and if the weather allows, witness the sunrise and sunset over the citadel from your tent.

Distance

**16 km / 10 mi**

Duration

**6 hours**

Highest Altitude

**2,770 m / 9,087 ft**

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

Difficulty

**Moderate**



Road from Collpapampa to Lucmabamba





Road from Collpapampa to Lucmabamba





Coffee Experience in Lucmabamba





Coffee Experience in Lucmabamba





Pachamanca in Lucmabamba



## Day 04

### Llactapata – Hidroelectrica – Aguas Calientes

The first thing you'll see today is Machu Picchu on a mountain right in front of you, while your trekking team serves you a cup of coffee or coca tea. After breakfast, enjoy an easy 2-hour downhill hike to the Hidroelectrica station. Here, you'll have your last meal with the trekking chef, say goodbye to the team, and begin the final stretch of the Salkantay TreXperience to Aguas Calientes.

The last part of the trek is a 3-hour hike along the railway, following the Urubamba River upstream. This section is rich in history. You'll stop at Mandor Botanical Gardens, where Hiram Bingham met a farmer named Arteaga, who led him to Machu







Picchu in 1911. During this stop, you'll visit Arteaga's farm, home to various endemic birds like *Rupicola peruvianus* (cock-of-the-rock), parrots, toucans, hummingbirds, and orchids.

Once you arrive in Aguas Calientes, your guide will take you to your hotel, where you can shower, explore the town, or relax in the hot springs. In the evening, you'll have dinner at a local restaurant and prepare for the most important day of the Salkantay trek.

Distance

**14 km / 8.6 mi**

Duration

**6 hours**

Highest Altitude

**2,840 m / 9,318 ft**

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,  
dinner**

Difficulty

**Moderate**





Sunrise from the camp at Llactapata





Machu Picchu view from Llactapata





Llactapata Archeological Site



Suspension Bridge over Ahobamba River





Puente Hidroeléctrica



## Day 05

### Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas!

Today is the highlight of the Salkantay Trek: visiting Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This remarkable city, abandoned for reasons still unknown in the 16th century, was once part of the great Inca Empire. You'll wake up early, have breakfast at the hotel, and take one of the first buses up to Machu Picchu to catch the sunrise.

Your tour guide will lead you through the most famous temples, palaces, and plazas, sharing the mysteries of this spectacular Inca city perched on an impossible mountain peak. The guided tour lasts about 3 hours, including time to stop and snap photos at the viewpoints. If you pre-book tickets, you can also climb Huayna Picchu or Montaña (Machu Picchu Mountain). Remember, you'll need extra time for these hikes.







In Machu Picchu, we include Circuit 2 by default, as it is the most comprehensive; however, if it is sold out, we will offer the best option available, which can be Circuit 3 or Circuit 1. We strongly suggest that all guests secure their Machu Picchu trip as early as possible, as tickets to Machu Picchu are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and the best circuits and schedules sell out first.

After your visit, you'll take the bus back to Aguas Calientes, have lunch, pick up your bags from the hotel, and board the Panoramic Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo. From there, a private van will take you back to Cusco. The TreXperience Team will drop you off at your hotel around 7:30 pm.

Duration

**2–3 hours in  
Machu Picchu**

Highest Altitude

**2,430 m / 7,972 ft**

Meals

**Breakfast (hotel)**

Difficulty

**Easy**





Machu Picchu



## Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Hotel pickup and drop-off
- All transportation during the tour
- Professional tour guide
- Return on the Panoramic Vistadome Train or 360° Train
- Round-trip bus to Machu Picchu
- Entry tickets to the Salkantay Trek and Machu Picchu
- Muleteers to carry all camping equipment
- Experienced chef to prepare meals
- 1 night at Salka Glamp Campsite for a luxurious experience under the stars (Day 1)
- 1 night at Andean huts in Collpapampa (Day 2)
- 1 night in comfortable tents at Llactapata, with views of Machu Picchu (Day 3)
- 1 night in a 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes (Day 4)
- All meals on the trail, except lunch on the last day
- Water and daily snacks
- Pachamanca barbecue and coffee experience on Day 3
- Duffle bag for up to 7 kg (15 lb) of personal belongings
- First-aid kit, satellite phones, and oxygen supply
- Pillow, sleeping pad, rain poncho, hand towels



## Not included

- Sleeping bag, air mattress, trekking poles (you can rent them from us)
- Lunch on the last day
- Entry to Huayna Picchu or Montaña Machu Picchu (optional)
- Travel insurance





## Essential Gear

When preparing for the Salkantay Trek, it's important to pack properly for the altitude, cold weather, and rugged terrain. Here are some essential items you should bring:



**Backpack  
(25- 40L)**

Durable backpack for essentials and hydration.



**Upper warm clothes**

Warm layers: thermals, fleece, hat, gloves, scarf.



**Gloves**

Warm gloves against wind, moisture, and cold.



**Waterproof jacket**

Protection against rain and snow.



**Insulated or fleece jacket**

Insulated jacket for colder mountain nights.



**Trekking pants  
(2 pairs)**

Lightweight convertible pants for all weather.



**Sandals or lightweight shoes**

Comfortable, lightweight shoes to rest at camp.



**Trekking socks  
(4–5 pairs)**

Thermal socks, wool or synthetic.



**Hiking boots**

Hiking boots that fit, with strong, grippy soles.



**Wool hat or Beanie**

Warm hat to protect head and ears from cold wind.



## What Trexpérience provides?

During the trek, we take care of your comfort: You'll have a duffle bag carried by our team. We also include a rain poncho, backpack rain cover, company t-shirt, and a foam mat for your rest.



**Rain Poncho**

Protects you from unexpected rain.



**Duffle Bag**

Carried by our team, up to 8 kg.



**Backpack Cover**

Keeps your backpack dry in the rain.



**TreXperience T-shirt**

A comfortable souvenir of your trek.



**Foam Sleeping Pad**

Extra comfort for your rest at camp.



## Gear you can rent from us

If you prefer, you can rent additional gear with us to make your experience more comfortable: trekking poles for better support, a sleeping bag for your camping nights, and an inflatable mat for a restorative rest.



**Trekking Poles (1 pair)**

Extra support and balance on the trail.



**Sleeping Bag**

Warmth and comfort on cold mountain nights.



**Inflatable Sleeping Pad**

Extra cushioning for a restorative sleep.



## About our camping equipment

On every trek, we never compromise on quality or safety: spacious and durable sleeping tents, a dining tent, and a restroom tent from certified brands. We also carry oxygen and satellite phones for your peace of mind at all times.



**Private Sleeping Tents**

Warmth and comfort on cold mountain nights.



**Private Toilet Tents**

Clean and practical during the route.



**Dining Tent**

Comfortable space to share meals.



**Oxygen Tank**

Extra safety in high-altitude areas.



**Satellite Phones**

Reliable communication in remote areas.



## Our service

Our service combines comfort, organization, and unique details that make the difference. We include carefully selected private transportation and a panoramic train ride back so you can enjoy every moment of the journey.



## Transportation

The journey between Cusco and the starting point of the hike is done in our comfortable private vans. The return from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo is aboard PeruRail's exclusive Vistadome train.

## Camping Equipment and Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Our high-quality camping equipment includes spacious two-person tents, a cozy dining tent to share your meals, and clean portable toilet tents.

On your third night, you'll stay in Aguas Calientes at a 3-star hotel with comfortable rooms, a private bathroom, and everything you need to recharge before visiting Machu Picchu.







Vistadome Train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco



## Meals in the route

The trekking experience is not only about the landscapes, but also about the flavors. Every meal on the route brings you closer to Peruvian tradition and helps you recharge your energy.



During the hike, you'll enjoy Peruvian cuisine, a blend of tradition and diverse influences. Some of the dishes and drinks you might try include:

- Quinoa in soups and salads
- Peruvian ceviche
- Lomo Saltado
- Ají de Gallina
- Alpaca and guinea pig prepared in different ways
- Chicken broth
- Chicha Morada
- Coca tea

Meals on the trek combine Peruvian and international dishes, designed to keep your energy up and adapt to different tastes and diets.

## Pachamanca

In Lucmabamba, we'll prepare a traditional Pachamanca (Andean-style barbecue) together.











Pachamanca (Andean Barbecue)





Pachamanca (Andean Barbecue)



## Our team

At TreXperience, our porters, chefs, and guides are the heart of every journey. All of them come from Andean communities or are local experts who carry the passion for their culture in their veins.



## Our Tour Guides

Our guides are professionals from Cusco deeply passionate about their cultural heritage. With academic training and genuine warmth, they are not only experts in history and nature but also storytellers of Andean culture, traditions, and daily life. Thanks to their knowledge, dedication, and kindness, every step of your journey will become a unique, meaningful, and enriching experience.





## Our Porters

They are the silent strength behind every journey. Coming from Andean communities, they carry the necessary equipment with dedication and a smile. Beyond their physical effort, it's their spirit of solidarity that inspires—always ready to help, motivate, and keep the trek's energy alive. Thanks to them, every step feels lighter and the experience more human.



## Our chefs

Our chefs turn every meal into a special moment. With creativity and passion, they prepare delicious dishes in the heart of the mountains, blending Peruvian tradition with the unique touch of Andean cuisine. Their flavors comfort, surprise, and become an essential part of the memories you'll take from the journey.



## Our drivers

They are the ones who welcome you at the start of the adventure and accompany you on every transfer with safety and punctuality. With experience on Andean roads and total commitment, our drivers ensure your trip begins and ends with peace of mind and confidence.





## Our Awards

Our agency has been honored with prestigious international awards that highlight the quality of our service, our commitment to sustainability, and our dedication to providing authentic experiences.



**El Inka Dorado  
Award  
2023**



**Lux Life Travel  
& Tourism  
2022**



**Premio Miradas  
2022**



**Empresa Peruana  
del año  
2022**



**Luxury Travel Guide  
Global Awards  
2023**



**Internacional  
Travel Awards  
2022**



**Travel & Hospitality  
Awards  
2022**



**Best of the Best  
Tripadvisor  
2022**







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