

CHOQUEQUIRAO EXPEDITION TREK to Machu Picchu

7 days / 6 nights



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The least-traveled route between two wonders



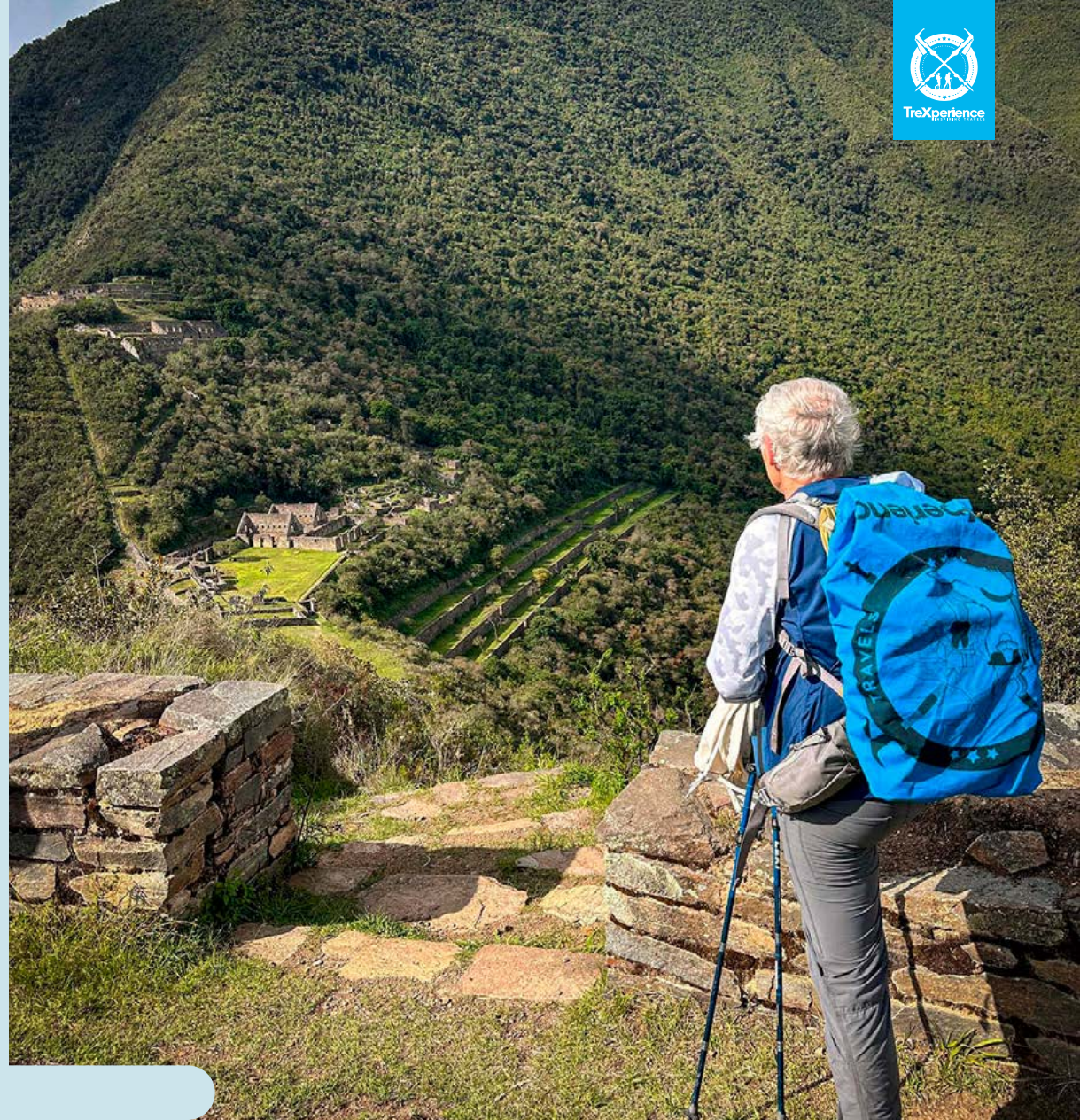
While Machu Picchu is one of the best attractions in the world, Choquequirao still remains less visited. This doesn't mean it's less spectacular. What if we tell you that Choquequirao is bigger? Hard to imagine, right? This expedition will precisely combine these amazing trails to reach these two Inca wonders. Both are tucked away on stunning mountain hills, but Choquequirao can only be reached on foot, which gives you an idea of the task!

Starting from Cusco, we'll delve into the Apurimac Canyon, one of the deepest in Peru. It'll be 5 days of hiking across the Choquequirao Trail rolling mountains to the wonder itself, located at more than 3,000 m (9,974 ft). We'll challenge ourselves down to the Apurimac River foot and then climb to the top of the site. After unveiling the most recent discoveries of Choquequirao, you'll join other trekkers on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. You'll get a glimpse of the Cloud Forest and spend one night in a hotel before the big day.



Why Choquequirao Expedition Trek to Machu Picchu?

- Connect Choquequirao to Machu Picchu, hiking the less crowded part of the Inca Trails.
- Visit the mysterious Choquequirao Inca Site.
- Witness the Apurimac Canyon, the deepest in Peru.
- Discover the magical Inca citadel of Machu Picchu
- Enjoy a full exploration of Machu Picchu with an expert guide.
- Watch flora and fauna on the way, including the beautiful Andean Condor.





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Legend

Transportation

- Train Route
- Driving Route
- Hiking Route
- Van Transportation
- Train Transportation
- Hiking
- Walking Tour

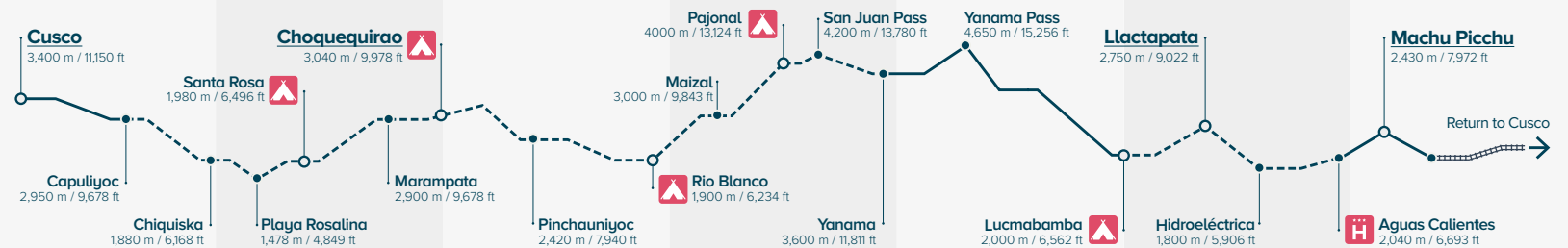
Experiences

- Archeological Site

Accommodation

- Hotel
- Camping

1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 7
Cusco – Capuliyoc – Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa – Marampata – Choquequirao	Choquequirao – Pinchiunuyoc – Rio Blanco	Rio Blanco – Pajonal – Maizal	Pajonal – Yanama – Lucmabamba	Lucmabamba – Llaqtapata – Aguas Calientes	Machu Picchu – Cusco
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cusco - Capuliyoc (4:00 hrs. aprox) Capuliyoc - Santa Rosa (12 km / 7.5 miles - 7 hrs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sta. Rosa - Choquequirao (9 km / 5.6 miles - 6 hrs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choquequirao - Rio Blanco (12 km / 7.5 miles - 6 hrs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rio Blanco - Pajonal (13 km / 8 miles - 8 hrs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pajonal - Yanama (6 km / 3.7 miles - 4 hrs.) Yanama - Lucmabamba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucmabamba - Llaqtapata - Hidroeléctrica - Aguas Cal. (14 km / 8.7 miles - 7 hrs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aguas Cal. - Machu Picchu Round Trip (20 minutes) Guided Tour in Machu Picchu (2 - 3 hours)





Tour Details

Starts / Ends **Cusco / Cusco**

Duration **7 days / 6 nights**

Hiking Distance **65 km / 41 mi**

Difficulty **Moderate to Challenging**

Accommodation **Camping and Hotel**

Group size **Up to 12**

Activities **Trekking and history**

Languages **English, Spanish**



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chikiska –
Santa Rosa

→ Day 02

Santa Rosa – Marampata –
Choquequirao

→ Day 03

Choquequirao – Pinchiunuyoc –
Rio Blanco

→ Day 04

Rio Blanco – Maizal – Pajonal

→ Day 05

Pajonal – Yanama – Lucmabamba

→ Day 06

Lucmabamba – Llaqtapata –
Aguas Calientes

→ Day 07

Explore Machu Picchu –
Retorno a Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chikiska –
Santa Rosa

After being collected from your Cusco hotel at 4:00 a.m, drive for 4 hours to the trailhead located at the village of Capuliyoc. On the way, you will visit the Inca site of Sayhuite, an enormous monolithic rock with geometrical and animal figures, considered an engineering map that shows the complex irrigation system of the area. After enjoying a delicious breakfast,





you will meet the trekking staff and start the Trek to the great “lost cities of the Incas.” The first 4 hours are downhill to Chikiska, starting the hike in the highlands into the Apurimac Canyon, where the weather is warmer. Lunch is served by your trekking chef using fresh products from the area. The second part of the day is 2.5 hours uphill to the campsite in Santa Rosa village 2095 m / 6873 ft).

Distance

12 km / 7.5 miles

Duration

7 hours

Max. hightness

2,970 m / 9,744 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Difficulty

Challenging

Day 02

Santa Rosa – Marampata – Choquequirao

After breakfast, you will start the most challenging part of the tour. The hike begins with a 4-hour zig-zag climb to Marampata, where lunch will be waiting for you with a fantastic view of the mountains and a wide variety of flora





and fauna. After lunch, hike for two more hours to the Choquequirao Inca Site. In the afternoon, you can go to explore and enjoy the sunset. The campsite is located near the archaeological site.

Distance

9 km / 5.6 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

3,050 m / 10,007 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate

Day 03

Choquequirao – Pinchiunuyoc – Rio Blanco

Wake up with a nice hot cup of coffee or tea in your tent while enjoying the Andes view. You will have a guided tour of the most impressive sights at the great citadel of Choquequirao. After lunch, you will ascend for 1 hour to Choquequirao pass;





next is a 3-hour downhill to the Inca Site of Pinchiunuyoc. After exploring the ancient terraces, you will continue for 2-more hours downhill. The Campsite is at Rio Blanco (1880 m / 6167 ft) – Be sure you bring a good mosquito repellent.

Distance

12 km / 7.5 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

3,300 m / 10,827 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate



Choquequirao Archeological Site



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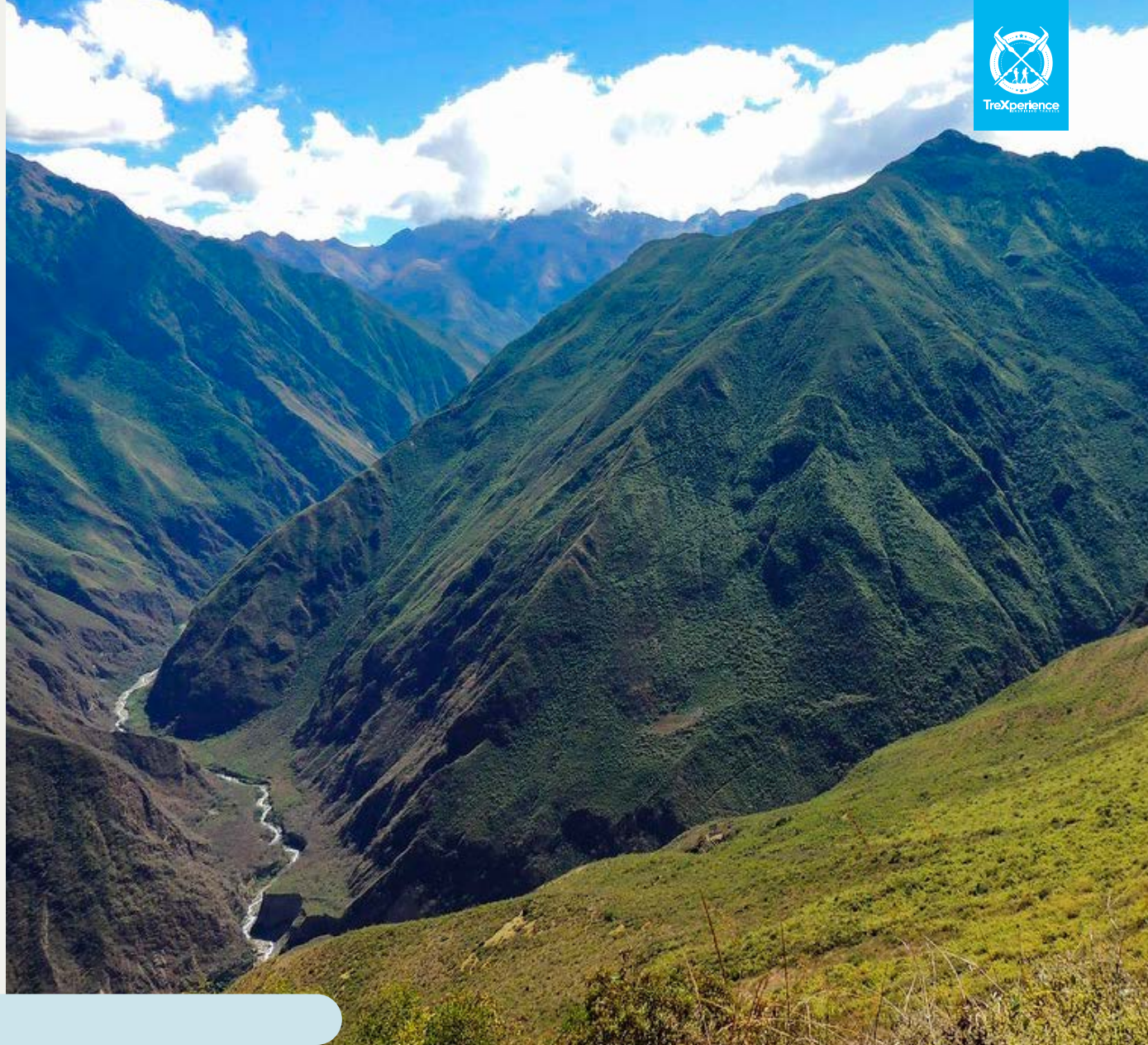


Choquequirao Archeological Site

Day 04

Rio Blanco – Maizal – Pajonal

After breakfast, you will continue the Trek; the first part is a 4-hour challenging zig-zag climb to Maizal (2891m / 9488 ft.). After enjoying a well-deserved lunch, you will continue a steep climb





for 4 hours until the Campsite at Pajonal at (4000m /13124ft). Along the way, you will enjoy the beautiful views of farming lands, native plants, birds, and the ancient Victoria Mines.

Distance

13 km / 8 miles

Duration

8 hours

Max. hightness

4,150 m / 13,615 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

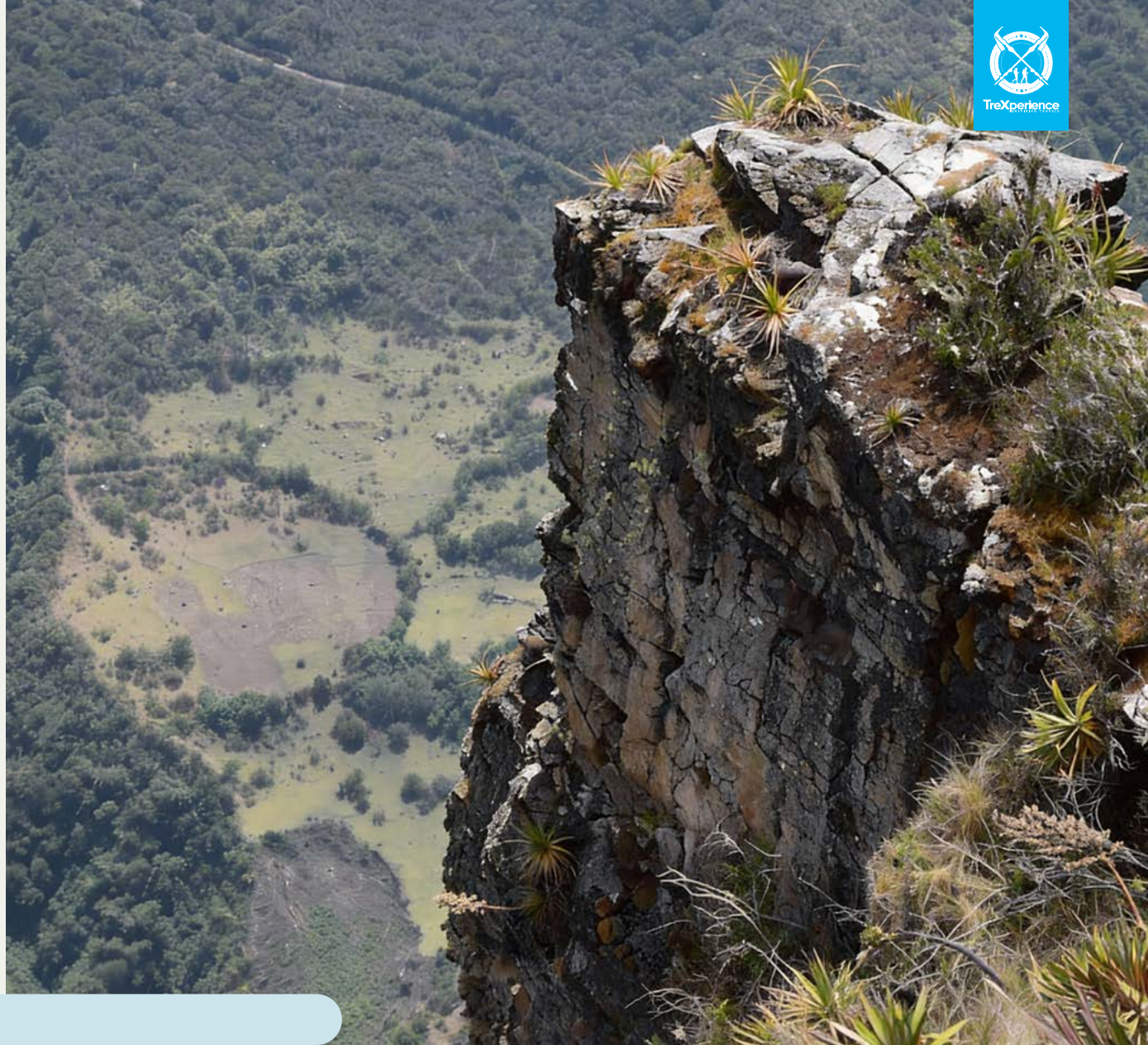
Difficulty

Challenging

Day 05

Pajonal – Yanama – Lucmabamba

After breakfast, hike for 1 hour to San Juan Pass at (4210 m / 13812 ft). Once reaching the top, you'll take some time to enjoy the mountains' fantastic vistas; then you will go down the hill for 3 hours until the Village of Yanama at (3700 m / 12139 ft).





After lunch, say goodbye to the muleteers and take the transportation to Lucmabamba (2100 m / 6890 ft.) There, you'll spend the night in a coffee farmer's house.

Distance

6 km / 3.7 miles

Duration

4 hours

Max. hightness

4,210 m / 13,812 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

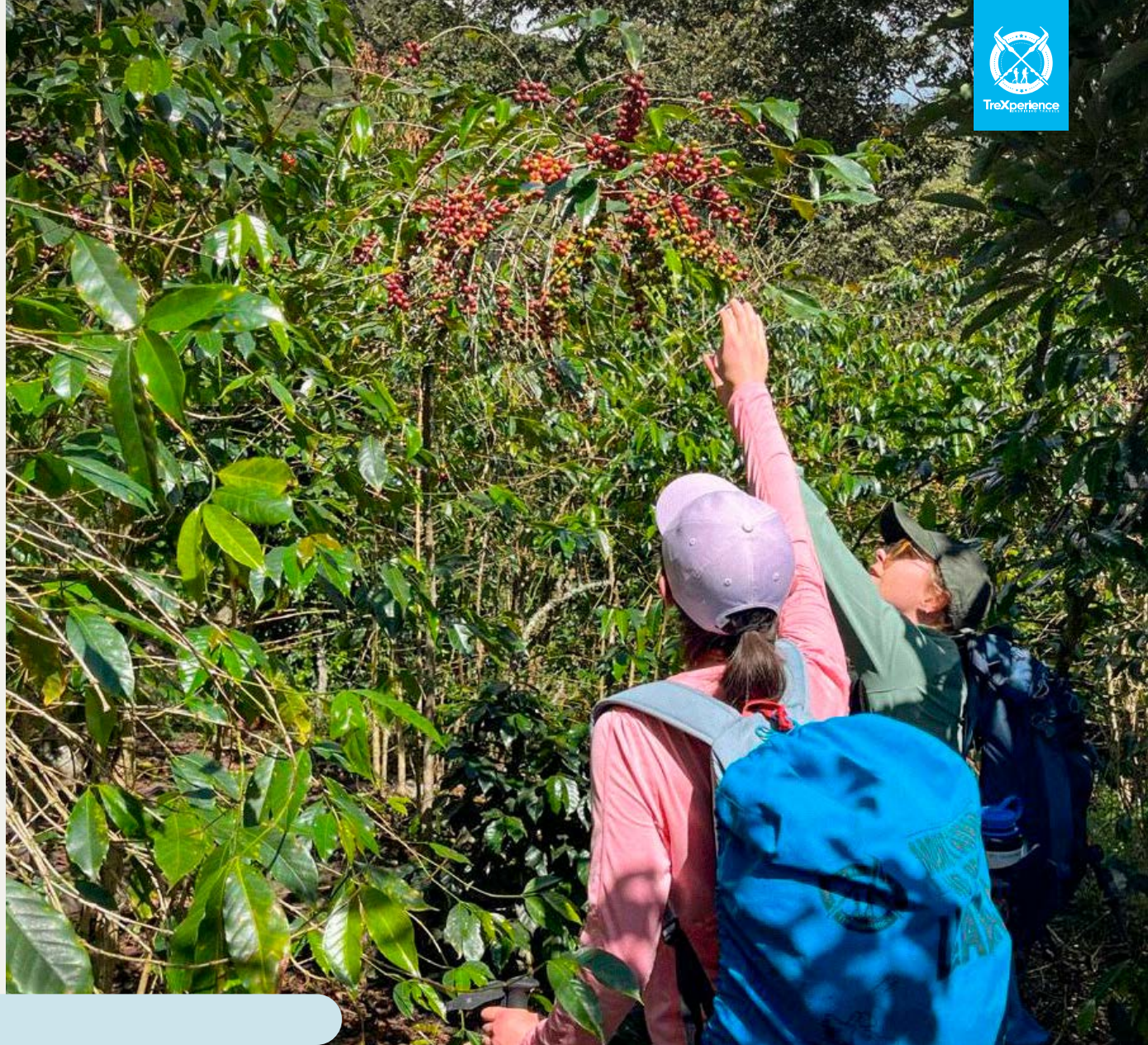
Difficulty

Moderate

Day 06

Lucmabamba – Llaqtapata –
Aguas Calientes

Wake up among coffee and avocado trees, visit the organic coffee farm, and learn the process of harvesting. Then, you will follow a 3-hour trek through an ancient Inca Trail up to Llaqtapata. You will have the first and best view of the Great





Inca city of Machu Picchu. After enjoying the sights, you will continue down to the hydroelectric for lunch, then hike for three more hours, the final part along the train tracks to Aguas Calientes where you take a comforting dinner. Spend the night in a Hotel in Aguas Calientes.

Distance

14 km / 8.7 mi

Duration

6 - 7 hours

Max. hightness

2,800 m / 9,186 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate



Coffee Experience in Lucmabamba



Coffee Experience in Lucmabamba



Llactapata Archeological Site



Aguas Calientes

Day 07

Explore Machu Picchu - Return to Cusco

Waking up early and preparing for the Trek's most important day, you will take the first bus back up to Machu Picchu to enter before sunrise. You will see the most important streets, plazas, and temples touring Machu Picchu through Circuit 2. After the guided tour, you will have time to explore by yourself or hike to Huayna Picchu





or Machu Picchu mountain (Extra hikes different from the citadel). In the afternoon, take the Vistadome panoramic train back to Cusco. Drop off at your Cusco hotel around 7.30 pm, where the Choquequirao trek to Machu Picchu ends.

Duration

**2 - 3 hours
exploring Machu
Picchu**

Machu Picchu hightness

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Meals

Breakfast (Hotel)

Difficulty

Easy

Included

- Briefing one day before the start of the hike.
- Pick up and drop off from your hotel in Cusco
- All transportation during the tour
- Bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- Vistadome Panoramic Train back to Cusco
- Entrance ticket to Choquequirao
- Entrance to Machu Picchu (Circuit 2)
- Professional English Speaking Tour Guide
- Second Tour Guide for groups of 9+
- Chef, porters, muleteers
- Camping equipment (tents, table, chairs, portable toilet)
- Portable toilets
- 1 duffle bag up to 7 kg (15 lb) for your personal belongings
- Cargo mules to carry food and 7 kg of your equipment
- All meals are included except the last day's lunch and dinner
- Drinking water except for the last day
- Five nights camping with comfortable equipment
- One night 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Sleeping foam mattress, pillows, sheets
- First aid kit, satellite phones, oxygen bottle



Not included

- Sleeping Bag
- Trekking poles
- Air mattress
- Last day lunch and dinner
- Entrance to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain
- Gratuities (optional)
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)



Essential Gear



**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.

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



What TreXperience provides?



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.

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.

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 the best quality hiking equipment.



Transportation

The journey from Cusco to Capuliyoc (Hiking starting point) and the Return from Ollantaytambo to Cusco, are in our comfortable private vans. The return from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo is aboard PeruRail's exclusive Vistadome train.

The Best Equipment and Accommodation

Our high-quality camping gear includes spacious two-person tents, a cozy dining tent for shared meals, and clean portable toilet tents—ensuring comfort, hygiene, and relaxation. On your fourth 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.



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.





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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*“Your journey is more than a trek
it’s a cultural connection that
stays with you forever”*

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