

CHOQUEQUIRAO EXPEDITION TREK to Machu Picchu

7 days / 6 nights



TreXperience
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GROUP
TOUR



The least-traveled route between two wonders



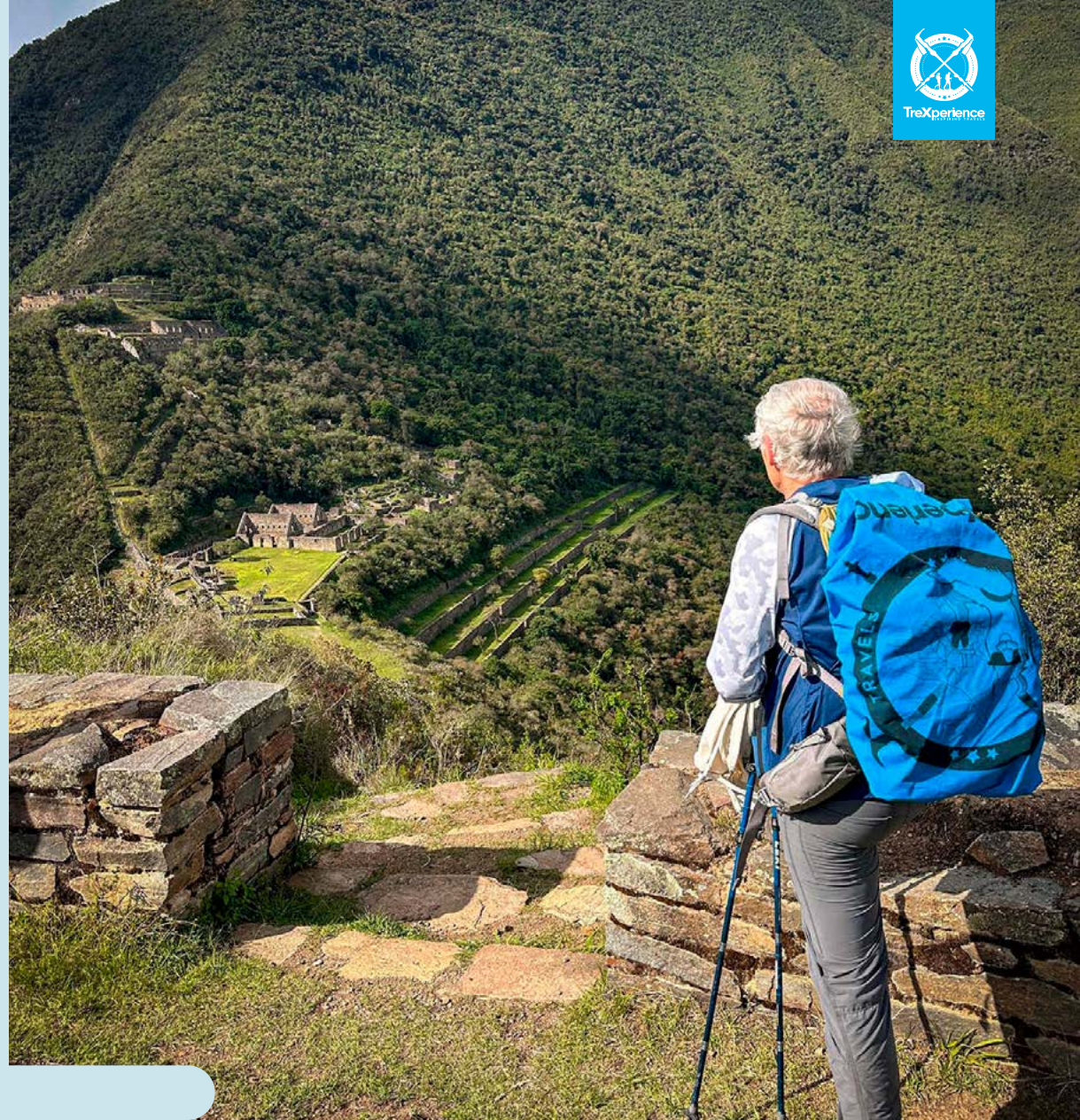
The Choquequirao to Machu Picchu 7 Days Trek is one of the most remote and rewarding trekking expeditions in Peru. This route connects two of the most important Inca citadels: the hidden city of Choquequirao and the world-famous Machu Picchu. It is a demanding journey, but every day brings powerful landscapes, deep history, and a true feeling of discovery.

Travel in a premium small group with TreXperience, a 100% Peruvian local tour operator based in Cusco. Our team takes care of the details that matter on a remote expedition: expert local guides, comfortable transportation, quality camping equipment, fresh meals prepared by trekking chefs, muleteers, cargo mules, a 10 kg / 22 lb duffle allowance, portable toilets, a camp shower setup for the group, Machu Picchu tickets, hotel in Aguas Calientes, Vistadome train, and safe support from start to finish.



Why hike the Expedition Trek to Choquequirao?

- Connect two iconic Inca citadels, Choquequirao and Machu Picchu on one unforgettable expedition.
- Take the remote route: Continue beyond the classic Choquequirao trek through wild Andean landscapes.
- Cross dramatic Andean landscapes, including the Apurimac Canyon, Lucmabamba, and Llactapata.
- Enjoy a rare distant view of Machu Picchu from Llactapata.
- Comfortable expedition camping: Rest in quality tents with portable toilets and a shared camp shower.
- Fresh meals and full support: Trekking chefs, muleteers, and cargo mules support you throughout the route.
- Hike with less weight: A 10 kg / 22 lb duffle allowance lets you carry less.
- Finish in comfort: Stay in Aguas Calientes and return by Vistadome Panoramic train.





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Legend

Transportation

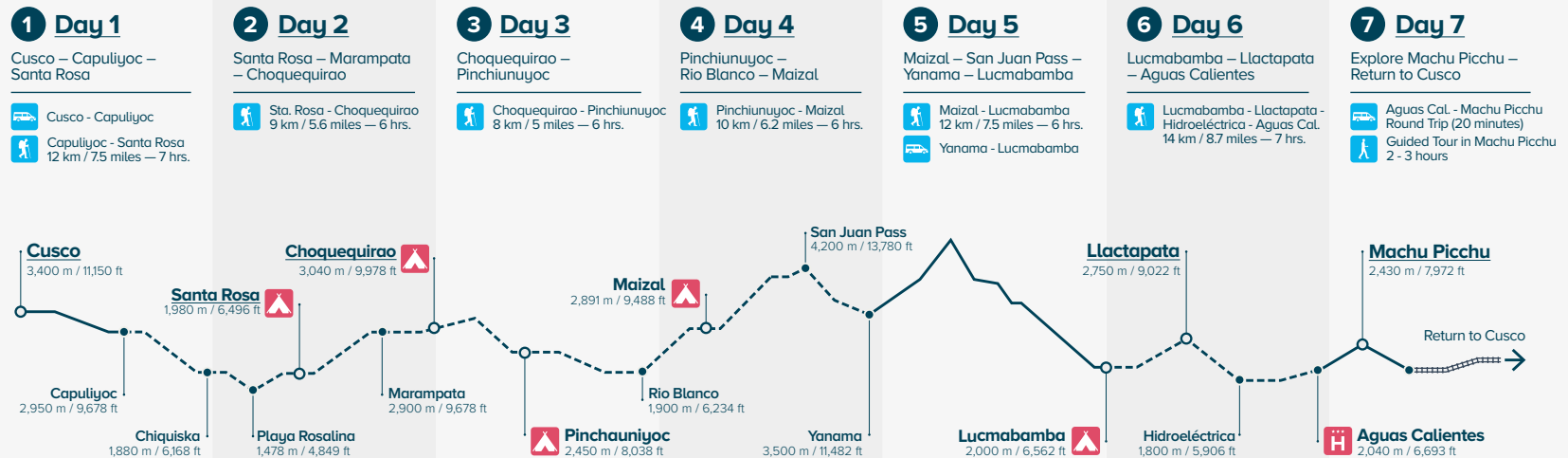
- Train Route
- Driving Route
- Hiking Route
- Van Transportation
- Train Transportation
- Hiking
- Walking Tour

Experiences

- Archeological Site

Accommodation

- Hotel
- Camping



Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	7 days / 6 nights
Distance	65 km / 41 miles
Difficulty	Moderate to challenging
Accommodation	Camping, hotel
Group size	Around 12 persons
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology
Languages	English, Spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chikiska – Santa Rosa

→ Day 02

Santa Rosa – Marampata – Choquequirao

→ Day 03

Choquequirao – Pinchiunuyoc

→ Day 04

Pinchiunuyoc – Rio Blanco – Maizal

→ Day 05

Maizal – San Juan Pass – Yanama – Lucmabamba

→ Day 06

Lucmabamba – Llactapata – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 07

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Santa Rosa

Your Choquequirao Trek to Machu Picchu 7 Days begins with an early pickup from your hotel in Cusco. We travel by private transportation to Capuliyoc, the trailhead of this remote expedition. Along the way, you will pass small villages and enjoy the first wide views of the Andes.

At Capuliyoc, your trekking chef will prepare a fresh breakfast while you meet the local team that will support the journey. After a short briefing, we begin the descent into the Apurimac Canyon, one of the most dramatic landscapes in southern Peru.





The first section is mostly downhill toward Chikiska. After lunch, we continue with an uphill hike to Santa Rosa, where our team will set up camp. Tonight, you will rest in comfortable tents and enjoy your first dinner under the Andean sky.

Hiking distance

12 km / 7.5 mi

Hiking duration

7 hours

Max. height

2,970 m / 9,744 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Day 02

Santa Rosa – Marampata – Choquequirao

Wake up with a hot drink in your tent and get ready for one of the most rewarding days of the trek. After breakfast, we begin the uphill hike to Marampata, a beautiful village with wide views of the Apurimac Canyon and the mountains around Choquequirao.

From Marampata, we continue toward the Choquequirao archaeological site. We will enjoy lunch near Choquequirao before beginning





the afternoon exploration. Your guide will introduce the history, location, and meaning of this powerful Inca city.

In the afternoon, we explore the lower and central sectors, with time to enjoy the views, terraces, ceremonial areas, and the waterfall area when route conditions allow. Tonight, we camp near Choquequirao, one of the most special places to sleep on the entire route.

Distance

9 km / 5.6 mi

Duration

5 - 6 hours

Max. heightness

3,050 m / 10,007 ft

Difficulty

**Moderate to
challenging**

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Day 03

Choquequirao – Pinchiunuyoc

Today begins with breakfast near Choquequirao and a deeper exploration of the upper part of the site. This is one of the great advantages of this 7-day expedition: you have more time to understand the citadel instead of rushing through it.

Your guide will take you through some of the most important sectors, including the main plaza, religious areas, important buildings, ceremonial spaces, and the famous llama terraces. These





remote terraces, decorated with white stone figures, are one of the most unique features of Choquequirao.

After lunch near Choquequirao, we leave the main archaeological area and begin hiking toward Pinchiunuyoc. This afternoon section takes around 3 hours and leads into a remote mountain landscape behind Choquequirao. Tonight, we camp in comfortable tents near Pinchiunuyoc, surrounded by silence and open Andean views.

Distance

8 km / 5 miles

Duration

5 - 6 hours

Max. height

3,300 m / 10,827 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Choquequirao Archeological Site



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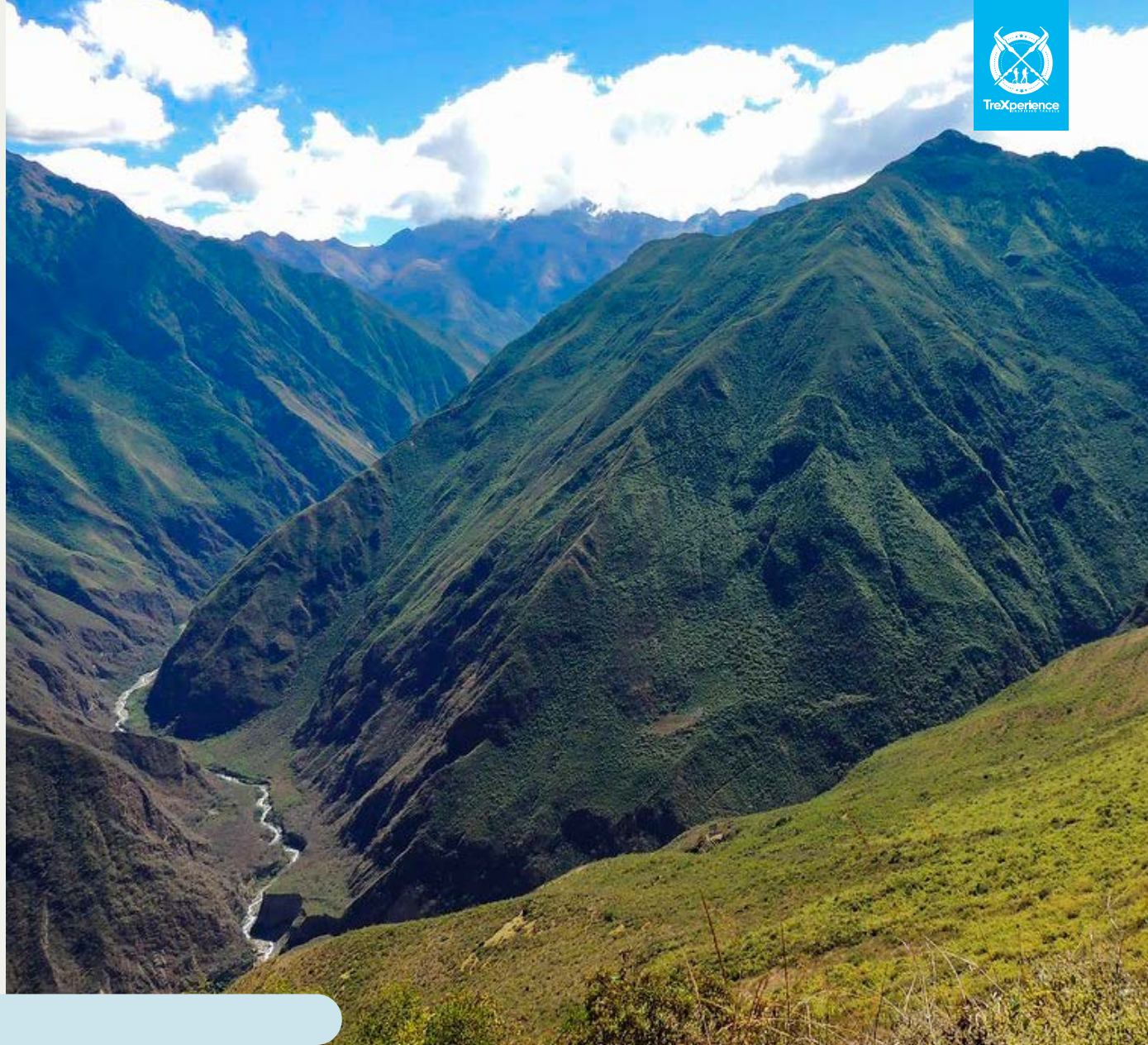
Choquequirao Archeological Site

Day 04

Pinchiunuyoc – Rio Blanco – Maizal

After breakfast, we begin with a descent from Pinchiunuyoc to Rio Blanco. This section takes around 2 hours and brings you into a warmer, lower part of the valley. The landscape changes quickly, and the route feels even more remote.

After reaching Rio Blanco, we begin the long uphill hike to Maizal. This climb takes around 4 hours and is one of the most demanding sections of the expedition. Your guide will set a steady





pace and give you time to rest, drink water, and enjoy the views.

Maizal is a beautiful campsite with a powerful lookout over the surrounding mountains. After a strong hiking day, your camp will be ready, and your trekking chefs will prepare a fresh dinner to help you recover for the next stage of the route.

Distance

10 km / 8 mi

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

2,891 m / 9,488 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

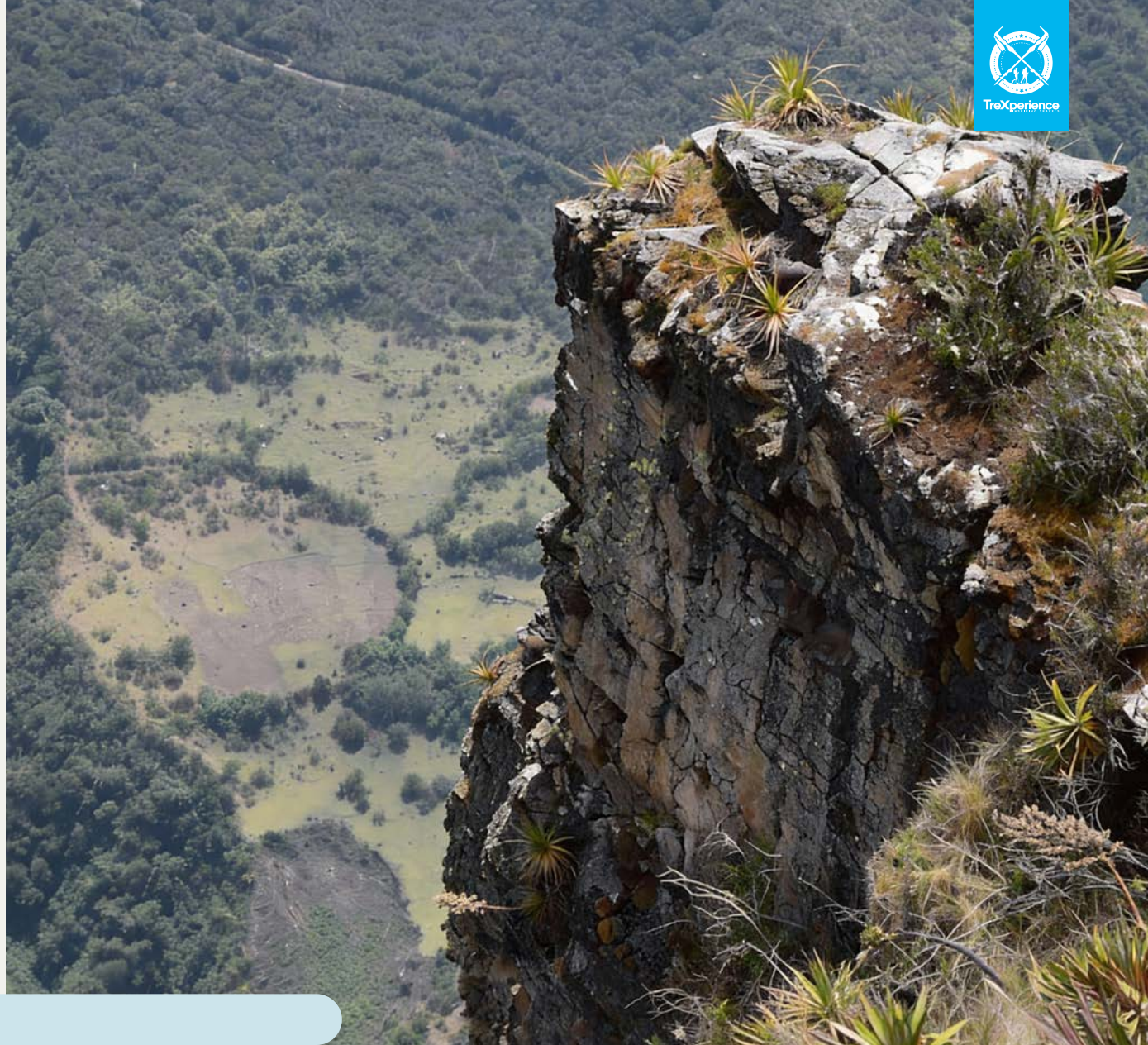
**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Day 05

**Maizal – San Juan Pass – Yanama –
Lucmabamba**

After breakfast, we begin one of the most scenic and challenging climbs of the expedition. The trail climbs for about 4 hours toward San Juan Pass, the main mountain pass of the route. The views become wider as you gain altitude.

At the pass, you will have time to rest and enjoy the high mountain scenery before beginning the descent toward Yanama. The downhill section takes around 2 hours. We will have lunch in Yanama and say goodbye to part of the mountain support team.





In the afternoon, we continue by vehicle for about 3 hours to Lucmabamba, a warmer cloud forest area known for coffee farms and lush vegetation. Tonight, we camp in Lucmabamba and enjoy a different climate after several days in remote highland terrain.

Hiking distance

12 km / 7.5 mi

Hiking duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

4,210 m / 13,812 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

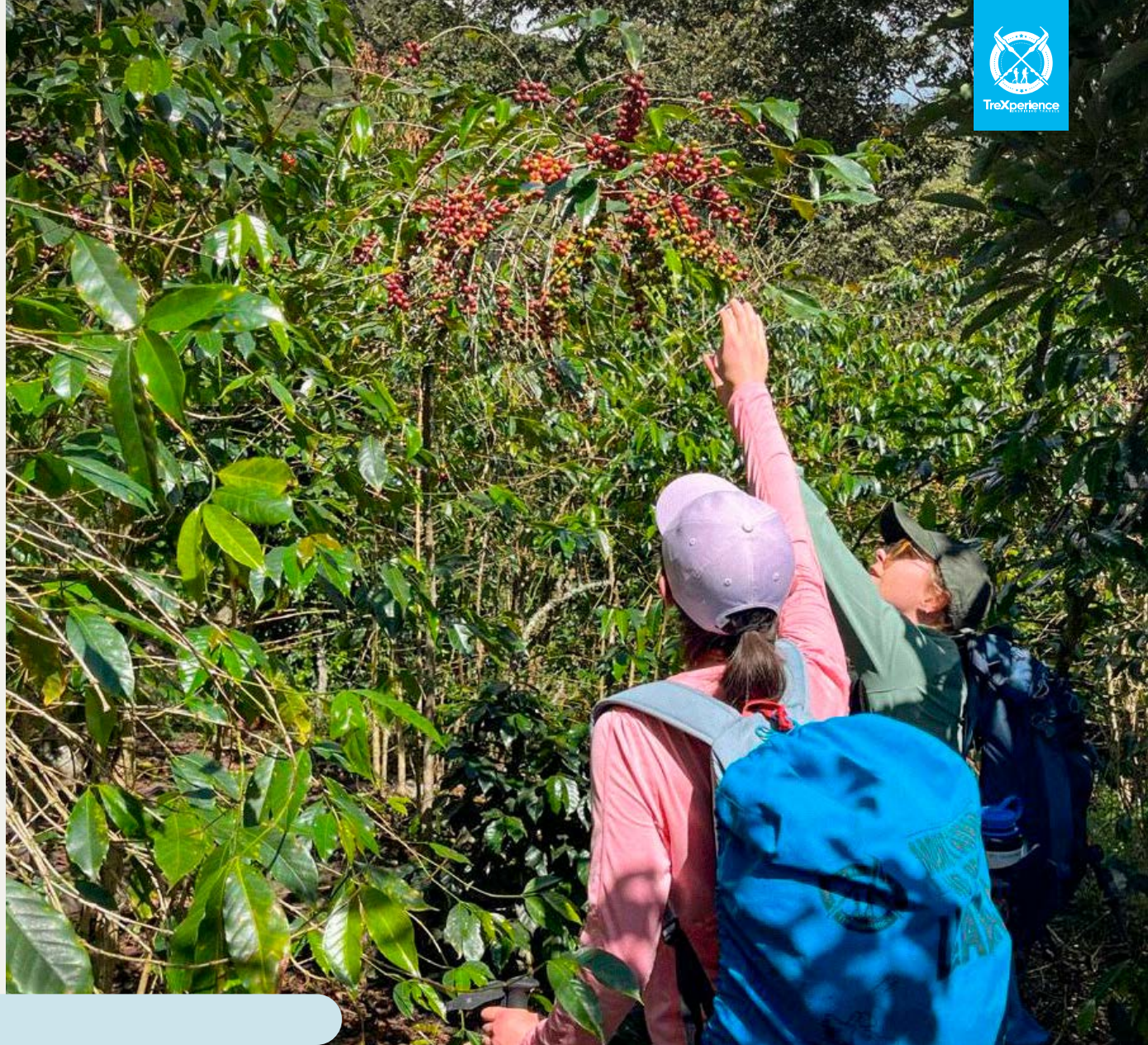
**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Day 06

Lucmabamba – Llaqtapata – Aguas Calientes

Wake up surrounded by coffee and avocado trees. After breakfast, you will visit local coffee farms and learn about the process of growing, harvesting, and preparing coffee in this cloud forest region.

We then begin the hike along an ancient Inca route toward Llaqtapata. This section takes around 3 hours uphill and rewards you with one of the most special views of the entire trek: Machu Picchu seen from across the valley.





After enjoying the views from Llactapata, we descend toward the hydroelectric area for lunch. Then we continue hiking along the train tracks to Aguas Calientes. Upon arrival, you will check in at your hotel, enjoy dinner, and rest before the final visit to Machu Picchu.

Distance

14 km / 8.7 miles

Duration

6 - 7 hours

Max. heightness

2,800 m / 9,186 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Hotel

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**

Coffee Experience in Lucmabamba



Coffee Experience in Lucmabamba



Llactapata Archeological Site



Aguas Calientes

Day 07

Aguas Calientes – Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

On the final day, wake up early and take the bus to Machu Picchu. After six days of remote trekking, this is the grand finale: your guided visit to the most iconic Inca citadel in Peru.

Your guide will lead you through the assigned Machu Picchu circuit, sharing the history, architecture, sacred spaces, and meaning of this extraordinary site. Circuit 2 is included by default whenever available because it offers one of the





most complete visits. If Circuit 2 is sold out, we will secure the best available alternative, usually Circuit 1 or Circuit 3.

After the guided tour, you may have time to explore more or hike Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain if you booked the extra ticket in advance. Later, return to Aguas Calientes, take the Vistadome Panoramic train, and continue by private transportation to your hotel in Cusco. The expected arrival time is around 7:30 p.m.

Duration

2 - 3 Hours

Machu Picchu altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Difficulty

Easy

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)

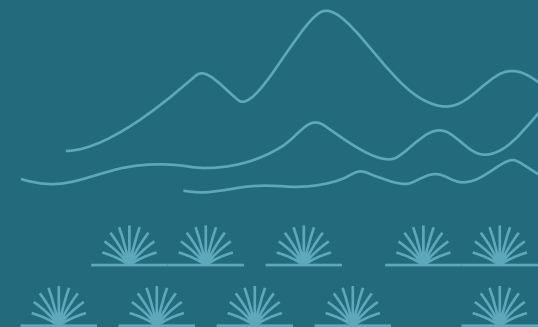
Included

- Safety briefing one day before the trek
- Hotel pickup and drop-off in Cusco
- All transportation during the tour
- Bus ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu and back
- Vistadome Panoramic train back to Cusco
- Entrance ticket to Choquequirao
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu
- Professional bilingual tour guide in English and Spanish
- Second tour guide for groups of 9+ travelers
- Trekking chefs, muleteers, and support staff
- Comfortable camping equipment, including tents, dining tent, tables, and chairs
- Portable toilets during the camping section
- Camp shower setup for the group during the trekking section
- 1 duffle bag for up to 10 kg / 22 lb of your personal belongings
- Cargo mules to carry food, camping equipment, and your duffle bag
- All meals during the trek, except lunch and dinner on the last day
- Drinking water during the trekking days
- Five nights of camping with comfortable equipment
- One night in a 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Sleeping foam mattress, pillows, and sheets
- First-aid kit, satellite phone, and oxygen bottle



Not included

- Sleeping bag, Trekking poles, Air mattress
- Lunch and dinner on the last day
- Entrance to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (optional)
- Gratuities for guides, chefs, muleteers, and support staff (optional)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)



Travel Essentials



Original Passport



Peruvian soles cash



Good-quality daypack



Water bottle



Personal Medication



Sunscreen



Lip balm



Hand sanitizer



Insect repellent



Toiletries

This section covers the basics you'll want for a smooth start. Think documentation, personal needs, and simple preparation for the trail. Pack only what truly supports comfort and safety, and avoid adding weight you won't use.

What to wear

Trekking days can bring sun, wind, rain, and noticeable temperature shifts. That's why dressing in layers and choosing comfortable hiking clothing matters. The goal is to adjust easily as conditions change, staying dry and warm when needed.



High-top
hiking boots



Hiking crew sock



Comfortable
underwear



Thermal
base layers



Moisture-wicking shirts



Hiking pants/
trousers



Fleece



Waterproof and
windproof jacket

What to put in the Daypack?



Sun hat or cap with
neck cover



Sunglasses



Beanie or chullo



Gloves



Buff or bandana



Snacks



Camera + extra
batteries



Power bank



Gaiters
(optional)



Earplugs

Your daypack should hold only what you'll use while hiking. Focus on hydration, weather protection, and personal items you want within reach. Keep it light and easy to access, so you can walk comfortably without stopping to dig for things.

What to put in your duffle bag?

Your duffle bag holds your main gear and is carried during the route by our porters. Pack neatly within the stated weight limit and group items by type. This protects your belongings and makes it easier to find what you need at camp.



Light footwear
or sandals



Quick-dry towel



Warm down jacket



Sport pants



Shorts



Sleeping bag



Sleeping foam pad

What TreXperience provide you

Our tour includes an agency T-shirt, a backpack cover, and a rain poncho. In addition, our hiking programs include a duffel bag (up to 10 kg / 22 lb), carried by our porters. Check here to see if your itinerary includes it.



Duffel Bag 10 kg / 22 lb



Trexperience T-shirt



Backpack Rain cover



Foam mattresses



Plastic Rain Coat

Equipment for Rent

We offer rental equipment to make your hiking experience more comfortable, including a sleeping bag, inflatable sleeping pad, and trekking poles. You can add these items based on your needs to enjoy a more comfortable rest and a better-prepared trek.



Sleeping Bag



Air Sleeping Pad



Hiking poles

About our camping equipment

Our camping equipment is selected with your comfort and safety in mind. It includes sleeping tents and dining tents, portable toilets, plus support equipment such as oxygen tanks and satellite phones, depending on the route and itinerary.



Private Sleeping Tents



Private Dining Tents



Private Toilet Tents



Oxygen Tank



Satellital Phones

Our service

Our service is designed to make your journey smooth, comfortable, and well organized from start to finish. From quality transportation and carefully arranged accommodation to reliable camping equipment, every element is selected to give you a higher level of comfort and peace of mind along the way.



Transportation

We manage your transfers in comfortable private vans, and your return journey includes a train ride back to Ollantaytambo. It's a smooth mix of comfort and scenery, with everything arranged to keep travel simple and stress-free.

The best equipment and accommodation

Our tour combines high-quality camping equipment on the trail—tents for sleeping, a dining tent, portable toilet tents, tables, chairs, and key comfort essentials—with a comfortable hotel stay. You'll enjoy better camp conditions outdoors, then recharge in quality lodging with comfortable rooms, clean bathrooms, hot showers, and Wi-Fi.





Vistadome Train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo

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
- 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

Our on-trail team helps make your journey safe, comfortable, enriching, and unforgettable. They're highly trained local professionals, committed to delivering attentive service and a smooth experience from start to finish.



Our Tour Guides

Our guides are local professionals from Cusco who take great pride in their cultural heritage. University-trained and fluent in English, they bring deep knowledge of Andean history, culture, geography, and nature—and share it in a clear, engaging way through stories, traditions, and everyday life. Responsible, approachable, and always ready to help, they focus on your safety and comfort while giving their best at every step. With ongoing training and a strong service mindset, they turn each day on the trail into a meaningful, enriching experience.



Our Muleteers

Our muleteers, from Andean communities, are essential to keeping the trek safe and well organized. They guide and care for horses and mules that carry key gear and supplies, allowing you to hike with less weight. With strong mountain experience, they understand trails and weather, and work responsibly and respectfully, always prioritizing animal wellbeing.



Our Trail Chefs

Our cooks are local professionals who bring Peru's culinary traditions to the mountains. They use fresh, organic ingredients sourced locally, combining Andean and Peruvian dishes with select international options, while following high hygiene standards. With care and flexibility, they adapt meals to dietary requirements and keep you fueled on the trek.



Our Drivers

Our drivers are the first to welcome you and make every transfer smooth, safe, and on time. With deep experience on Andean roads and a service-first mindset, they drive with care so you can travel with confidence. Our vehicles are modern, comfortable, and well maintained, meeting high safety standards so your journey starts and ends with peace of mind.



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 to 2026



Best of the Best
Tripadvisor
2022 to 2026



Peru Quality Award
2023 to 2026



Empresa Peruana del año
2026



Premios LuxLife
2025



LTG Global Awards
2025



Travel & Hospitality Awards
2025



Internacional Travel Awards
2025





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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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