

CHOQUEQUIRAO TREK & MACHU PICCHU

6 days / 5 nights



TreXperience
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GROUP
TOUR



Travellers
Choice





Remote trails, vast landscapes, and an unforgettable finale



The Choquequirao Trek to Machu Picchu 6 Days connects two of Peru's most powerful Inca citadels in one unforgettable trip. First, you hike deep into the Apurimac Canyon to reach Choquequirao, a remote Inca city hidden in the Andes. Then, you continue by train through the Sacred Valley and finish with a guided visit to Machu Picchu.

This premium small-group tour is designed for travelers who want real adventure with smart logistics and comfort where it matters. TreXperience, a 100% Peruvian local tour operator, takes care of the details: expert guides, comfortable transport, quality camping gear, fresh meals by trekking chefs, muleteers, horses, train tickets, Machu Picchu tickets, hotel in Aguas Calientes, and safe support from start to finish.

Why hike the Choquequirao Trek to Machu Picchu?

- Connect two great Inca citadels: Explore remote Choquequirao and finish at Machu Picchu.
- Hike through the Apurímac Canyon: Enjoy deep canyon views, warm valleys, and scenic mountain trails.
- Authentic camping experience: Sleep in comfortable tents with quality camping gear.
- Enjoy warm, delicious food prepared by expert trekking chefs using fresh ingredients.
- Responsible local operation: Travel with a local team committed to safety, sustainability, and fair treatment for all staff.





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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

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chikiska

- Cusco - Capuliyoc (4:00 hrs. aprox)
- Capuliyoc - Chikiska 10 km / 6.2 miles — 4 - 5 hrs

2 Day 2

Chikiska – Playa Rosalina – Santa Rosa – Marampata

- Chikiska - Marampata 15 km / 9.3 miles — 6 - 7 hrs

3 Day 3

Marampata – Choquequirao – Marampata

- Marampata - Choquequirao - Marampata 7 km / 4.3 miles — 4 - 5 hrs

4 Day 4

Marampata – Playa Rosalina – Chikiska

- Marampata - Chikiska 15 km / 9.3 miles — 6 - 7 hrs

5 Day 5

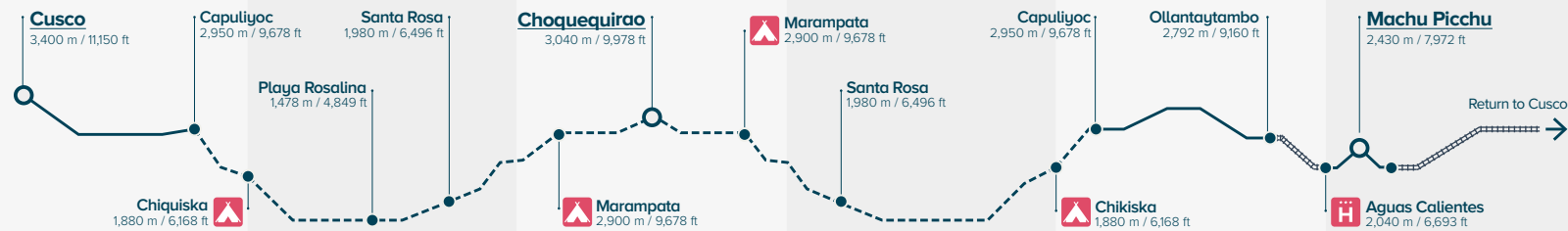
Chikiska – Capuliyoc – Ollantaytambo – Aguas Cal.

- Chikiska - Capuliyoc 10 km / 6.2 miles — 3 - 4 hrs
- Capuliyoc - Ollantaytambo
- Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes 1:30 hrs

6 Day 6

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

- Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu Round Trip (30 minutes)
- Guided Tour in Machu Picchu 2 - 3 hours





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	6 days / 5 nights
Distance	55 km / 34 mi
Difficulty	Challenging
Accommodation	Camping, hotel
Group size	Around 12 persons
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology
Languages	English, Spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chikiska

→ Day 02

Chikiska – Playa Rosalina – Santa Rosa – Marampata

→ Day 03

Marampata – Choquequirao – Marampata

→ Day 04

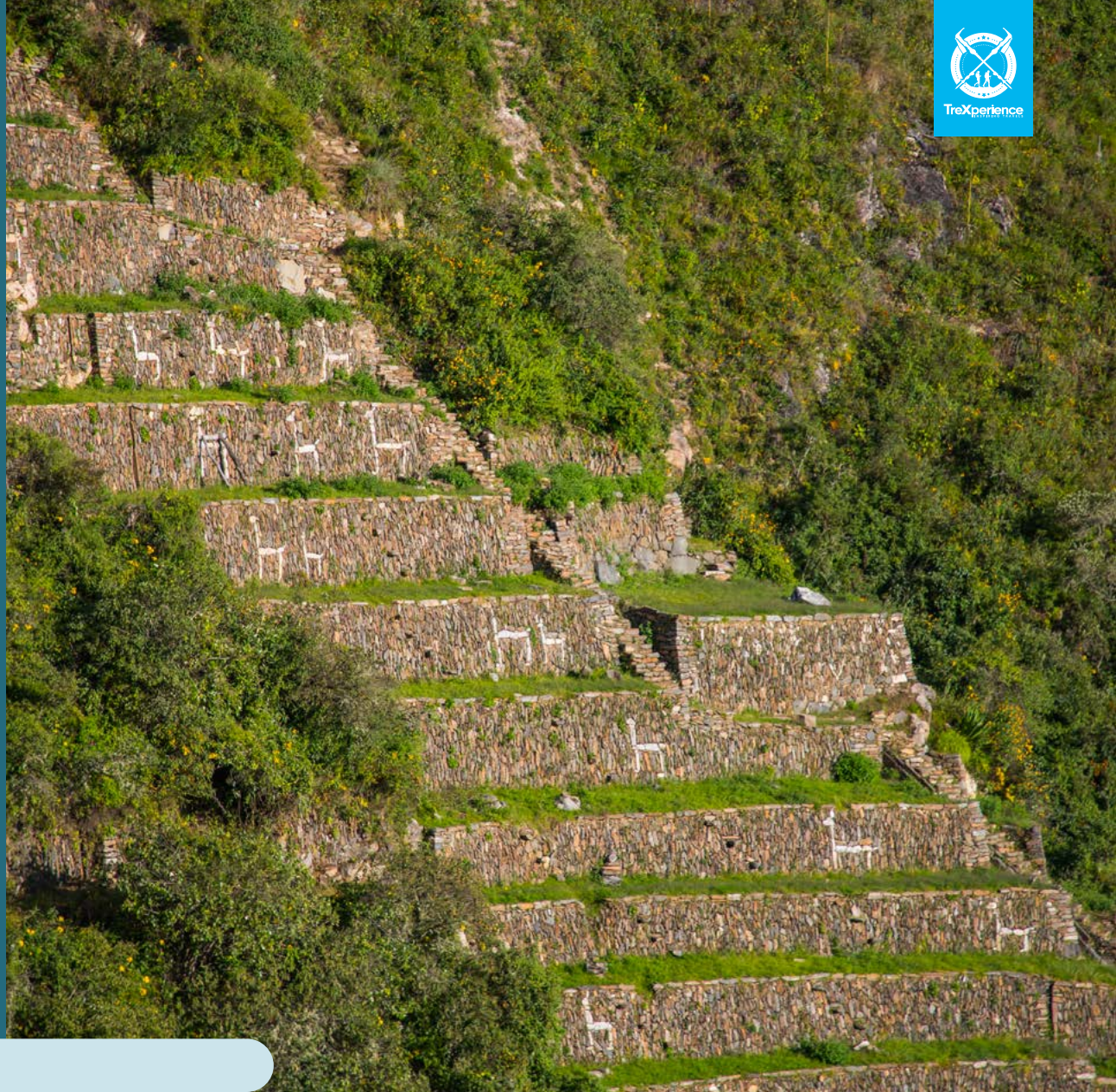
Marampata – Playa Rosalina – Chikiska

→ Day 05

Chikiska – Capuliyoc – Cusco – Ollantaytambo –
Aguas Calientes

→ Day 06

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Capuliyoc – Chikiska

Your Choquequirao Trek to Machu Picchu 6 Days begins with an early pickup from your hotel in Cusco at 4:30 a.m. We travel by private transportation for about 4 hours to Capuliyoc, where your trekking chef will prepare a fresh breakfast before the hike begins.

From Capuliyoc (2,950 m / 9,678 ft), we begin a scenic descent into the Apurimac Canyon. This first day introduces you to the scale of the Andes: wide views, warm valleys, changing vegetation, and dramatic mountain walls rising above the river below.





After several hours of hiking, we reach Chikiska (1,950 m / 6,398 ft), where our trekking team will set up camp and prepare dinner. Tonight, you will rest in comfortable tents and enjoy your first night under the Andean sky.

Hiking Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Hiking Duration

4 - 5 hours

Max. heightness

2,950 m / 9,678 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
dinner**

Day 02

Chikiska – Playa Rosalina – Santa Rosa –
Marampata

Wake up early in your tent with a hot cup of coffee or coca tea served by your trekking team. After breakfast, we begin the day with a descent to Playa Rosalina (1,500 m / 4,921 ft), near the Apurimac River.

After crossing the river by bridge, the main climb of the day begins. We hike uphill toward Santa Rosa, where we will stop for lunch with beautiful views of the canyon and surrounding mountains.





This section is demanding, but your guide will set a steady pace and make sure the group moves safely.

After lunch, we continue the ascent to Marampata (2,940 m / 9,646 ft), one of the most beautiful viewpoints on the route. From here, you will enjoy wide-open views of the Apurimac Canyon and the mountains around Choquequirao. Tonight, we camp in Marampata, a peaceful place with clear skies and unforgettable views.

Distance

15 km / 9.3 miles

Duration

6 - 7 hours

Max. heightness

2,900 m / 9,514 ft

Difficulty

Moderate to Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

Breakfast, snacks, lunch, dinner

Day 03

Marampata – Choquequirao – Marampata

Today is the heart of the Choquequirao Trek to Machu Picchu 6 Days. We wake up early with hot drinks and breakfast while the mountains begin to light up around Marampata. After breakfast, we hike for about 2 hours toward the archaeological site of Choquequirao.

We will enjoy lunch near the Choquequirao area and spend the day visiting the most important sectors of the site with your guide, including plazas, terraces, ceremonial areas, viewpoints,





and hidden corners that reveal the power and mystery of this remote Inca city.

Choquequirao means “Cradle of Gold” and is often called the sister city of Machu Picchu. Its remote location, dramatic mountain setting, and peaceful atmosphere make it one of the most special archaeological experiences in Peru. In the afternoon, we return to Marampata for dinner and another quiet night at camp.

Distance

7 km/ 4.3 miles

Duration

4 - 5 hours

Max. heightness

3,050 m / 10,007 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
dinner**





Choquequirao Archeological Site



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Day 04

Marampata – Playa Rosalina – Chikiska

After a second morning in Marampata, enjoy breakfast with beautiful mountain views before beginning the return hike. We descend toward Playa Rosalina, passing through warm canyon landscapes, rural areas, flowers, birds, and wide views of the Apurimac Valley.

The descent can be hard on the knees, so trekking poles are very helpful. After reaching the river area near Playa Rosalina, we continue through the canyon toward Chikiska, where we will camp for the final night of the trekking section.





This is a perfect day to slow down, enjoy the surrounding nature, and feel the strength of the canyon one last time. At camp, your trekking team will be waiting with warm drinks, dinner, and comfortable tents for your last night on the trail.

Distance

15 km / 9.3 miles

Duration

6 - 7 hours

Max. heightness

2,900 m / 9,514 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
dinner**

Day 05

Chikiska – Capuliyoc – Cusco –
Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes

On the final trekking morning, wake up one last time with hot tea or coffee in your tent. After breakfast, we begin the final uphill hike from Chikiska to Capuliyoc. This last section is a strong but rewarding climb, with final views over the Apurimac Canyon and the route you have completed.





At Capuliyoc, we will enjoy a farewell lunch prepared by your trekking team. This is the moment to rest, take in the views, and thank the chefs, muleteers, and support staff who helped make the camping journey possible.

After lunch, we travel by private transportation toward Cusco and continue to Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley. From there, we board the train to Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo. Upon arrival, you will check in at your hotel and rest before the next day's visit to Machu Picchu.

Hiking Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Hiking Duration

3 - 4 hours

Max. hightness

2,950 m / 9,678 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

**3-starts hotel in
Aguas Calientes**

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch**

Day 06

Explore Machu Picchu — Return to Cusco

On the final day, enjoy an early breakfast at your hotel and take the bus to Machu Picchu. This is the grand finale of your journey: after hiking to remote Choquequirao and crossing the Andes, you will explore 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 can optionally hike Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain if you booked the extra ticket in advance. Later, return by bus to Aguas Calientes, have lunch on your own, and board the Vistadome Panoramic train back to Ollantaytambo. Our private transportation will take you back 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)

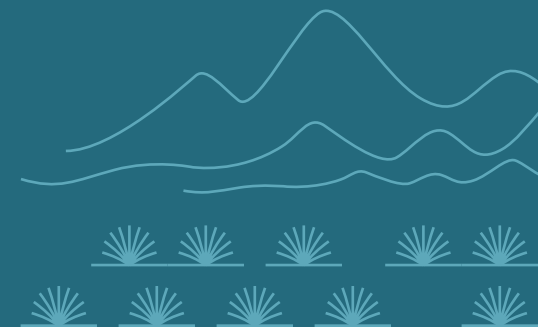
Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Hotel pickup and drop-off
- All transportation during the 6-day tour
- Professional bilingual tour guide in English and Spanish
- Second tour guide for groups of 9+ travelers
- Comfortable camping equipment
- Dining and kitchen equipment
- Trekking chefs to prepare fresh meals on the trail
- Muleteers and horses to support camp logistics
- Fresh meals during the trekking days
- Daily snacks
- Drinking water during the trek
- Entrance ticket to Choquequirao
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu
- Train ticket from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes
- Vistadome Panoramic train for the return journey
- 4 nights of camping during the trekking route
- 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Bus tickets to and from Machu Picchu
- First-aid kit, oxygen bottle, and satellite phone



Not included

- Travel insurance
- Inflatable mattress, sleeping bag, trekking poles, or single tent (available to rent from us)
- Personal expenses, such as souvenirs, extra drinks, and snacks
- Lunch on the last day in Aguas Calientes
- Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain tickets (optional)



Travel Essentials

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.



Original Passport



Peruvian soles cash



Good-quality daypack



Water bottle



Personal Medication



Sunscreen



Lip balm



Hand sanitizer



Insect repellent



Toiletries

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?

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.



Sun hat or cap with neck cover



Sunglasses



Beanie or chullo



Gloves



Buff or bandana



Snacks



Camera + extra batteries



Power bank



Gaiters (optional)

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

All our tours include an agency T-shirt, a backpack cover, and a rain poncho. In addition, our hiking programs include a duffel bag (up to 7 kg), carried by our porters. Check here to see if your itinerary includes it.



Duffel Bag 7kg / 15lb



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



Satelital 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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