

HUCHUY QOSQO TREK

to Machu Picchu

3 days / 2 nights



TreXperience
INSPIRING TRAVELS

GROUP
TOUR





An authentic hike through the Andes before the grand encounter



The Huchuy Qosqo Trek 3 Days is one of the best short treks to Machu Picchu. It combines mountain scenery, lakes, local Andean villages, ancient Inca paths, one night of camping, one night in a hotel in Aguas Calientes, and a final guided tour of Machu Picchu.

This route begins near Tambomachay, above Cusco, and crosses peaceful highland landscapes before reaching Huchuy Qosqo, an impressive Inca site overlooking the Sacred Valley. After exploring the Inca site, you descend to the Sacred Valley, travel to Ollantaytambo, and take the train to Machu Picchu Pueblo (Aguas Calientes).

Travel with TreXperience, a 100% Peruvian local tour operator based in Cusco. We take care of the important details: professional guides, comfortable camping equipment, fresh meals on the route, hotel, trains, Machu Picchu tickets, Vistadome return train, safety support, and personal service from start to finish.

Why hike the Huchuy Qosqo Trek to Machu Picchu?

- Short trek to Machu Picchu through a quieter 3-day route.
- High-Andean scenery with lakes, valleys, llamas, and alpacas.
- Huchuy Qosqo with terraces, plazas, channels, and Sacred Valley views.
- Camping in Pukamarca with fresh meals and full team support.
- Machu Picchu guided tour with Circuit 2 when available.
- Premium small-group service with expert guides and quality equipment.





Huchuy Qosqo Trek to Machu Picchu

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Legend

Transportation

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

Accommodation

- Camping
- Hotel

Experiences

- Archeological Site
- Tourist Sights
- Handcrafts

1 Day 1

Cusco – Tambomachay – Pukamarca

- Cusco - Tambomachay (20 minutos)
- Tambomachay - Pukamarca (13 km / 8.1 mi - 7 hours)

2 Day 2

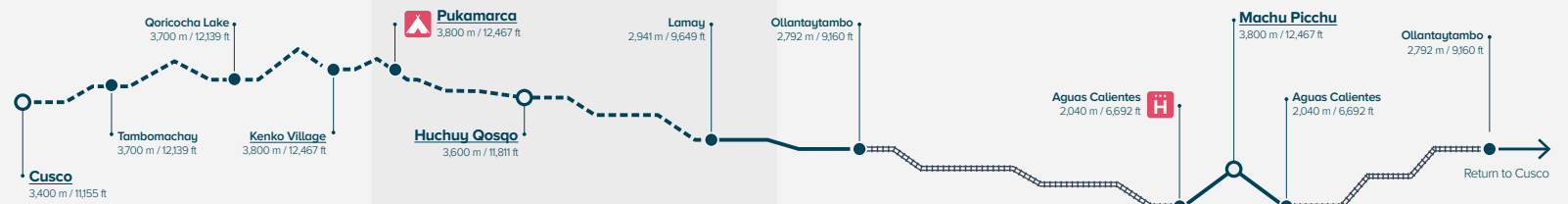
Pukamarca – Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes

- Pukamarca - Huchuy Qosqo - Lamay (8 km / 5 mi - 6 hours)
- Lamay - Ollantaytambo (1.30 hours)
- Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes (1.30 hours)

3 Day 3

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

- Machu Picchu guided tour (2 - 3 hours)
- Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu (20 minutes)





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	3 days / 2 nights
Distance	21 km / 13 miles
Difficulty	Moderate
Accommodation	Camping, hotel
Group size	Around 12 persons
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology, Cultural
Languages	English, Spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Tambomachay – Pukamarca

→ Day 02

Pukamarca – Huchuy Qosqo –
Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 03

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Tambomachay – Pukamarca

The TreXperience team will pick you up from your hotel around 7:00 a.m. and drive you to Tambomachay, located just outside Cusco. Breakfast is not included on this first morning, so we recommend eating at your hotel before pickup.

From Tambomachay, you begin the hike through open Andean landscapes, quiet valleys, and highland trails with views of lakes, mountains, llamas, alpacas, and local farming areas. The first section includes a steady uphill walk toward our lunch spot near Q'ellwacocha Lake, where your trekking chef will prepare a fresh meal.





After lunch, and depending on timing and conditions, we may visit Kenko Village, a small Andean community where families live from farming, livestock, and traditional highland life. Then we continue along a restored Inca path with gradual uphill and downhill sections until we reach Pukamarca.

Tonight, you camp in a quiet mountain setting at around 3,800 m / 12,467 ft. Your team will have the camp ready, with warm water to wash, tea time, dinner, and comfortable tents for a peaceful night under the Andean sky.

Distance

13 km / 8.1 miles

Duration

6 -7 hours

Max. hightness

3,800 m / 12,467 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

Lunch and dinner

Day 02

Pukamarca – Huchuy Qosqo – Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes

Wake up in the Andes and enjoy a fresh breakfast at camp. Today is a beautiful and more relaxed hiking day, with a strong cultural reward: the visit to Huchuy Qosqo, one of the most impressive and less crowded Inca sites above the Sacred Valley.

The hike to Huchuy Qosqo takes around 3 hours, crossing peaceful landscapes and ancient trails. Once we arrive, your guide will take you through terraces, storehouses, plazas, water channels, and ceremonial areas while explaining the history and importance of this Inca complex, built more than 500 years ago.

From the site, you will enjoy wide views of the Sacred Valley, the Urubamba River, and the surrounding mountains. After the guided visit, we descend for about





1 hour toward Lamay, where your trekking chef will be waiting with a fresh lunch.

After lunch, private transportation takes us to Ollantaytambo, one of the best-preserved living Inca towns in the Sacred Valley. You will have time to see its ancient streets and local atmosphere before dinner at a local restaurant. In the evening, we board the train to Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo, where you spend the night in a comfortable hotel.

Distance

8 km / 5 mi

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

3,600 m / 11,811 ft

Difficulty

Easy to moderate

Accommodation

Hotel

Meals

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

Huchuy Qosqo



Aguas Calientes

Day 03

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

After breakfast at the hotel, we take the bus to Machu Picchu for the most important moment of the journey. After hiking through the Andes, visiting Huchuy Qosqo, and traveling through the Sacred Valley, you finally arrive at the most famous Inca citadel in Peru.

Your expert guide will lead you through the assigned Machu Picchu circuit, sharing the history, architecture, temples, terraces, water channels, and sacred spaces 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 for your date, we will secure the best available alternative, usually Circuit 1 or Circuit 3, depending on official availability. If you booked Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain in advance, you can do the optional hike after the guided tour.

After the visit, you return by bus to Aguas Calientes and have time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon, board the Vistadome panoramic train to Ollantaytambo. Our team will meet you at the station and transfer you back to your hotel in Cusco, usually arriving around 7:30 p.m.

Duration

2 - 3 Hours

Machu Picchu Altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Difficulty

Easy

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)



Machu Picchu

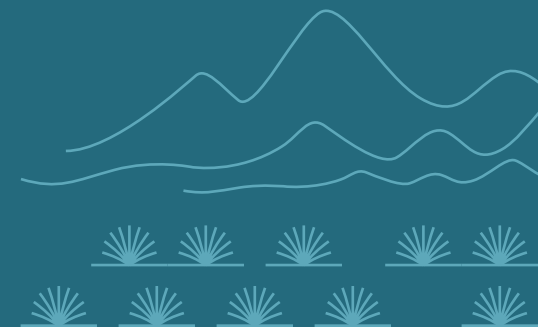
Included

- Pre-departure safety briefing
- Professional bilingual tour guide in English and Spanish
- Hotel pickup on the day of the tour
- All transportation during the 3 days
- Trekking chef, horsemen, and support staff
- Horses to carry food and camping equipment
- Duffle bag for up to 7 kg / 15 lb of personal belongings
- 1 night of camping
- 1 night in a 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Drinking water, boiled and cooled, during the trekking section
- Snacks, tea time, and hot water during the hike
- Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options with advance notice
- 4-person tents shared by 2 travelers for extra comfort
- Mattresses, pillows, and warm blankets
- Camping equipment including tents, tables, chairs, and portable toilet
- First-aid kit, oxygen tank, and satellite phone
- Entrance ticket to Huchuy Qosqo
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu - Circuit 2 by default when available
- Round-trip bus ticket between Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu
- Panoramic Vistadome train for the return journey



Not included

- Breakfast on Day 1
- Sleeping bag, air mattress, and trekking poles, available to rent
- Lunch on the last day after the Machu Picchu tour
- Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain tickets, optional
- Travel insurance, strongly recommended



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



Trexpereience T-shirt



Backpack Rain cover



Foam mattres



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 the flavors. Each meal along the route is an opportunity to connect with Peruvian tradition and recharge your energy.



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

- Quinoa in soups and salads
- Peruvian ceviche
- Lomo Saltado
- Ají de Gallina
- Alpaca meat and Guinea pig in different preparations
- Chicha Morada
- Coca tea

Meals during 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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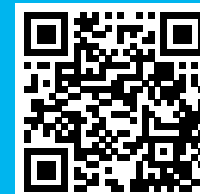
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