

ULTIMATE SALKANTAY TREK to Machu Picchu

5 days / 4 nights



TreXperience
INSPIRING TRAVELS

GROUP
TOUR





From the Andean Sacred Mountain to Machu Picchu



The Salkantay Trek 5 Days is a complete adventure to Machu Picchu, offering mountain views, real adventure, local culture, and comfort with a trusted local team.

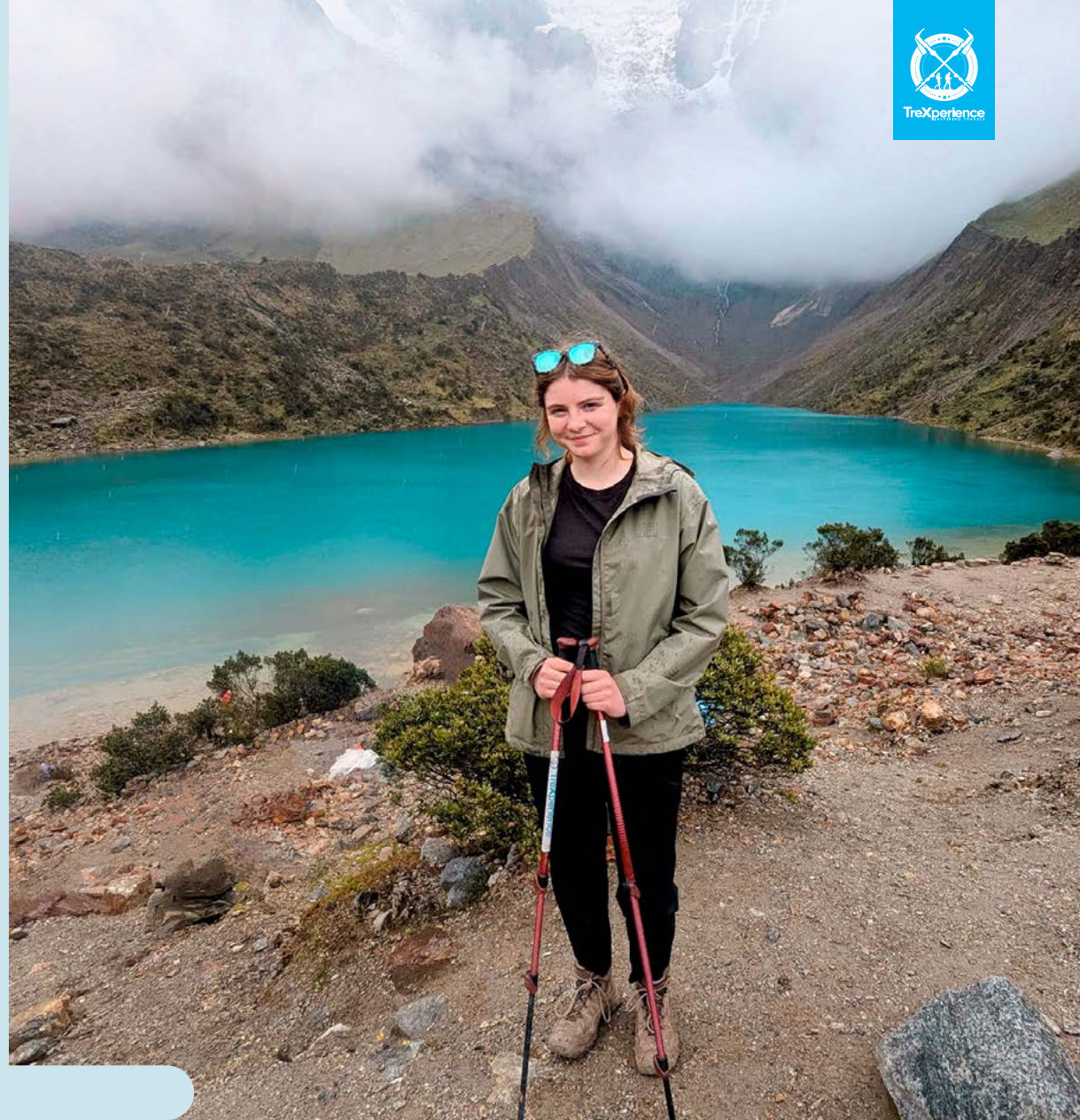
The route goes from Humantay Lake to Salkantay Pass, descending into the Cloud Forest through coffee farms, waterfalls, villages, and ancient paths before reaching Machu Picchu.

The first night is at Salka Glamp Campsite in Salkantaypampa with glamping-style tents, mountain views, clear skies, and a relaxed atmosphere. The second night is in Andean huts at Collpapampa, including a Pachamanca barbecue and a visit to a local coffee farm. Camp at Llactapata offers distant views of Machu Picchu.

The trek ends at Machu Picchu, explored with a professional guide before returning on the panoramic Vistadome Train. It includes small premium groups, fresh meals, responsible logistics, and a 100% Peruvian team that respects all staff.

Why hike the Ultimate Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu?

- Hike one of Peru's most complete trekking adventures to Machu Picchu.
- Sleep at our exclusive Salka Glamp Campsite below Salkantay Mountain.
- Rest in comfortable Andean huts at a locally owned campsite in Collpapampa.
- Enjoy a traditional Pachamanca barbecue and visit a local coffee farm.
- Camp at Llactapata with a beautiful distant view of Machu Picchu.
- Return to Cusco on the panoramic Vistadome or 360° Train.





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Ultimate Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu

5 days / 4 nights

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 – Llactapata

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

4 Day 4

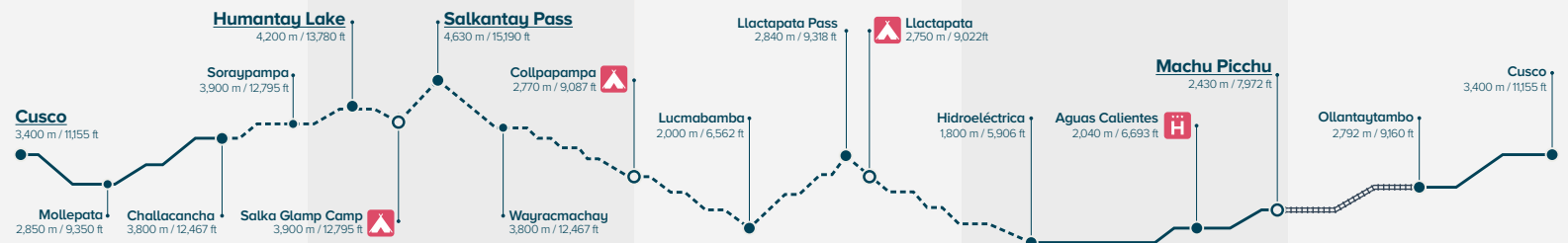
Llactapata – Hidroeléctrica – Aguas Calientes

- Llactapata – 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

Starts / Ends **Cusco / Cusco**

Duration **5 days / 4 nights**

Distance **68 km / 42.5 miles**

Difficulty **Moderate to
challenging**

Accommodation **Camping, hotel**

Group size **Around 12 persons**

Activities **Hiking & Camping,
Archeology,
Gastronomy**

Languages **English, Spanish**



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Humantay Lake – Salka-Glamp Campsite

→ Day 02

Salka-Glamp – Wayracmachay – Collpapampa

→ Day 03

Collpapampa – Lucmabamba – Llactapata

→ Day 04

Llactapata – Hidroeléctrica – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 05

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Humantay Lake – Salka Glamp Campsite

We will pick you up from your hotel around 4:30 a.m., depending on your location, for a 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 part of our trekking team.

The adventure begins with a 3-hour hike to Humantay Lake (4,200 m / 13,779 ft), one of the most beautiful turquoise lakes in the Andes. You'll have time to rest, explore, take photos, and enjoy the powerful mountain setting before hiking downhill for about 1 hour to Soraypampa (3,600 m / 11,811 ft), where our chef will be waiting with a fresh lunch made from local ingredients.

After lunch, the trail continues uphill for 2 hours to Salkantaypampa (4,150 m / 13,615 ft), one of the closest





and most peaceful campsite locations below Salkantay Mountain. Along the way, you may spot Andean geese, deer, and the curious rabbit-like vizcacha that lives among the rocks.

Tonight, you'll stay at our exclusive Salka Glamp Campsite, away from the typical crowds and surrounded by open mountain views. Enjoy comfortable glamping-style bell tents, clear night skies, a warm basecamp atmosphere, tea time, fresh dinner, and the quiet feeling of sleeping below Salkantay Mountain.

Distance

16 km / 10 mi

Duration

8 hours

Max. hightness

4,200 m / 13,779 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

**Salka Glamp
Campsite**

Meals

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



Humantay Mountain from the Route

Salkantay Mountain from Soraypampa



Humantay Lake

Day 02

**Salkantay Basecamp — Salkantay Pass —
Wayracmachay — Collpapampa**

You'll wake up early with hot coffee or coca tea delivered to your tent while the mountains slowly light up around camp. After breakfast, we'll begin the 2-hour ascent to the highest point of the trek, the Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft).

At the top, we'll take time to rest, enjoy the views, and connect with the power of Salkantay Mountain (6,270 m / 20,574 ft). This is the most dramatic section of the route, with glaciers, rocky peaks, and high Andean landscapes all around you.

From the pass, we follow a 3-hour descent to our lunch place at Wayracmachay (3,800 m / 12,467 ft),





where our trekking team will be waiting with a fresh meal. You may also spot vizcachas, a rabbit-like Andean rodent related to the chinchilla.

After lunch, we'll continue downhill for 3 more hours, leaving the cold highlands and entering the lush Cloud Forest. You'll feel the change almost instantly as the weather becomes warmer, the air more humid, and the landscape greener. Tonight, you'll stay in comfortable Andean huts at a locally owned campsite next to the village of Collpapampa.

Distance

18 km / 11.2 mi

Duration

9 hours

Max. height

4,630 m / 15,190 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Andean huts

Meals

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



Salka-Glamp (Salkantaypampa)



Salkantay Pass

Day 03

Collpapampa – Lucmabamba – Llactapata

Enjoy a relaxed morning in the village while looking back at the mountains you crossed the day before. After breakfast, we'll begin one of the most beautiful and cultural days of the Salkantay Trek 5 Days, hiking through the Cloud Forest toward Lucmabamba.

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). Here, our chef will prepare a traditional Pachamanca barbecue, an authentic Peruvian underground hot-stone meal made with fresh meat, vegetables, fruits, aromatic herbs, and local ingredients.

While the Pachamanca cooks underground, you'll visit local coffee farms with local hosts. Depending on the season, you may help harvest coffee, learn the process from plant to cup, roast or grind the beans, and prepare your own fresh cup of Peruvian coffee. This is one of the most human and memorable experiences of the trek.





After lunch, we'll continue with a 3-hour climb along an ancient Inca path to Llactapata, a small Inca site located on a mountaintop at 2,750 m / 9,022 ft. From here, you'll enjoy your first distant view of Machu Picchu, a powerful moment that makes this 5-day version especially rewarding.

Tonight, you'll camp facing Machu Picchu. If the weather allows, you may enjoy sunset over the mountains and wake up the next morning with a cup of coffee and a beautiful sunrise view of Machu Picchu from your tent.

Distance

16 km / 10 mi

Duration

8 hours

Max. height

2,770 m / 9,088 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch
(pachamanca)
and dinner**



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 the mountain across the valley while your trekking team serves you coffee or coca tea. This peaceful morning at Llactapata is one of the biggest reasons travelers choose the 5-day Salkantay route.

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 trail team, and begin the final hiking stretch of your Salkantay TreXperience to Aguas Calientes.

The last part of the trek is a 3-hour walk along the railway, following the Urubamba River upstream. This section is full





of history, vegetation, birds, orchids, and views that slowly bring you closer to Machu Picchu Pueblo.

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

Distance

14 km / 8.7 mi

Duration

6 hours

Max. heightness

2,840 m / 9,318 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

3-star hotel

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
and dinner**



Sunrise from the camp at Llactapata



Machu Picchu view from Llactapata



Llactapata Archeological Site

Suspension Bridge over Ahobamba River



Bridge in Hidroeléctrica

Day 05

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

Today is the highlight of the Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu. You'll wake up early, have breakfast at the hotel, and take one of the first buses up to Machu Picchu to enter the citadel in the morning with your professional guide.

Your guide will lead you through the most important areas of Machu Picchu, sharing the history, architecture, temples, terraces, and sacred spaces of this extraordinary Inca city. The guided tour lasts about 2 to 3 hours, including time for photos at the best viewpoints allowed by your assigned circuit.

If booked in advance, you can also hike Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain after the





guided tour. These hikes require extra tickets and are subject to availability.

In Machu Picchu, we include Circuit 2 by default when available. If Circuit 2 is sold out, we will secure the best available option, which may be Circuit 3 or Circuit 1. We strongly suggest booking early, as tickets, circuits, and schedules are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

After your visit, you'll take the bus back to Aguas Calientes, have lunch (not included), pick up your bags from the hotel, and board the panoramic Vistadome Train or 360° Train to Ollantaytambo. From there, a private van will take you back to Cusco, where the TreXperience team will drop you off at your hotel.

Duration

2 - 3 Hours

Machu Picchu Altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Difficulty

Easy

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)



Machu Picchu

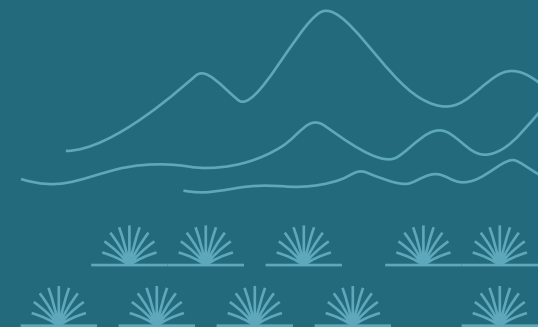
Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour.
- Hotel pickup and drop-off.
- All transportation during the tour.
- Professional bilingual tour guide in English and Spanish.
- Return on the panoramic Vistadome Train or 360° Train.
- Round-trip bus to Machu Picchu.
- Entry tickets to the Salkantay Trek.
- Machu Picchu entrance ticket.
- Muleteers to carry camping equipment and the approved duffel weight.
- Experienced trekking chef to prepare fresh meals on the trail.
- 1 night at Salka Glamp Campsite for a premium adventure glamping experience below Salkantay Mountain (Day 1).
- 1 night in Andean huts in Collpapampa (Day 2).
- 1 night in comfortable tents at Llactapata, with distant 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.
- Duffel bag for up to 7 kg / 15 lb of personal belongings.
- First-aid kit, satellite phones, and oxygen supply.
- Pillow, sleeping pad, rain poncho, and hand towels.



Not included

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



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?



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 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.



Luxury Sleeping Tents



Private Sleeping Tents



Private Dining Tents



Private Toilet Tents



Oxygen Tank



Satellite 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.

Pachamanca

During the tour, we'll prepare pachamanca together—an Andean traditional barbecue cooked underground with hot stones.







Pachamanca (Andean Barbecue)



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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 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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