



**SALCANTAY TO SANTA TERESA TREK & MACHU PICCHU**  
**5 days / 4 Nights**

Level : Moderate to challenging; good physical condition required

Duration : 5 days / 4 nights

Location : Mollepata, Mount Salkantay & Machu Picchu

Season : April to November

Departures : Every Day, upon request.

**Day 1: CUSCO – MOLLEPATA – MARCOCASA – SORAYPAMPA:**

At 06:00 a.m. the tour will start with private transport from the city of Cusco. We will pass the towns of Izcuchaca and Limatambo and after 02 hours drive we will arrive to Mollepata (2950m/9676ft) where we will stop for a short rest and have a coffee. Afterwards we will continue our drive (1 hour) towards the small settlement of Marcocasa at 3300m/10824ft. From here we start our first day of trek (5 hours) towards our camp at Soraypampa (3850m/12628ft) an Andean valley located at the foothills of the beautiful Mount Humantay (5910m/19385ft). On the way, you will enjoy fine views of the surrounding valleys of Curahuasi and Apurimac. Camp. (Lunch box / Dinner)

**Day 2: SORAYPAMPA – HUAYRACMACHAY:**

This morning our mules will be prepared and ready to transport our heavy equipment along the entire route. From Soraypampa we will start our 4 hour trek towards Soyrococha at 4400m/14432 where we will have our first lunch while enjoying great views of the impressive west face of mount Salcantay (6264m/20546ft). After lunch, a 3 hours hike will take us down to our camp at Huayracmachay. On the way, we will first reach the Salcantay pass at 4750m/15580ft and then we will trek down to our camp at the Huayracmachay settlement. During our hike we will have the permanent view of the amazing mount Salcantay. If we are lucky enough we will be also able to observe the flight of the amazing condor bird known as the "King of the Andes". During our descend from Salcantay pass we will also have the opportunity to observe the remains of an ancient Inca Trail, a road of approximately 6 meters wide. Camp at 3800m/12464ft.  
(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

**Day 3: HUAYRACMACHAY CAMP – WINAYPOKO CAMP:**

After a hearty breakfast, at 08:00 a.m. we will be ready to continue our 7 hours trek heading northeast down to the Colpapampa's Valley (3200m/10496ft). Leaving the Huaracmachay plain very soon we will start an impressive descend into the deep canyon of the Salcantay river. The highland landscape suddenly turns into an amazing cloud forest with the typical grass, bushes and trees covered with beautiful bromelias. After 3 hours we will reach the small settlement of Challway and from here another 40 minutes---1 hour hike will take us to Colpapampa village where we will enjoy a hot lunch. From Colpapampa the Salcantay River turns into the Santa Teresa River. After a rest we will continue our descend to the shores of the Totora River where we can enjoy a soak in the nearby hot water springs. Then following along the north side of the Santa Teresa River we will continue (3 hours) until reaching our next camp at Winaypoko settlement (2800m/5904ft). Just 30 minutes before Winaypoko we will have the opportunity to observe the beautiful Coripacchi waterfalls.

In the evening, at our camp we will enjoy a good meal with some wine around a camp fire.  
(Breakfast/Lunch box/Dinner)

**Day 4: WINAYPOKO - LA PLAYA - HIDROELECTRICA – AGUAS CALIENTES:**

In our last trekking day, we will hike for 3 hours down to the place known as La Playa. This trek will take us along the north side of Santa Teresa River. On the way down, we will observe plantations of banana, coffee, granadillas (a typical fruit from the area), avocado trees, etc. The sound of parrot flocks will accompany us during the hike and on the river perhaps we will be able to observe the fast fly of king fisher.

At La Playa we will enjoy lunch, after this we will board the transportation to get to Santa Teresa; from here we will continue hiking until reaching La Hidroelectrica (operation area of the hydroelectric power plant). Here we will board the local train to the town of Aguas Calientes where we will arrive after a train ride of 1 hour.

Then our guide will take you to your hotel for a well deserved rest.

(Breakfast / Lunch box).

Overnight in Aguas Calientes: hotel on your own.

**Day 5: AGUAS CALIENTES – MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO:**

In our last day, an early morning wake up will be followed by breakfast in the hotel and then a public bus transport will take you up to the main entrance of the Machu Picchu City (2400m/7872ft). A guided tour will show you this beautiful Inca City, one of the most famous in the world. You will visit the Intihuatana, the temple of the 3 windows, the temple of the moon, the terraces, the ceremonial fountains, the sun gate and other sectors of the impressive citadel. In the afternoon, we take the public bus down to Aguas Calientes

and you will return to Ollantaytambo (or Cusco) by train, from where our transport will take you back to Cusco. Transfer to your hotel. End of our program. (Breakfast)

**Price includes:**

- Orientation meeting in Cusco (previous to departure date).
- Professional bilingual guide (English-Spanish), additional cost for other languages.
- Transfer put in and put off.
- All balance meals during the trekking (5 days/4 nights), including snacks.
- All common camping gear: 3 men mountain tent for 2 people, inflatable mattress, kitchen dishes, kitchen tent, dinner tent, toilet tent, table, chairs.
- Cook, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included as described.
- Horse and mules for the whole equipment.
- First-aid kit with oxygen.
- Professional bilingual guide, 1 assistant per each 9 clients.
- Short wave radios.
- Bus up and down to Machu Picchu (5th day).
- Sanitation care (disinfected dishes, filtered water, etc).
- Environment care (all the garbage is going back to Cusco, portable toilet treatment).
- Transport from La Playa to Hidroelectrica.
- Train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes 4th day
- Vistdaome train from Machu Picchu to Cusco.

**Price does not include:**

- Entrance fee to Machupicchu \$52.00 (if passengers want to climb to Haynapicchu Mountain, they must add \$10.00 and book in advance)
- Entrance fee to Mollepata
- Sleeping bag (\$37.50 for whole trek)
- Meals in Aguas Calientes.
- Hotels in Cusco and Aguas Calientes.
- Extra services not mentioned in the program.
- Dinner 4th day
- Lunch 5th day.
- Tips and extras.