



## SALKANTAY TREK TO MACHU PICCHU 8 DAYS



### OVERVIEW

The **Salkantay trek** is one of the most scenic and adventurous ways to reach Machu Picchu, with the five-day trek offering the best options. It has glacier mountains and picturesque lakes, such as Humantay and Salcantay Lake. It passes through the Amazon jungle, making this one of the most beautiful and interesting treks in all of Peru.

When you book this tour with us, you'll enjoy the best services at affordable prices. We offer exclusive camps with newly-built Mountain Sky Huts, glass igloos, professional, knowledgeable guides, and supportive staff. We have all-inclusive itinerary options to make sure you don't miss a thing. We'll pass by brilliantly blue lakes, reach heights up to 4,630 meters, and pass by the waterfalls, rivers, and hot springs.

We will also trek through the original Inca Trail to the Llactapata ruins, where you will have a fantastic view of Machu Picchu from a different angle, motivating you to finish the final stretch before you make it to the famous lost city of the Incas.

National Geographic lists the Salkantay trek as 1 of the 25 "World's Best Treks." Choose an experienced, highly-rated company for your Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu and make it an amazing and unforgettable experience

### TOUR PRICE

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\$4,468	\$3,415	\$3,298	\$3,224	\$3,157	\$3,108	\$3,059	\$2,994

### TRIP SUMMARY

Country	Starts at	Ends at	Airport	Visited Areas	Type of Tour
Peru	Cusco	Cusco	Lima International Airport	Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu	Trekking



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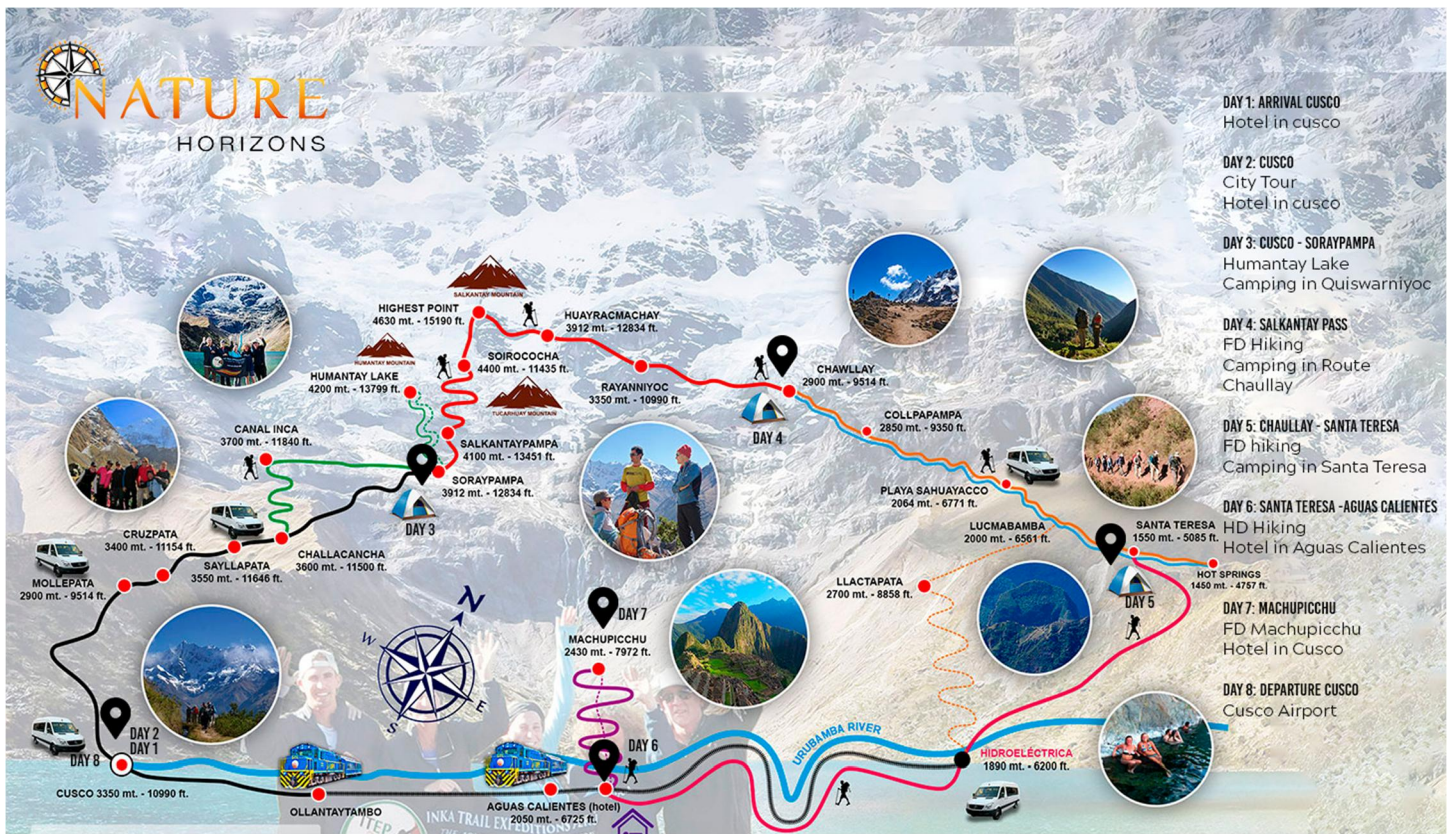


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- **Day 1:** Arrive in Cusco
- **Day 2:** Cusco
- **Day 3:** Cusco —Soraypampa – Humantay Lake – Quiswarniyoc Private Camp
- **Day 4:** Quiswarniyoc– Salkantay Pass – Wayracmachay – Chaulay Private Camp
- **Day 5:** Chaulay– La Playa Sahuayaco – Santa Teresa – Hot springs
- **Day 6:** Santa Teresa – Lucmabamba – Llactapata – Hidroelectrica– Aguas Calientes
- **Day 7:** MachuPicchu
- **Day 8:** Departure Cusco

## Detailed Itinerary

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL CUSCO

Upon your arrival at Cusco International Airport, a Nature Horizons team member will be waiting to greet you. We will then transfer you to your hotel accommodation in Cusco. The rest of the day is yours to relax and settle in. Upon arriving at your hotel, you will meet your guide, who will be with you for the remainder of your tour. Your guide will give you a briefing on your full-tour itinerary. As always, your guide will be there to assist you at a moment's notice if you would like to head out and explore.

✓ Meals included:



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## DAY 2: CUSCO

Today you will explore Cusco. Cusco is a city in the Peruvian Andes, which was once the capital of the Incan Empire, and is now known for its archaeological remains and Spanish colonial architecture. Plaza de Armas is the central square in the old city, with arcades, carved wooden balconies, and Incan ruins. This ancient city is absolutely breathtaking, and we will explore as much of it as we can today. Before the end of the day today, if you need anything extra for your trek that starts tomorrow, we will make sure we assist you in purchasing those items in Cusco.

- ✓ Overnight in Cusco
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch /-Dinner

## DAY 3: CUSCO -SORAYPAMPA – HUMANTAY LAKE – QUISWARNIYOC PRIVATE CAMP

After picking up everyone from their respective places, we'll leave Cusco around 5:45 am and start our two-hour drive to the town of Mollepata. Once in Mollepata, we'll stop to have a delicious breakfast and pay the entrance fee of 20 soles to the local municipality (this is not included in the tour price).

Once finished, we'll continue by car for another hour to Soraypampa where we will meet with the muleteers and horses who will carry our equipment, food, and 7 kilos of each hiker's personal belongings during the trek. From there, we'll start the uphill hike to Humantay Lake, reaching it after about two hours. When you arrive at the lagoon, you will have a couple of hours to explore, take photos, and listen to our guide to explain the significance of Humantay Lagoon. Afterward, we'll hike downhill for two hours and have lunch at our exclusive camp, Quiswarniyoc. After lunch, you'll have free time to explore the beautiful area and for an optional hike to the Mirador of Salkantay for panoramic views of the entire area. If you are tired, you can just rest in the Mountain Sky Huts or in the glass igloos that come equipped with glass doors, pillows, a sleeping pad, and the illumination of the night sky.

Quiswarniyoc is an exclusive, private camp located at 4,000 meters. It is a unique area that offers additional short hikes, fantastic mountain viewpoints, and waterfalls.

- ✓ Overnight in Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch /Dinner

## DAY 4: QUISWARNIYOC – SALKANTAY PASS – WAYRACMACHAY – CHAULLAY PRIVATE CAMP.

The second day of the trek is the most difficult, as it consists of 20 kilometers of trekking and takes you to the highest point of the whole trek, 4,630 meters above sea level. The cooks will wake you up around 5:00 am with a cup of hot coca tea as you take your time to repack and get ready for the nutritious breakfast served at around 5:45 am. After breakfast, it is time to start hiking up to the trek's highest point, 4,630 m. This will take 3 to 4 hours of uphill hiking at a regular to slow pace.

Once you are at the highest point, you will have time to enjoy the mountains, take pictures, learn about the mountain gods, and participate in a small traditional Andean ritual honoring the Apus mountain god. You'll then start hiking down for two hours before we rest with a delicious lunch and continue for three more hours of downhill hiking to the second camp, Chaullay, which is located at 2,900 meters and marks the beginning of the Peruvian Amazon. At Camp Chaullay, we will provide you with your camping equipment, hot tea, and dinner. There is also an optional hot shower offered by locals that can be used for 10 soles. You can also buy some drinks such as beer, soda, and water.

- ✓ Overnight in Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch /Dinner



## DAY 5: CHAULLAY – LA PLAYA SAHUAYACO – SANTA TERESA – HOT SPRINGS

On the third day, we will wake up in the beautiful (but warm) jungle. We'll wake you up around 6:00 am with a cup of coca tea as the cooks are preparing the delicious breakfast. Around 7:00 am, we'll begin our five-hour hike along the Santa Teresa Valley, which is formed by the Salkantay River. After five hours of hiking, we will arrive at La Playa Sahuayaco. Along the trail, you'll see plantations for coffee, bananas, avocados, coca, passion fruit, and more. Once we arrive at La Playa Sahuayaco, we will take local transportation to the third campsite, Santa Teresa, about a one-hour drive.

At camp, we'll share a delicious lunch before heading out to the hot springs of Colcampayo (optional). Colcampayo is about a 15-minute car ride from camp. We'll spend a couple of hours relaxing in the natural, clean water of the hot springs before heading back to camp for tea time, a warm dinner, and a group bonfire. All of these activities are optional, so if you'd rather lay back and relax at camp, you are certainly welcome to!

- ✓ Overnight in Santa Teresa
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch /Dinner

## DAY 6: SANTA TERESA – LUCMABAMBA – LLACTAPATA – HIDROELECTRICA – AGUAS CALIENTES

Llactapata is an Incan ruin located along the Salkantay trail, which you will have the chance to visit on the fourth day. From Llactapata, you will enjoy a beautiful view of Machu Picchu from a unique angle. For this beautiful trek, we'll start with an early breakfast, at around 5:30 am, before taking local transportation for 45 minutes to Lucmabamba. Upon arrival, we'll start the three-hour uphill hike along the original Incan trail until we arrive in the Incan ruins of Llactapata. Once at the site, you will have plenty of time in Llactapata to enjoy the views of Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu Mountain, and if the weather is good you'll get one more glimpse of Salkantay Mountain. Afterward, we'll hike downhill for two hours, arriving at Hydro Electrical for a nutritious lunch and a well-earned rest.

The final part of the hike is a three-hour walk along the train tracks to Aguas Calientes. Once you arrive in the small town, we'll take you to your hotel where you can shower and rest before our final supper at 7:00 pm in a local restaurant. After dinner, we'll head to bed, anxious for our last day and ultimate reward: Machu Picchu.

- ✓ Overnight in AguasCalientes
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch /Dinner

## DAY 7: MACHUPICCHU

Finally, we will go to see the impressive Machu Picchu. You'll wake up at around 4:00 am to get ready for the hike to Machu Picchu's main entrance. Each person will be given a packed breakfast, and we will start the 30-minute walk to Puente Ruinas checkpoint, where you will have to show your passport, Machu Picchu ticket, and student ID if applicable. After passing the first checkpoint, we will climb stairs for another hour before reaching Machu Picchu's main gate by 6:00 am.

Once everybody meets at the gate, we enter Machu Picchu and begin our 2.5-hour guided tour of the famous Incan site, where you will learn everything about The Lost City of The Incas. After the guided tour, you'll have free time to explore Machu Picchu on your own. The time you will spend in Machu Picchu will depend on how you are going back to Cusco (train or car) and whether you want to climb the Montaña Machu Picchu or Huayna Picchu Mountain, the tickets of which must be booked in advance.

If you booked the extra ticket for HUAYNA PICCHU, you would need 2.5 hours for hiking up and down (Close until 2022)

If you booked the extra ticket for MACHU PICCHU MONATAÑA, you would need 3.5 hours for hiking up and down (closed until 2022).





After visiting Machu Picchu and its surrounding area, it is time to return to Cusco. You'll ride the train for about 1.5 hours to Ollantaytambo from Aguas Calientes town, where you will then switch to a car and finish the final two hours of the trip, arriving in Cusco at around 10:00 pm.

- ✓ Overnight in Cusco.
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch /-

## DAY 8: DEPARTURE CUSCO

At agreed time please meet your Nature Horizons representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Airport for your scheduled flight.

- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast

### Included:

- ✓ All the transfers indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ All the tours indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Guided Tours as mentioned in Itinerary (Local official guide in english or spanish)
- ✓ All meals specified in Itinerary
- ✓ All entrance fees to the above mentioned excursions
- ✓ Train ticket Expedition Ollanta /Machu Picchu Pueblo /Ollanta or Poroy
- ✓ Bus ticket Aguas Calientes- Machu Picchu- Aguas Calientes
- ✓ All applicable taxes
- ✓ Salkantay trek briefing at 7:00 pm a day before of the departure at Machu Picchu Reservations office
- ✓ A duffle bag to pack 7 kilos of your belonging that will be carried by horses during the trek
- ✓ English/Spanish speaking professional tour guides
- ✓ Professional chef and cooking equipment
- ✓ Horses for carrying up to 7 Kilos of personal luggage and other required equipment
- ✓ Mountain Sky Huts with Thick Mattresses, glass door, Night Lighting, and Panoramic for the first and second night
- ✓ Transportation from Santa Teresa to Lucmabamba to do the Llactapata trek

### Excluded:

- International and domestic flights
- Flights Lima/ Cusco / Lima
- Airport & Aerodrome taxes
- Alcoholic drinks, soda or bottled mineral water
- Entrance to Humantay lake charged by the local government of Mollepata = 20 soles
- Sleeping Bags – If you do not have one, you can rent from us for \$10 USD for the whole trek
- International or National personal telephone calls
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned
- Tipping

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