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SALKANTAY – INKA TRAIL 6DAYS/5NIGHTS

This trek perfectly combines cultural and natural beauty - "Inca Trail & Salkantay".

The mountains of the Cordillera Vilcabamba rise to form a ragged chain between the regions' two great rivers; the Urubamba and the Apurimac. Along the cordillera's northern side, massive snow peaks collide with lush tropical rain forests. Located northwest of Cusco, Nevado Salkantay, the cordillera's tallest peak, is at the eastern end of the chain and rises to 6,271 meters above sea level. The name Salkantay means 'Savage Mountain' which may refer to the swirling clouds that rise up from the jungle lowlands and engulf the peak. We will also visit local farmers to get to know their Andean life, customs and traditions.

Day 1: Cusco – Mollepata – Soraypampa – Salkantay pampa

We will leave Cusco at 5:45 am. After having passed the town Mollepata (3000m/9843f), we will head for Cruz Pata (3400m/11155f), where we will meet the rest of the group. From Cruz Pata we start hiking into a magnificent valley surrounded by impressive snow-capped mountains, such as the Humantay (5217m/17116f) and the Salkantay (6264m/20551f). Our campsite will be at Salkantay pampa (3900m/12795f).

Transporting time: 4 hours

Climate: moderate and cold during the night

Hiking time: 6 hours

Day 2: Salkantay pampa – Salkantay pass – Sisay pampa

After breakfast, we will continue our journey around midmorning and head for the highest mountain pass in the park of Machu Picchu: the Salkantay pass (5200m/17060f). From there, we will have an exceptional view of the snow-capped Salkantay (6264m/20551). Thereafter, we will descend to the next camping place, called Sisay pampa (3700m/12139f).

Climate: cold

Hiking time: 7 hours

Day 3: Sisay pampa – Canal of the Inca – Wayllabamba

At dawn our trek leads us to the Secret Valley of the Incas. We will pass little creeks and visit several small archeological sites. Our last station for this day will be Wayllabamba (3000m/9843f), both our camping site and the starting point for the Classic Inca Trail on the next morning.

Climate: moderate and cold during the night

Hiking time: 5 hours.



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Day 4: Wayllabamba – Warmiwañusca – Pacaymayu

To enjoy the beautiful panorama and the cosy and mystical atmosphere, our day starts early in the morning. Our trek takes us to the valleys of Yuncachimpa (3300m/10827f) and Lulluchapampa (3850/12631f) and finally leads us to the Warmiwañusca pass (4200m/13780f), which offers an impressive view of the snow-capped Verónica. After a short moment at the summit, we will continue walking down to our camping place named Pacaymayu (3500m/11483f).

Climate: cold

Hiking time: 7 hours

Day 5: Pacaymayu – Runkurakay – Wiñayhuayna

We begin with energy, after a delicious breakfast. This day is coming as the prettiest of the trek. The first place we are going to arrive is the archeological site of Runkurakay (3050 meters). Perched on a rocky outcrop, this site was supposed to be a Tambo.

We continue the rise to a pass, at an altitude of 3950 meters, before coming down to the ruins of Sayacmarca (3600 m), a small city composed of a maze of narrow streets, plots, houses, terraces, fountains, etc.

The path continues quietly amount, and we go by an Inca tunnel and then walk throughout a forest, before reaching the last pass, at an altitude of 3700 meters. Below, the ruin of Phuyupatamarca: "City above the clouds", Inca relay, impresses by its circular walls and his ingenious system of aqueducts that still supplies the baths. We enjoy a tunel - Inca Trailsuperb view on the snowcapped peaks and the Urubamba Valley. The descent of the other side is done under a thick canopy of bamboo. On the merits, appear the extraordinary ruins of Wiñay Wayna (2650m) on a rocky spur at the heart of the forest and overlooking t he Urubamba Valley. Dominated by a vast array of Inca terraces, the urban complex is separated in two by a grand staircase leading to a ceremonial area. This is where we will spend our last night in tents.

Climate: moderate cold, warm with mosquitoes

Hiking time: 7 hours

Day 6: Wiñayhuayna – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes - Cusco

After our breakfast around 5:00 am, we will head - equipped with our flashlights - to the Sun Gate (Inti Punku) to watch the sun rise over Machu Picchu and Wayna Picchu. Around 8:00 am we will visit the citadel of Machu Picchu (2400m//7874f) and enjoy its spiritual charm during a guided tour of about two hours. Thereafter, you will have enough time to explore the archeological site on your own. We will leave Aguas Calientes in the afternoon.



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Climate: warm with mosquitoes

Hiking time: 02 hours

Included:

- Transport
- Private transport from the hotel to Mollepata (Cruz Pata)
- Bus down from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- Train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco/to Ollantaytambo and bus to Cusco
- Entrance to the National park of Salkantay
- Entrance to the Inca Trail & Machu Picchu
- Professional bilingual guide (Spanish and English)
- Camping equipment (professional two-persons tents: Doite, model Cima 4, extra light/4kg, Doite, model Kailas 3)
- Meals during the excursion (breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks/option vegetarian)
- Cook and assistant
- Horseman, mules and porters for up to 10kg of a customer's personal equipment
- Emergency horse during the hike from Salkantay to Wayllabamba
- First-aid kit and oxygen bottle

Not included:

- Sleeping bag (If you don't have a sleeping bag, there is the possibility of lending one)
- Last lunch in Aguas Calientes

Note: From the first to the third day (from Cruz Pata to Wayllabamba) we are accompanied by horsemen and mules that will carry all camping equipment and the personal luggage of the customer (up to 10 kg). From the fourth to the sixth day (from Wayllabamba to Aguas Calientes) all equipment including the customer's personal luggage will be carried by porters.

Important: The combination of the Salkantay trek and the classic Inca trail is important to book far in advance, especially for the months May, June, July, August and September. This is due to the limit of 500 people permitted per day to start the Inca Trail, including guides, cooks and porters.



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What do I need to bring?

- Backpack with rain shelter.
- Sleeping back.
- Clothing for warm and cold climate like a waterproof jacket.
- Rain pants and lightweight pants.
- Trekking shoes.
- Slippers or sandals (for showers and hot springs).
- Woolen or synthetic socks and a sweater.
- Long- and short-sleeved polo's/T-Shirts.
- Rainponcho and a hat.
- Bathing suit (for the hot springs in Aguas Calientes).
- Sunscreen, insect repellent, disinfecting alcohol and gel, water bottle and sterilizing tablets, toiletries and toilet paper.
- Camera (wrapped in plastic bag), a flash light and batteries.
- Some snacks like chocolate bars and dry fruit.
- Original passport, original ISIC student card and extra money in soles.
- Since the weather can be very cold and moistly, your clothes - once gotten wet - won't dry at night. So take some clothes to change.

Notes:

(1) Visit to Huayna Picchu: For Huayna Picchu mountain requires to be booked long time in advance however we charge additional \$ 58.00 USD and then we'll guarantee your entrance for Huayna Picchu as well (This new State law began since the 18th of July, 2011).