



3 – 16 August 2019 or Private Trip Salkantay Trek & Amazon Adventure



We like...

- Trek the spectacular Salkantay trail to Machu Picchu with the combination of natural and archaeological beauty.
- Climb the amazing Rainbow Mountain
- Travel through the Amazon Rain forest by boat and watch the colourful wildlife
- Spend some time wandering through the historic capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco
- Explore the historical city of Lima

Trip Facts

Maximum elevation:	4,600 m/13,451 ft
Location:	Peru - Cusco Region
Duration:	14 days
Group Size:	1 – 12 people
Type of Trek:	Strenuous, no exposure

Rating

Difficulty	▲▲▲▲▲
Fitness	▲▲▲▲▲



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Price

US\$2,700

Private trip price
on request

- Deposit: 30% at booking
- Balance: 70% one month before the departure date

<i>Included</i>	<i>Excluded</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All arrival and departure transfer services to and from airport (both domestic and international) • Transport between cities and during the trek • Transport of up to 1 duffle bag of a maximum total weight of 20 kgs during the trek • Accommodation at good quality hotels (bed & breakfast) on a double basis (single option at extra cost) • Accommodation in tents during the trek (3 nights) • Mule to carry the luggage during trek • Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) except while in Lima, Cusco and Amazon • All fees required by the local regulations • Licensed experienced local trekking guide speaking good English • First aid medical kit • Sleeping mat • Climb of Huayna Picchu • Bus to Macchu Picchu • Train ticket from Hydroelectrica – Aguas Calientes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips for trekking guides and staff (approx. US\$150) and approximately US\$30 for day tour guides (between 10% and 15% of the cost of the trip) • Dinner, lunch during stay in Lima, Cusco and the Amazon • Extras in hotels (bar bills, laundry, additional nights) • Personal trekking equipment • Personal medical, travel & evacuation insurance (mandatory) • International airfare



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Trek Itinerary

B: Breakfast included, L: Lunch included, D: Dinner included

Day	Date	Program
1	3 Aug	Arrival to Lima Airport Airport pick-up and transfer to hotel. Overnight in 3/4* Hotel
2	4 Aug	Lima – Cusco (B) We depart our hotel early and travel to the domestic airport for our flight to Cusco (3,400 m/ 11,200 ft). Spend the afternoon walking around this Unesco World Heritage site with many options for nice cafes, restaurants and bars.
3	5 Aug	Full day tour Sacred Valley of the Incas & Maras / Moray Salineras (B, L) Enjoy Sacred Valley Tour including: PISAQ remains, PISAQ market, local corn beer brewery, Ollantaytambo remains, Ollantaytambo village. Located west of Cusco where you can enjoy the mountain range of Urubamba and the snowy peaks of "Veronica" (5,682 m/18,641 ft) and "Chikon" (5,530 m/18,143 ft), Moray is located 7 km southwest of Maras. Moray is an archaeological and only center of its kind, with huge natural holes in the ground surface, which were used to construct agricultural terraces.
4	6 Aug	Rainbow Mountain full day tour (B, L) We will pick you up early from your Cusco hotel and set out on a drive through the South Valley. The drive to the trailhead at Quesiuno (4,326 m/14,189 ft) is 3 hours long. Once we reach the Inkintuyoc Bridge, we will have a nice continental breakfast. Then we start off on our hike, following a lovely stream. We will have consistent views of the Ausangate Mountain. We will hike through villages and interact with the local residents. You will see many potato fields and unique fauna. We have the prospect of seeing chinchillas and vicunas. Vicunas are the only non-domesticated animal of the llama family in Peru. Many red mountains are also a highlight of this portion of the hike. After a total hike of approximately 5 hours, we finally reach our destination, what we came to see.... the Rainbow Mountain (5,020 m/16,466 ft). You will have time to take pictures and soak up the environment and explore the mountain. We will spend approximately 30 minutes at the top. The hike back down will take 4 to 5 hours. Our private van will be waiting for us when we return. We will embark on the 3 hour drive back to Cusco and drop you off at your Cusco hotel. Approximate arrival time is between 8 and 9pm.
5	7 Aug	Cusco – Mollepata – Soraypampa (B, L, D) You will be collected from your hotel early in the morning in a private vehicle to start the Salkantay trek. Within two hours, we will arrive at



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		<p>the small village of Mollepata where we will have breakfast and can buy some last minute supplies. We will start to hike from the Marqoqasa. The tour guide will explain about the route and introduce all our staff. The view along the way is beautiful and after 4 hours walking we will have lunch in Sayllapata. After lunch, it is another 3 hours trek to the campsite Soraypampa, (3,900 m/12,795 ft) where you will settle in for the evening.</p>
6	8 Aug	<p>Soraypampa – Wayrapata Camp (B, L, D)</p> <p>After breakfast we start climbing 2 – 3 hours on zigzagging, switchback up the mountain, we will arrive at top. From here, we can appreciate vizcachas (Andean chinchilla) and a very small lake. After 3 hours, you finally arrive at the pass which is the highest point of the trip (4,600 m/13,451 ft). Here you will find yourself in the middle of two great mountains – Salkantay (6,271 m/20,574 ft) and Humantay (5,850 m/19,192 ft). Salkantay is the second highest mountain in the Cusco region. At the pass the mountain itself is very close to you. From here, you can also see the mountain Pumasillo (5,850 m/19,192 ft) opposite you. We descend to Huayracmachay (or Huayrapampa) one hour from the pass to the lunch spot. After lunch we continue down to our Wayrapata camp for the night.</p>
7	9 Aug	<p>Wayrapata – La Playa – Santa Teresa (B, L, D)</p> <p>After breakfast, we descend for five hours to the high jungle known in Spanish as the eyebrow of the jungle. We cross the river and as we are walking along the left hand side of the river “Alto Salkantay” to the “eyebrow of the jungle”, we can see orchids, bromeliads, typical vegetation of the area. We will also see different types of birds, insects and butterflies. In comparison to the previous days of the trek, this is easy walking as we descend slowly for 3 hours to La Playa (2,050 m/6,725 ft). As we lose altitude, we will see citrus fruit trees, avocados, banana, and coffee plants. After 5 hours hike to an altitude of 1,900 m/6,232 ft, we will get lunch in La Playa. After lunch, we will get to Santa Teresa by car.</p>
8	10 Aug	<p>Santa Teresa – Hidroelectrica – Aguas Calientes (B, L, D)</p> <p>You have two options here, depending on your interest and fitness, that you can discuss with your guide. The following options are decided by “group majority”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel by car to Santa Teresa. Here you will enjoy the hot springs and sleep here for the night. The next day is the walk to Aguas Calientes. 2. Adventurer’s option. We leave early and climb for about three hours through the jungle before descending to the interesting, but largely covered ruins of Llactapata. It is also a very interesting introduction to Machu Picchu! From here, we have our first view of Machu Picchu, in the saddle of the mountain opposite. We descend very steeply on a muddy track for two hours to the impressive Machu Picchu Hydroelectric System where we will have lunch and visit an Inca ruin. After this, we will walk for 2.5 hours more along the train tracks to arrive at the village of Aguas Calientes.



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		<p>The train from hydroelectric station to Aguas Calientes leaves at 4:30pm, and you arrive about one hour later, when you are transferred to your hotel. If you want to walk all the way to Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu) its 2.5 hours more along the train tracks to arrive at the village of Aguas Calientes. Some people like this option, because it's the closest you can get to walking to Machu Picchu (apart from the actual Inca Trail) and it's also nice to walk along, looking up at the ruins of Machu Picchu. Other people prefer the train. You need to talk to your guide and decide what the most appropriate option for you is. Stay in hotel in Aguas Calientes for the night.</p>
9	11 Aug	<p>Aguas Calientes -Machu Picchu – Cusco (B, L)</p> <p>Early in the morning we will take a bus (or walk) up to the ruins of Machu Picchu so that you can appreciate this famous city in the dawn light and before the crowds arrive. You will then have a 2.5 hour guided tour of Machu Picchu. After your tour, you can further explore the ruins by yourself or climb Huayna (WaynaPicchu) for that classic photo of Machu Picchu. Also try to fit in a visit to the temple of the moon while visiting Huayna Picchu.</p> <p>We highly recommend walking down from Machu Picchu to get a feeling for the vegetation and also the audacity of its builders. It's a 1.5 hour walk back to the village of Aguas Calientes. We return to Cusco in the afternoon by train (leaves either at 2.30pm or 6pm) and are met by a driver at Ollantaytambo who will transfer you directly back to your hotel. You will arrive in Cusco approximately 4 hours after your train's departure from Aguas Calientes.</p>
10	12 Aug	<p>Flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado – Amazon Forest (B)</p> <p>We leave early from the hotel and make our way to the airport to get our flight to Puerto Maldonado. Reception at the airport, transfer to our offices and then to the port to embark on a boat with an outboard motor, and travel across the Tambopata River for approximately 3 hours. If the weather allows it, we will go by bus to a native community where we will embark on a boat for just a 1h30m trip. On the way, we will be able to appreciate caimans, turtles, aquatic birds, etc., and will have a cold snack.</p> <p>We will be greeted with a welcoming cocktail at our arrival in the Explorer's Inn. After a short rest we will set off on a short hike to a small lagoon, from where we will continue towards Sunset Point on time to watch an unforgettable sunset in the forest. At dusk, we will board once again the boat and watch the caimans in the river with the help of torches. Once back at the inn, we will have supper in the company of the resident naturalists, who will be at our disposition for any question regarding the Amazon forest and the Tambopata Reserved Zone.</p>



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11	13 Aug	<p>Explorers Inn (B, L)</p> <p>Early in the morning, we will have breakfast and set out led by a resident naturalist on a 5.5 km long hike up to the Cocococha Lagoon. On the way we will have the chance of watching exotic plants and insects, butterflies and multicolored birds, monkeys, and with a little luck, also some major mammals. At the lagoon, we will have canoes at our disposition for a short tour to watch the rich and varied wild fauna on its shores. Back at the Inn, we will have lunch a bit later and will have the afternoon free to rest or enjoy some independent activity.</p>
12	14 Aug	<p>Explorers Inn – Flight from Puerto Maldonado – Lima (B)</p> <p>We will have breakfast before dawn and then embark on our trip back to the city and enjoy an unforgettable sunrise in the forest. Once in the City of Puerto Maldonado, we will be transferred to the airport in order to board our departing flight. On arrival in Lima airport, you will be transferred to hotel.</p>
13	15 Aug	<p>Free day in Lima to explore the historical centre. (B)</p>
14	16 Aug	<p>Transfer to Lima Airport (B)</p>

The itinerary is indicative and is subject to changes according to weather and mountain conditions as well as other circumstances that the trekking guide will deem necessary for the safety and / or success of the trek.



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Accommodation & Food

- Rooms in hotels are twin rooms (2 single beds)
- Tents are for two people during the trek
- Vegetarian option is available
- Snacks such as biscuits and popcorn will be provided

Notes

- Bring all luggage with you from Lima for duration of trip
- Best travel bag is a duffle bag
- 25-30L rucksack is recommended for trekking

Gallery



Rainbow Mountain



Church Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús in Cusco



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Machu Picchu



Snowy trail in the Andes



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Sunset in the Amazon region



Valley in the Cusco region