

MOUNTAIN LODGES OF PERU TREK TO MACHU PICCHU

PERU – LODGE TO LODGE OPTION

9 days - 8 nights

Country	: Peru
Category	: Deluxe
Accommodation	: Hotel - Lodge

Day 1: ARRIVAL IN CUSCO

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Allowance	Weight per Luggage
Flight Lima - Cusco	Suggested time: Morning				

On arrival to Cusco airport, you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel. This evening there will be a briefing of trek starting the next day with your guide in Cusco.

*Rest of the day at leisure to get acclimatized to the altitude

Hotel	: Libertador Palacio Del Inka A Luxury Collection
Category	: Deluxe
Altitude	: 3,399 m.a.s.l. / 11,152 ft.
Average Temperature	: 15°C / 59°F

Day 2: CUSCO - SORAYPAMPA

After an early breakfast, we are picked up starting at 7:00 am at our hotel in Cusco by an MLP guide and vehicle for the drive to the Salkantay Lodge in Soraypampa. En route we take a short break to visit the Inca ruins of Tarawasi near the town of Limatambo (approx. 1.5 hrs from Cusco). After leaving Limatambo, we pass through the mountain village of Mollepata where we stop for a short coffee break before ascending a winding mountain road to a place called Marcoccasa (30 minutes from Mollepata by vehicle).

Here, we begin our trek to Soraypampa, on an old route called the "Camino Real" (Royal Path). This is a good opportunity for everyone to acclimate, while enjoying a beautiful six hour trek. Salkantay Lodge takes its name from the majestic peak at the head of the valley-Mt. Salkantay, the second most sacred peak in Inca mythology and, at 6,270 m (20,600 ft), the highest in the region. After a warm welcome by our friendly staff, we are shown to our rooms and have time to wash-up, before tea and cookies. The trip leader will hold a briefing by the fireplace, followed by aperitifs and dinner.

Activity of the Day	: Trek to Salkantay lodge at Soraypampa (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Picnic Lunch on route - Dinner
Hotel	: Salkantay lodge (Mountain Lodge)
Altitude	: 3,869 m.a.s.l / 12,690 ft.
Average Temperature	: Min - 5° C - 18° C

Day 3: SORAYPAMPA

Today we take an acclimatization hike on the slopes above the lodge to Lake Humantay, fed by the hanging glaciers of Mt. Humantay. The hike is optional, but the views are amazing, and those brave enough can even go for a dip. We return to the lodge for lunch, after which you may choose to trade the glacial swim for a relaxing soak in our outdoor jacuzzi. Afternoon at leisure. We spend the night at the Salkantay Lodge with gourmet food and warm, comfortable beds. In the evening, the guide briefs us on gear and the itinerary for the following day. All meals are served at the Lodge.

Activity of the Day	: Soraypampa (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

Hotel	: Salkantay lodge (Mountain Lodge)
Altitude	: 3,869 m.a.s.l / 12,690 ft.
Average Temperature	: Min - 5° C - 18° C

Day 4: SORAYPAMA - WAYRACCMACHAY

This is the big day! After an early start, we hike up the Rio Blanco valley, circling Humantay Peak across from Salkantay Peak. The highest point on the trek is the Salkantay Pass at 4,638 m (15,213 ft). At the pass we stop to take in views of snowcapped peaks of the Vilcabamba Range in every direction, the glaciated south face of Salkantay towering above us. We will keep our eyes out for Andean condors, often visible in this area. From the pass we descend towards Wayra Lodge ("Wayra" means wind; so 'the place where the wind lives') our destination for the evening. A hot lunch is served en route; dinner and overnight at the Lodge.

Activity of the Day	: Trek Soraypampa to Wayra Lodge at Wayraccmachay (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Wayra lodge (Mountain Lodges)
Altitude	: 3,869 m.a.s.l / 12,690 ft.
Average Temperature	: Min - 5° C - 18° C

Day 5: WAYRACCMACHAY-COLPAPAMPA

On this day we enjoy a leisurely breakfast at Wayra Lodge. Then we continue our descent along the left bank of the Salkantay River, through increasingly verdant scenery. We can feel the warm air rising from the jungle, accompanied by colorful butterflies and striking orchids. Upon arrival at Colpa Lodge we are greeted with a Pachamanca meal, a traditional festive Peruvian meal cooked by layering meat and vegetables with hot stones, and then covering the whole thing up to bake. Colpa Lodge is located on an open plateau at the confluence of three rivers. The outdoor jacuzzi has panoramic views of lush green mountains. We spend the afternoon relaxing or exploring the nearby orchid trail. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Activity of the Day	: Trek Wayraccmachay to Colpa Lodge at Colpapampa (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Colpa Lodge (Mountain lodge)
Altitude	: 2,870 m.a.s.l / 9,414 ft.
Average Temperature	: Min - 5° C - 18° C

Day 6: COLCAPAPAMPA - LUCMABAMBA

Today we hike along the Santa Teresa river valley, through more populated rural areas. We pass through banana, granadilla, and avocado orchards and coffee plantations (said to be one of the best organic coffees in the world). A hot picnic lunch is served by the river. After lunch, we hike another hour before a private vehicle meets us for a short drive to the beginning of the "Llactapata Inca Trail" (30-minute or so). From the head of the newly restored Inca trail we easily make our way to Lucma Lodge, set in an avocado orchard. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Activity of the Day	: Trek Colpapampa to Lucma Lodge at Lucmabamba (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Lucma Lodge (Mountain Lodge)
Altitude	: 2,135 m.a.s.l / 7,003 ft.
Average Temperature	: Min 10° C - 20° C

Day 7: LUCMABAMBA – MACHU PICCHU

After a hearty breakfast, we tackle the last day of our trek. We head uphill for 2-3 hours towards Llactapata Pass (2,736 m/8,974ft), where we come upon a distant but spectacular view of Machu Picchu Sanctuary from the southeast, a view few travelers ever get a chance to admire. We take a short break to explore the Llactapata Ruins, which have recently been restored. Lunch is served in a scenic viewpoint, looking out to Machu Picchu. We then begin our final descent to the Aobamba River through lush bamboo forests, orchards and coffee plantations. Aguas Calientes, the town of Machu Picchu, is a short, scenic train ride away. Upon arrival, we check into our lovely hotel for celebration dinner with our guide and one last briefing!

Activity of the Day	: Trek Lucmabamba to Machu Picchu Village (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Hotel in Aguas Calientes (Superior category or similar)
Altitude	: 2,135 m.a.s.l / 7,003 ft.
Average Temperature	: Min 10° C - 20° C

Day 8: MACHU PICCHU – SACRED VALLEY - CUSCO

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Allowance	Weight per Luggage
Train Machu Picchu - Ollantaytambo	First Class				

After a very early buffet breakfast at the hotel, we make our way to the bus station for the ride up to Machu Picchu Sanctuary (30 min). Our trip leader will give the group an introductory two-hour guided tour of the ruins, after which we have the rest of the morning to explore the site on our own-there is a lot to do and see! Afterwards, we return by bus to Aguas Calientes for a late lunch and to meet our train. The ride from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo takes about one and half hour, and then a private vehicle will drive us back to Cusco (an additional hour and half). Upon arrival in Cusco (approximately 7 or 8 p.m.), we are dropped off at our hotel.

Activity of the Day	: Tour Machu Picchu (Private – 2 hours)
Meals	: Breakfast- Lunch
Hotel	: Libertador Palacio Del Inka A Luxury Collection
Category	: Deluxe
Altitude	: 3,399 m.a.s.l. / 11,152 ft.
Average Temperature	: 15°C / 59°F

Day 9: CUSCO – LIMA – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE FLIGHT

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Allowance	Weight per Luggage
Flight Cusco - Lima	Suggested time: Evening				

At coordinated time, transfer to the airport to take your flight back to Lima. Arrival and immediate connection with your international flight.

Meals : Breakfast

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions. All times indicated are approximate, and are also subject to change.

Price & Additional Information:

Peru / Hotel - Lodge : BASED ON 02 PAXES	
Hotel Category	Price Per Person in American Dollars
	DOUBLE ROOM
DELUXE	

*Price does not include any airfare

*****Salkantay Mountain Lodge trek operates from March to December**

******Departure is guarantee with a minimum of 02 passengers**

What's Included:

- Tours & activities in this itinerary Private are stated in each day.
- Always Transfers are private in city airports.
- Entrance fees during our visits are all inclusive.
- English speaking guide is specified each day of the tour
- Meals are specified each day (including vegan, vegetarian or special requirements)
- Accommodation and type of rooms as stated in this itinerary

DELUXE



Colonial style hotel located within the historical centre of the city. The hotel operates in the traditional mansion "Casona de los Cuatro Bustos", where Francisco Pizarro, first Governor of Peru, used to live. There are 254 rooms.

Hotel Facilities: restaurant, bar, sauna, Jacuzzi, fitness room, internet, business centre, conference room, heating, telephone, cable TV, mini bar, safety deposit box, hairdryer, laundry, room service 24 hrs. **Internet is free only in public areas, in room there will be an additional charge**