Salkantay SKY Trek 4 days

Duration: 4 days



About this trip

After acclimatizing in Cusco, your Salkantay adventure begins early, with departure at around **4:00 AM**. This 4-day trek combines some of the most distinctive landscapes of the Andes with the challenge of reaching Machu Picchu.

On the first day, you'll hike to **Soraypampa** and **Humantay Lake**. After the hike, you'll spend the night in **the domes at Soraypampa**. The second day brings one of the biggest challenges of the journey: reaching **Salkantay Pass at 15,190 feet** (4,630 meters), where you'll have views of snowcapped Salkantay Mountain and the surrounding peaks.

One of the unique aspects of this tour is how the landscape changes during the descent. Little by little, you'll begin to see cloud forests and rivers while the climate becomes warmer and more tropical. Eventually, you'll reach the **Santa Teresa Valley**, an area where you can learn about part of the local coffee production process.

After several days of hiking, you'll enjoy a well-deserved **rest in Machu Picchu Pueblo**. The following morning, you'll take a guided tour of **the Machu Picchu citadel**, built during the Inca period, before returning to Cusco.

This experience gives you the opportunity to discover the natural diversity of this region of Peru, traveling from high-altitude mountain landscapes to warmer, tropical environments as you make your way toward Machu Picchu.

Day 1: Cusco - Mollepata - Challacancha

We will depart at approximately **4:00 AM** in the morning for a **two-hour trip to Mollepata village** for a quick breakfast. Our transportation will include cozy blankets in case you need to take a nap after breakfast. After breakfast, we will continue for another hour until we reach the trailhead in **Challacancha**.

Before we start our hike, you will meet the porters and cooks who are part of our team and do a final check of your luggage. Then, we will begin our relatively easy three-hour hike to **Soraypampa (3,900 m / 12,795 ft)**, where we will find our first campsite. Along the way, you will enjoy beautiful glaciers and a deep valley. You will also see an Inca canal that runs alongside most of the trail and is still used by local farmers today. This section is 7 km / 4.35 miles long.

When we arrive at Soraypampa, you will have time to settle into our cozy igloo-style Sky Camp and enjoy lunch with our chefs. You'll be amazed by their talent in the midst of the mountains. After lunch, we will start our afternoon **hike to Humantay Lake**.

When we return to camp, you will have time to enjoy dinner while watching the sunset behind the mountains. It's hard to describe the energy of the mountains, but inner peace is as close as you can get to describing it. You'll be able to gaze at the stars.

- **Difficulty:** Moderate to challenging Hike
- **Distance:** 10 km (5-6 hours)
- **Initial Elevation:** 3,800 m / 3,800 ft / 12,467 ft
- **Maximum Elevation:** 4,200 m
- **Camp Elevation:** 3,900 m
- **Overnight:** Sky Camp
- **Meals included:** Lunch and dinner

Day 2: Soraypampa - Abra Salkantay - Hua

The impressive Abra Salkantay and descent to the tropical forest. You will wake up to the first rays of the day and see **Apu Salkantay** while enjoying a energizing coca tea. Then, you will take a nutritious breakfast before setting out on the 7 km hike for approximately three hours to the highest point on the route, **Abra Salkantay (4,630 m / 15,190 ft)**. It's a challenging climb along the "Snake's Path," so named for its winding route.

Upon reaching the summit, you will have a breathtaking view of the surrounding valleys, as well as a stunning view of the Salkantay mountain, located right in front of you **(6,271 m / 20,574 ft)**, considered one of the highest peaks in the Cusco region and known as an Apu.

You will also be able to observe the mountains: Humantay, Tucarhuay, and Pumasillo. After taking in the views and resting, you will begin your descent **(7 km / 4.35 miles)** to our **lunch spot at Huayracmachay (3,850 m)**. This section of the trail is rocky and steep, but you'll have spectacular views of the surrounding valley.

After lunch, you will enter the edge of the tropical forest, also known as the "cloud forest." Along the way, you'll appreciate the tropical vegetation and witness how the Andes give way to Amazonian environment quickly.

After a long day of hiking, you'll be happy to arrive at Collpapampa for an overnight stay. Finally, we'll serve a hearty dinner before resting in our exclusive Mountain Sky View.

- **Difficulty**: Challenging Hike
- **Distance:** 22 km (10 hours)
- **Initial Elevation:** 3,900 m
- **Maximum Elevation:** 4,630 m
- **Camp Elevation:** 2,950 m
- **Accommodation:** Sky View
- **Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 3: Collpapampa | La Playa - Hidroelé

Today, we'll wake you up at 6:00 AM for a nutritious breakfast. Then, we'll start our five-hour hike through the impressive **Santa Teresa valley** until we reach La Playa. Along the trail, you'll be able to appreciate the recent and lush landscape surrounded by rivers, wild orchids, and many coffee, banana, and avocado plantations; you'll also have the opportunity to taste passionfruit.

We'll pass through a small village called **Collpapampa** and continue to the base of the mountains to cross over to the other side of the valley. In this tropical stretch, we'll see waterfalls, birds, fruit-bearing trees, flora, and fauna.

When we arrive at La Playa, it will be time for our last lunch prepared by our talented chefs while we relax and watch a **coffee demonstration**. After taking a moment to rest, we'll embark on our private transportation that will take us to the train station in Hydroelectric, from there, we'll hike surrounded by lush vegetation and linked by **the Urubamba River**. However, you have the option to **take the train to Aguas Calientes if you feel exhausted at this point**. Amidst the tropical paradise, you'll see beautiful plantations, as well as a vast variety of birds, including the forest chicken. After three hours of hiking, **we'll arrive in Aguas Calientes**, from there, we'll take you to your hotel to relax in your comfortable room with private bathroom, hot shower, WiFi, breakfast, and luggage storage. In the evening, we'll meet up for dinner at a prestigious restaurant before returning to the hotel.

- **Difficulty:** Challenging Hike
- **Distance:** 27 km (8-9 hours)
- **Initial Elevation:** 2,950 m
- **Maximum Elevation:** 2,950 m Aguas Calientes
- **Elevation:** 2,000 m"
- **Overnight:** Hotel in Aguas Calientes
- **Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 4: Machu Picchu – Cusco (2h30m Tour)

In the morning, according to the scheduled time, our guide will pick you up at your hotel to go to the bus station

where you will climb 400m along a winding path for 20min to reach the incredible wonder of the world "**The Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu**", also known as "**The Lost City of the Incas**". Upon arriving at the Machu Picchu citadel with our guide, we will pass through the entrance and begin the tour of the entire citadel. For around 2h 30m we will **visit the main places in Machu Picchu**.

We return to **the town of Aguas Calientes** in the afternoon, where you will have free time to enjoy lunch in one of the many restaurants (lunch not included). After lunch, we will **take the train to Ollantaytambo** (depending on train departure time availability). The return will follow the same route as the departure. Upon arrival in Ollantaytambo, the train representative will be waiting to take you to the bus heading to your hotel in Cusco.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Cusco (at your own expense)
- **Meals:** Breakfast

What's included

- ✓ **Salkantay Trek:** Guided 3-day trek via Humantay Lake, Salkantay Pass, and Collpapampa to Aguas Calientes.
- ✓ **Trekking Guide:** Guide throughout the trekking route.
- ✓ **Trek Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Days 1–3.
- ✓ **Daily Trek Snacks:** Tea, coffee, popcorn, and cookies on Days 1–3.
- ✓ **Oxygen Support:** Oxygen tank available during the trek.
- ✓ **Trek Accommodation:** 1 night at Sky Camp and 1 night at Sky View.
- ✓ **Aguas Calientes Hotel:** 1 hotel night with breakfast.
- ✓ **Machu Picchu Bus Tickets:** Round-trip bus transportation between Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu.
- ✓ **Machu Picchu Visit:** Entrance ticket and guided tour with a professional guide.
- ✓ **Return Train Ticket:** Aguas Calientes–Ollantaytambo (PeruRail or Inca Rail).
- ✓ **Train Station Transfer:** Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station to your Cusco hotel.
- ✓ **24-Hour Assistance:** Support throughout your trip.

What's not included

- ✗ **Drinks:** Drinks except those mentioned in the itinerary
- ✗ **Meals:** Meals except those mentioned in the itinerary
- ✗ **Snacks :** Snacks except those mentioned in the itinerary
- ✗ **Phone calls**
- ✗ **Extra spending money**
- ✗ **Tips/gratuities**
- ✗ **Travel insurance**
- ✗ **Train ticket:** Train ticket from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes USD 45,00 per person
- ✗ **Sleeping bag:** Sleeping bag, add USD 25.00 (nikko brand to -10 degrees celsius)

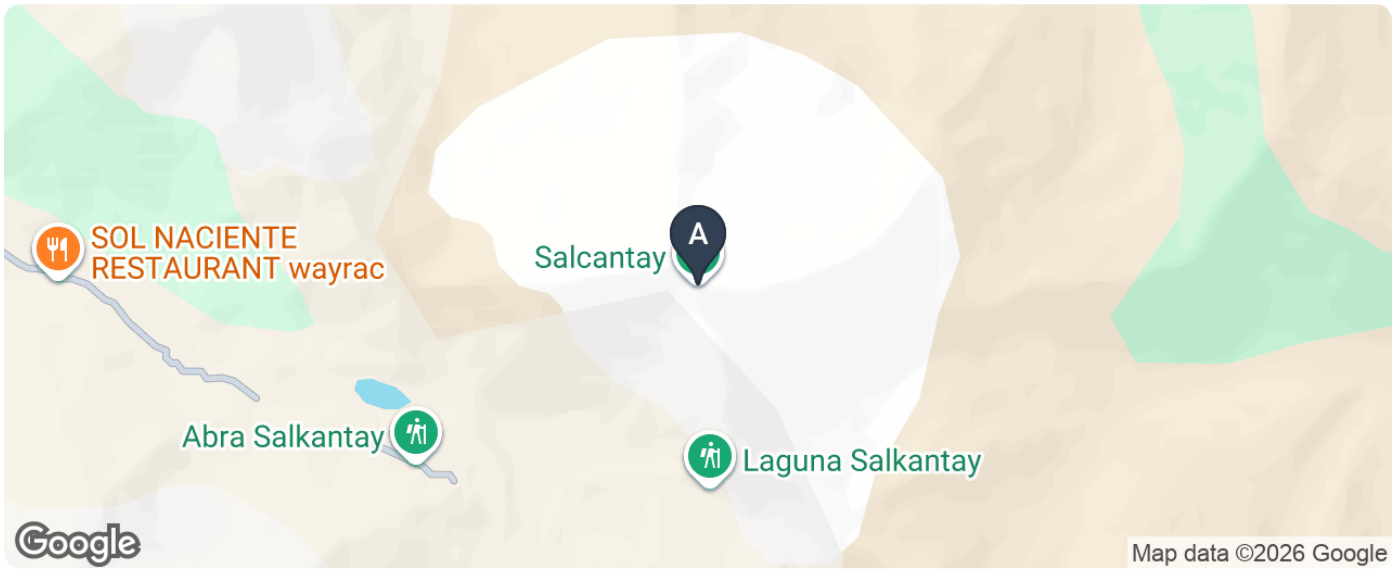
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