

Salkantay Trek 4 Days to Machu Picchu

the pass, in less time

DURATION	DIFFICULTY	MAX. ALTITUDE	BEST SEASON
4 days / 3 nights	Challenging	4,630 m	Apr — Oct

If you have one day less, this version keeps the essentials: Humantay Lake, crossing the Salkantay Pass and descending into the high jungle. On day three we walk from Hidroeléctrica to Aguas Calientes and on day four we visit Machu Picchu. Ideal for fit travelers who want the high mountains on a more compact itinerary.

01 Cusco — Soraypampa — Humantay Lake

Early drive to Soraypampa (3,900 m) and hike to Humantay Lake. Night in domes facing the glacier.
7 km · 4 h · 4,200 m

02 Salkantay Pass — Chaullay

Climb to the Salkantay Pass (4,630 m) and long descent to the cloud forest of Chaullay.
22 km · 9 h · 4,630 m

03 Chaullay — Santa Teresa — Aguas Calientes

Hike down the valley to La Playa, transfer to Hidroeléctrica and a 3-hour walk along the railway to Aguas Calientes.
25 km · 8 h · 2,040 m

04 Machu Picchu — Cusco

Guided tour of Machu Picchu and return to Cusco by train and bus or by car via Hidroeléctrica, as you choose.
3 h visit

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Professional bilingual guide
- Transport Cusco – Soraypampa
- 2 nights camping + 1 night hotel
- Meals on the trail (3B, 3L, 3D)
- Machu Picchu entrance ticket
- Bus up to Machu Picchu
- Return by the option you choose
- Mules for personal gear (7 kg)

NOT INCLUDED

- Sleeping bag
- Last lunch
- Tips

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