

TREKKING

LOS VALLES OCULTOS DE SALKANTAY, PERÚ

Una travesía andina hacia Machu Picchu por rutas exclusivas

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Explore the little-traveled valleys of Salkantay on a 5-day trek through relic forests, high Andean passes, and unique viewpoints. Visit restored Inca sites, descend to the Sacred Valley, and end the adventure traveling to the mystical Machu Picchu.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER,
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER



PRICE

From 1.150€ /person

Group discounts





Highlights

- EXCLUSIVE ROUTE THROUGH REMOTE VALLEYS WITH UNIQUE VIEWS OF SALKANTAY.
- ACCESS TO MACHU Q'ENTE AND WAYNA Q'ENTE, RESTORED INCA SITES.
- AN ALTERNATIVE TREK THAT SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND HELPS PROTECT ECOSYSTEMS.
- AN INTIMATE EXPERIENCE WITH PRIVATE CAMPS AND NO CROWDS.

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	Nº days	Price per pers.
2	Standard	01 Apr 2026 - 31 Dec 2026	5	1.150€

Travel only with your family or friends.

**Confirm availability at info@b4experience.com / +34 613 03 77 00 / www.b4experience.com*

Open groups

Share the experience with other travelers

Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
<p>✗ No open group events available, only private groups</p>					

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Included

- Transport
- Professional guide
- Hotel in Machu Picchu Town
- Entrance ticket to the Inca Trail
- Train tickets
- Double tents with Thermarest mats
- All meals during the trek
- Non-alcoholic drinks
- Kitchen and dining tent
- Professional cook and service staff
- Porters
- Solar energy lamps
- Ecological toilets
- Proper waste disposal
- Machu Picchu bus tickets – Machu Picchu Town (round trip)
- Lunch in Machu Picchu Town on day 5
- First aid kit and oxygen tank.

Not Included

- Personal travel insurance (we can arrange it)
- Dinner in Aguas Calientes
- Laundry service
- Airline tickets (we can arrange them)
- Sleeping bag (rental available)
- Personal equipment
- Additional services
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips
- Everything not mentioned in the "Included" section.



Itinerary

Day 1: Cusco – Misquiyaco – Acopía

From Cusco, we head towards Limatambo, passing through Tika Tika Pass, where we will get our first views of the majestic Mount Salkantay and Humantay on the horizon, before crossing the Anta plateau. We will drive past stunning panoramas of this vibrant farming region with views of steep snow-capped peaks in the background, arriving at the trailhead just beyond the town of Misquiyaco, where we begin our hike through one of Peru's newest private conservation areas, established by law in 2021. We start our uphill walk through an ancient Meso-Andean Relict Forest, a rare type of cloud forest in the inter-Andean region that exists in less than 0.02% of Peru's vast territory. Tree species in this forest include Tasta (*Escallonia myrtilloides*) and Chachacomo (*Escallonia resinosa*), tree species protected under Peruvian law. As we approach higher elevations, we will observe how the ecosystem changes with altitude, leaving behind the tree line to enter the high grasslands and reach our camp in Acopía (4200 meters above sea level).

Driving distance: 95 km - Time: 3 hours Trekking distance: 9.3 km - Time: 5-6 hours

Accommodation: CampMeals: lunch, dinner.

Day 2: Acopía – Tambomachay Pass – Cruzjasa Pass – Pampacahuana Viewpoint

Leaving Acopía, we continue our uphill ascent towards the first pass at Tambomachay (4660 meters above sea level). As the day warms, we may spot some Andean bird species, including condors, as they majestically glide over the mountains. After 5-6 hours of gentle ascent, we reach our lunch spot, Uspaccasa (4,550 meters above sea level), a protected area just beyond the pass offering majestic views of Mount Salkantay and Mount Humantay. After lunch, we continue along the high ridge and head right towards Cruzjasa Pass (4,550 meters above sea level), where we will have fantastic views of the south face of Mount Palcay, the south face of Mount Salkantay, and the Pampacahuana Valley, enjoying the special feeling of solitude that comes from knowing there are few other humans nearby. From here, we descend a steep trail to our camp, where we will sleep surrounded by mountains and stars at Pampacahuana Viewpoint (3902 meters above sea level).

Trekking distance: 14.8 km - Time: 7-8 hours.

Accommodation: CampMeals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Day 3: Pampacahuana Viewpoint – Paucarcancha – Chamana

We say goodbye to the imposing Mount Salkantay and continue our downhill walk along an ancient Inca canal flowing through the center of the Pampacahuana Valley, passing a landscape dotted with small farming settlements. At the valley's end, we start seeing more varied vegetation as we descend beyond the tree line before arriving at Paucarcancha, a remote Inca site at the confluence of the Pampacahuana and Q'esca valleys. After a brief visit to explore the Inca stone walls and remains of ancient houses at the site, we will have lunch. Then we continue downhill and join the first stretch of the famous Inca Trail, descending towards the ruins of Patallacta. This site used to be an important stop for the Incas on their way to Machu Picchu. After a short visit, we continue to our camp in Chamana, a private camp equipped with a hot shower to clean and refresh yourself after the strenuous activity of the past days. Camp in Chamana (2590 meters above sea level).

Trekking distance: 16.4 km - Time: 7-8 hours.

Accommodation: CampMeals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Day 4: Chamana – Wayna Q'ente – Qoriwayrachina – Piscacucho

At this point, we will be at the edge of the Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary, where we will explore the isolated archaeological site called Machu Q'ente. Depending on the group's pace and available time, we may also have the opportunity to visit Wayna Q'ente, another notable site nearby. After the visit, we leave the Sanctuary through the town of Q'oriwairachina and head towards Piscacucho, the main entrance to the Inca Trail. The trail will take us alongside the Vilcanota River and through several older archaeological sites. In fact, this is the same path Hiram Bingham followed when he was first led to Machu Picchu by local people living here in 1911. From here, we will drive to Ollantaytambo in time to catch the afternoon train to Aguas Calientes, where we will spend the night before visiting the magical Machu Picchu citadel on Day 5. Dinner on your own.

Trekking distance: 15.5 km - Time: 5-6 hours Driving distance: 15.6 km – Time: 30 minutes Train ride: 43 km - Time: 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Accommodation: HotelMeals: breakfast, lunch.

Day 5: Machu Picchu – Ollantaytambo – Cusco

After an early breakfast, a quick half-hour bus trip takes us up the road to the gates of Machu Picchu, where we will enjoy a three-hour guided tour of this ancient hilltop citadel. Exploring various sectors and entering some of the houses and temples will bring these iconic ruins to life for us. As we immerse ourselves in this mystical place, we will feel like we've entered a dream of ancient times. Wandering among these ancient man-made structures that blend perfectly with the natural surroundings will leave us with a feeling of awe and reverence, gifting us memories to savor for years to come. In the afternoon, we return to the town where a train will take us back to Ollantaytambo. On the train, you will have onboard entertainment, snacks, and cold and hot drinks available. We will arrive at Ollantaytambo train station, where we will be picked up and taken back to the city of Cusco.

Visit to Machu Picchu - Duration: 3 hours Bus trip to Machu Picchu (round trip): 12.4 km - Time: 1 hour Train ride: 43 km - Time: 1 hour and 45 minutes Driving distance from Ollantaytambo to Cusco: 79 km - Time: 2 hours.

Accommodation: hotel Meals: breakfast, lunch.

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial deposit: To secure your spot, a 30% deposit of the total trip amount is required at the time of booking.

Final payment: The remaining amount, equivalent to 70% of the total, must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

Extras: Additional trip costs, such as insurance, flights or other optional services, must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation insurance: The client may purchase trip cancellation insurance to obtain a refund of the full amount paid (according to the policy conditions).

The end user may cancel the contracted trip, with the right to a refund of the amounts paid, except for the indicated penalties. However, the user must pay the agency the following amounts once the trip is confirmed.

Cancellation Policy 3

- Full refund within 24 hours of purchase
- Up to 60 days before the trip: 100% refund of the trip amount
- Up to 45 days before the trip: 50% refund of the trip amount
- For shorter periods than described: no refund will be made.

*A handling fee of 300€ will apply.

*If there are other non-refundable expenses already issued, these will not be refunded either and will be deducted from the total refundable amount

*The cancellation cost of already issued flights is 100% of the ticket price.

Kit list

- Thermal base layer underwear, long-sleeve and breathable for cold climates, made of polyester, nylon or merino wool
- Short-sleeve T-shirt, breathable, made of nylon and/or polyester
- Light-colored long-sleeve T-shirt
- Hiking pants and shorts, preferably made of QuickDry (quick-drying) material
- Warm jacket made of materials such as fleece, synthetic insulation, down, or merino wool
- Lightweight gloves
- Cap
- Waterproof jacket (during the rainy season, it is also recommended to bring rain pants)
- Breathable sports or hiking socks
- Thick socks for the night
- Swimwear
- Neck gaiter (Buff-style)
- Hiking boots, waterproof and breathable (for example, Gore-Tex)
- Lightweight, comfortable shoes to use at camp
- Sleeping bag (0°C/32°F to -15°C/5°F) (rental available)
- Small daypack for items you'll use frequently (preferably with a rain cover)
- Trekking poles (rental available)
- Waterproof duffel bag or dry bag
- Sunglasses
- Headlamp
- Microfiber towel
- Lip balm and insect repellent
- Reusable water bottle
- Portable power bank
- Personal first-aid kit (recommended). We carry a medical kit on every trip, but we suggest you bring a small personal first-aid kit for bruises and blisters. Knee and ankle braces can sometimes be useful, especially if you have weak knees or ankles. Include any specific medication your doctor may recommend.

FAQs

¿Cuál es la dificultad de esta ruta?

El trekking tiene dificultad media-alta, con ascensos prolongados hasta pasos sobre los 4.500 m y descensos continuos hacia el Valle Sagrado y Piscacucho. Es necesario contar con buena condición física y experiencia en caminatas de montaña.

¿Cuándo es la mejor época para realizar este viaje?

La temporada recomendada va de abril a diciembre, cuando las condiciones de clima permiten disfrutar mejor los pasos altoandinos, bosques relictos y miradores del Salkantay.

¿Qué tipo de alojamiento se utiliza durante el trekking?

Se pernocta en campamentos privados, más tranquilos y limpios que los campamentos comunes. Incluyen carpas dobles, colchonetas Thermarest, baños ecológicos, carpa comedor y cocina.

¿Hay duchas disponibles en los campamentos?

Sí. El campamento privado de Chamana dispone de ducha caliente para recuperarte tras las jornadas más largas del trekking.

¿Se visitan restos arqueológicos durante el recorrido?

Sí. Se exploran Machu Q'ente, Wayna Q'ente, Paucarcancha y las ruinas de Patallacta, además de la visita guiada final a Machu Picchu.

¿Qué tipo de alimentación se ofrece durante el trek?

Todas las comidas están incluidas durante la caminata. Se preparan platos equilibrados, calientes y adecuados para la actividad de montaña. Incluye bebidas no alcohólicas.

¿Qué tan frías son las noches?

En los campamentos altoandinos (4.000–4.500 m) las noches pueden ser frías. Se recomienda un saco de dormir de 0°C a -15°C (disponible para alquiler).

¿Es necesario portar todo mi equipaje?

No. Los porteros transportan el equipo de campamento y tu bolsa de trekking. Solo llevas una mochila pequeña con lo necesario para el día.

¿Hay riesgo de mal de altura?

Se asciende a pasos sobre los 4.500 m. Se recomienda aclimatar uno o dos días en Cusco antes de iniciar el trek.



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