

The Inka Culture - The Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu

The Trekking Salkantay: This amazing trek runs beneath the magnificent Salkantay mountain (6.271m/20569ft), one of the highest and most stunning in the Peruvian Andes. Your first two days are dominated by the impressive “Apus” of Salkantay and Huamantay, as you pass through the high puna landscape. On the third day you descend to the warm cloud forest, to reach Aguas Calientes on the fourth day.

The impressive Sacred Inca city of Machupicchu is visited on the last day of the program. This tour is an interesting alternative for those not having found spaces on the Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu. The Salkantay Trek (or Salcantay Trek), was recently named among the 25 best Treks in the World, by National Geographic Adventure Travel Magazine.

- 5 Days/4 Nights
- April to December
- Moderate

Travel Program

[Day 1: Soraypampa - Salkantaypampa - Salkantay Pass - Wayraxmachay](#)

Morning departure from Iquitos City via auto to arrive in the port town of Nanay (Bellavista), where the Rio Nanay meets the Rio Amazonas. After departing by boat we will travel downriver 70 KM (about 2 hours). During the riverboat trip we will have a great possibility of seeing caimans, turtles, herons, pink river dolphins, snakes, and many other species of flora/fauna along the riverbank. Monkey Island - a small island about 15 minutes from the Maniti Lodge, which shelters a large number of monkeys in their natural habitat. During your visit on the island you will have the unique opportunity to observe and interact with a wide variety of monkeys that include: Sloth, Goeldi's monkey, Tamarin monkey, Capuchin monkey, Yellow-Handed Titi monkey, Masked Titi monkey, Cebidae monkey, Woolly monkey, Squirrel monkey, Spider monkey, South American Coati monkey, and many more! Along with the various species of monkeys you will have to opportunity to hold very large Anacondas, Boas and interact with the very unique and rare Amazonian mata-mata turtle. At Monkey Island we will also see alligators, turtles, toucans, macaws, parrots, etc. Dolphin watching session at the camp where we will have the unique opportunity to see the pink freshwater dolphin. If we are lucky we will also have the chance to swim with them on the main Amazon River. In the evening we will go on a nocturnal nature hike to see what types of species can be seen (lizards, snakes, spiders, monkeys). Overnight at Maniti Lodge.

Overnight Lodge (-/L/D)

[Day 2: Wayraxmachay - Chaullay - Collapampa la Playa - Sahuayaku](#)

We will begin our day early, waking up in time to see the sunrise over the Amazon River, and then we will leave the camp to go on a animal observation excursion (via boat) where will have the opportunity to see pairs various types of flora and fauna. Afternoon fishing excursion via boat with opportunity to catch piranha, catfish & other species of fish. Viewing of Victoria Regia - the largest freshwater aquatic plant in the world. After sunset we will go on an excursion via canoe to spot and catch caiman, we will have the

opportunity to hold, touch, and take photos with the caiman. Overnight at Maniti Lodge.

Overnight Lodge (B/L/D)

Day 3: La Playa Sahuayaku - Lucamabamba Coffe Farm - Inka Trail - LLactapampa - Camp in Front of Machu Picchu

Morning visit with a local village to learn and observe the local people's daily life and customs. In the afternoon we will visit lagoons and tributaries in close proximity to the Maniti Lodge. Here, we can make a variety of activities, dependent on the tourist, such as jungle hiking, canoe rides, fishing, plant education, animal observation or maybe just relaxing with a nice cool swim in one of the lagoons or on the Amazon River! We will begin our day early, waking up in time to see the sunrise over the Amazon River, and then we will leave the camp to go on a animal observation excursion (via boat) where will have the opportunity to see pairs various types of flora and fauna. In the evening we will go on a nocturnal nature hike to see what types of species can be seen (lizards, snakes, spiders, monkeys). Overnight at Maniti Lodge.

Overnight Lodge (B/L/D)

Day 4: Llacatapata Mirador - Hidroelectric Water Falls, Mandor Hiram Bingham's Farm - Aguas Calientes Hotel

Morning jungle hike (30-45 minutes) with destination "Palo Alto". The unique attraction "Palo Alto Mirador" is a lookout point that has 3 different observation deck levels. Here guests have a birds-eye view of the lowland Peruvian Amazon from 5, 10, and 15 meters above ground. Here we will have the opportunity to spend the night with excellent opportunities to observe various species of wildlife in their natural habitat. Daytime exploration of the area that includes hiking, canoe ride in lagoon, fishing (depending on request from passenger). In the evening we will go on a night time nature walk to see what types of species can be seen (reptiles, spiders, monkeys). Overnight at top observation deck of Palo Alto (setting up a tent or in hammocks).

Overnight Camp (B/L/D)

Day 5: Machu Picchu (The Sacred City of the Inkas) - Return to Cusco

Morning bird watching session from "Palo Alto". Today we will visit some lagoons that are located close to the Maniti Camp Lodge, near the Río Napo. They hold a great variety of palms, large trees and a beautiful landscape. Here we can make a variety of activities, dependent on the passenger, such as trekking, canoe rides, fishing, and identification of plants, bird watching or maybe just relaxing with a nice cool swim in one of the lagoons. In the late afternoon we will return to Maniti Lodge to have lunch. After dark we will go on an excursion by boat in search of the white and black caiman as well as various night birds and other reptile; this also gives us the enjoyable opportunity to hear the symphony of sounds that comes from the forest at night. Overnight at Maniti Lodge.

Overnight Lodge (B/L/D)

Day 6: Río Napo / Day Excursions / Nocturnal Boat Excursion

We will begin our day early, waking up in time to see the sunrise over the Amazon River, Breakfast and departure (via private boat) from Maniti Lodge with destination Río Napo. Upon arrival to site the guides

will setup the camp site for the night and cook lunch. Daytime exploration of the area that includes hiking, canoe ride in lagoon, fishing (depending on request from passenger). At night time after dinner, we will make a night excursion by boat to search for the various species of nocturnal animals; this also gives us the enjoyable opportunity to hear the symphony of sounds that comes from the forest at night. Overnight rainforest camping (in tents) on banks of Río Napo.

Overnight Camp (B/L/D)

[Day 7: Morning Jungle Hike / Visit With Natives / Belen](#)

Early morning jungle hike where we will have the unique opportunity to see a vast number of monkeys, birds, and many other wildlife in their natural habitat. We will also see and learn about various types of Amazonian plants. Departure from campsite with destination Iquitos City. Visit with a local native Indian tribe to learn and observe about history and their customs. Upon arrival to Iquitos we will visit the market of Belen. Private Canoe ride through the floating market of Belén, located on the edge of the Itaya River. Transfer to airport/hotel, end of service.

Overnight Hotel (B/L/-)

Included meals: **B**=breakfast; **L**=lunch; **D**=dinner

What's Included

Services included in the prices:

- Private Airport Transfers
- All Local Transportation
- All Meals During Excursion (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks)
- Purified Water, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Milk
- All Equipment: Rubber Boots, Fishing Poles, First Aid, Etc.
- Professional Bilingual Guide (English & Spanish)
- All Entrance Fees
- Fully Guided Jungle Tours & Excursions As Described In Itinerary
- Private Accommodations (Bedding, Mosquito Nets, Shower)

Not included:

- Extra Items (Souvenirs, Extra Food, Cigarettes, Etc.)
- Airfare (We Can Help Arrange Airfare Upon Request)
- All Airport Taxes
- Personal Expenses: Telephone Calls, Laundry Expenses, Alcoholic Drinks, Etc.
- Insurance Against Theft, Loss, Illness or Accident
- Gratuity For Tour Guides
- Hotel In Iquitos City

Reviews

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