THE GRAND ANDEAN EXPERIENCE TO MACHU PICCHU

an immersion into the inca legacy
The Grand Andean Experience to Machu Picchu

The Grand Andean Experience to Machu Picchu is a 10-day journey through ancient history, living culture and the magnificent landscape of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This once-in-a-lifetime exploration into the sacred havens of the Incas is equal parts physical, cultural and spiritual journey, a journey of knowledge and transformation gathered while trekking, biking, sightseeing and enjoying the plush comfort of warm, welcoming high mountain Lodges.

Enjoy the uncrowded paths, authentic encounters with local people and the silence and mysticism of the Andes.
THE GRAND ANDEAN EXPERIENCE

10 day expedition

Day 01
Exploring Pisaq

Day 02
Into the heart of Lares

Day 03
The road to Ollantaytambo

Day 04
On the way to Soraypampa

Day 05
Hike to Humantay Lake

Day 06
Crossing the Salkantay pass

Day 07
Descending into the cloud forest

Day 08
Following the Santa Teresa river valley

Day 09
The first views of Machu Picchu

Day 10
The Citadel of Machu Picchu
The Grand Andean Experience to Machu Picchu

Legend

- Hike
- Train
- Urubamba River
- Route (by vehicle)

CUSCO

Salkantay Pass
9,609 ft / 2,930 m

Pisac

Amaru

Pisac Archaeological Site

Awanacancha

Lares
9,551 ft / 2,910 m

Lares Pass
11,568 ft / 3,520 m

Mount Pitusiray & Sahuiray

Pacaymay Lodge
2,970 ft / 905 m

Urubamba

Lamay Lodge
9,705 ft / 2,958 m

Urubamba Lodge
7,830 ft / 2,384 m

Mollepata
Local Archeological Visit

Challacancha

Quillannonyoc

Salkantay Pass
Salkantay Lodge
2,930 ft / 900 m

Humantay Lake

Humantay Lodge
3,600 ft / 1,090 m

Ollantaytambo

Pachar Brewery

Hililloq

Pumamarca

Patacarcha

Choquequirao

Maranhuasi Ridge
12,000 ft / 3,600 m

Mount Vuelka

Aguas Calientes Ridge
5,250 ft / 1,590 m

Llactapata Pass
8,374 ft / 2,500 m

Marayamayoc

Hidroelectrica Station

Pinciarocca

MAP / ROUTE

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Start the trip with a morning visit to Awanacancha, an Andean camelid exhibition and traditional weaving center, and the famous market of Pisaq. Its unique array of products will inspire you with a taste of rich Andean culture.
Sacred Valley of the Incas

EXPLORING PISAQ

As an alternative, travelers can opt for an invigorating morning hike surrounded by amazing views. Afterwards, at the isolated community of Viacha, learn about artisanal potato farming practices and enjoy a traditional meal called “Pachamanca”.
Sacred Valley of the Incas

EXPLORING PISAQ

at a glance

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**ACTIVITY MENU**

Morning to noon

**CULTURAL ACTIVITY**

Visit Awanakancha (an Andean camelid exhibition and traditional textile center), the town of Pisaq and local market, and experience an encounter with members of the local community of Viacha.

**HIKE**

- From the local community of Amaru to the local community of Viacha
- Approximately 3 hrs.
- Moderate
- Mountain pass at an elevation of 4,328m. / 14,200ft.

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

Group lunch in the local community of Viacha. In the afternoon, the whole group visits the Pisaq archaeological site together, before heading back to the lodge.

**OVERNIGHT**

Lamay Lodge (el. 2,958m./9,705ft.), located in the town of Lamay, in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.
Lares Valley

INTO THE HEART OF LARES

On this day you will go even deeper through an exploration into the heart of the Andes: the Lares Valley. Visit the truly unique archaeological site of Ancasmarca along the hub-town of Lares, a site not often visited by tourists and so allows for an intimate experience.
Lares Valley

INTO THE HEART OF LARES

Visit the ancient weavers’ village of Choquecancha or opt for a hike amidst turquoise blue lakes to the village of Huacahuasi.
Lares Valley

INTO THE HEART OF LARES

GROUP ACTIVITY
Morning to noon
In the morning, briefly explore the town of Lamay and visit the archaeological site of Ancasmarca.

ACTIVITY MENU
Afternoon
CULTURAL ACTIVITY
Visit the town of Choquecancha, meet with local weavers and visit the old church.

HIKE 1
Quelquena to Huacahuasi
Approximately 3 hrs.
Easy to moderate
Mountain pass at an elevation of 3,839m./12,595ft.

HIKE 2
Cuncani to Huacahuasi
Approximately 4 hrs.
Moderate
Mountain pass at an elevation of 4,219m./13,838ft.

OVERNIGHT
Huacahuasi Lodge (el. 3,835m./12,585ft.), located in the local community of Huacahuasi, in the Lares Region.

Note: Guests that opt for the cultural activity will have lunch at the local community of Choquecancha. Guests that opt for the hikes will have lunch en route.
The Patacancha and Sacred Valley of the Incas

THE ROAD TO OLLANTAYTAMBO

After a morning drive to Huilloc in the Patacancha Valley, spend time touring and tasting ceviche at a local trout farm. Continue on to Marcacocha, a community of shepherders, and participate in a ceremony to honor the Apus for the good health of their flock. For a more active experience, choose a hike from Huilloc to Pumamarka, where everyone reunites to tour the archaeological site.
The Patacancha and Sacred Valley of the Incas

THE ROAD OT OLLANTAYTAMBO

After lunch, hike from Pumamarka to Ollantaytambo visiting the amazing agricultural terraces along the valley. In a softer activity, explore Ollantaytambo’s maze-like streets, and all the magic of this ancient living town.

The afternoon ends with an optional visit to an artisan beer brewery followed by dinner and overnight stay in the Sacred Valley.
The Patacancha and Sacred Valley of the Incas

THE ROAD TO OLLANTAYTAMBO

at a glance

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DAY 10

ACTIVITY MENU

All day

CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Visit the trout farm at Huilloc and share a unique Andean Ceremony for the sheep, explore the farming terraces on the way to Ollantaytambo town, where you will find a living Inca stone town.

HIKE 1
In the morning
- From Huilloc to Pumamarka, stopping by the Ayar Orco Inca Cemetery
- Approximately 3 hours
- Moderate

GROUP ACTIVITY

Visit the archaeological site of Pumamarka

HIKE 2
In the afternoon
- From Pumamarka to Ollantaytambo
- Approximately 3 hours
- Moderate

OPTIONAL

Enjoy a visit to an artisanal brewery (This activity has an additional cost).

OVERNIGHT

Hotel in the Sacred Valley of the Incas (el. 2,830m. - 9,284ft.)
Sacred Valley of the Incas

ON THE WAY TO SORAYPAMPA

On this day, the first stop is a visit to the Quillarumiyoc archaeological site en route to the mountain village of Mollepata. Enjoy lunch at El Pedregal, a beautiful farmhouse in the village, where you will also have the opportunity to learn about local agriculture and livestock.
After lunch comes a scenic ride on the winding mountain road to Challacancha. Here you will begin your hike to our flagship Salkantay Lodge at Soraypampa along a picturesque path called the “Camino Real” (Royal Path).
GROUP ACTIVITY

Morning to early afternoon

Visit Quillarumiyoc and the village of Mollepata, stopping for a short visit to Yanapana, Mountain Lodges of Peru NGO.

HIKE

Challacancha to Soray

Approximately 3 hrs.

Easy to moderate

OPTIONAL

Guests who do not wish to trek may be transported to the lodge by vehicle.

OVERNIGHT

Salkantay Lodge (el. 3,869 m./12,690 ft.)
HIKE TO HUMANTAY LAKE

Day two presents another opportunity to gauge your altitude-acclimatization with a halfday hike to Lake Humantay. After breakfast, you begin an ascent up the slopes that border the plateau behind the Salkantay Lodge. An hour and a half later, you will be stunned to see the turquoise water of the lake.
Here you will have a chance to relax, enjoy a snack, meditate in the tranquility of this magical spot and be part of a traditional offering to “Pachamama” (Mother Earth). After your descent back to the lodge, the staff will be waiting with a hot lunch. The second half of your day is spent at leisure. You may opt to soak in our outdoor jacuzzi, indulge in a relaxing massage or even take a long nap.
HIKE TO HUMANTAY LAKE

at a glance

Soraypampa

HIKE

To Lake Humantay

Approximately 4 hrs.

Moderate to challenging

OVERNIGHT

Salkantay Lodge (el. 3,869 m./12,690 ft.)

Note: While the morning hike to Lake Humantay is optional, we strongly recommend your participation in preparation for the strenuous hike on day three.
After an early start, you hike up the Rio Blanco valley, circling Humantay Peak. As you gradually make your way up these mountain trails, you will encounter expansive plateaus dotted with boulders of varying sizes, the remnants of a valley that was once bisected by a fast-flowing river. The final and most challenging part of your ascent is conquering the mountain switchbacks that take you to the Salkantay Pass, the highest point on the trek (4,636 m/15,213 ft).
What follows is a dramatic descent through fields of giant boulders, often shrouded in fog. After a very welcome hot picnic lunch, you will continue down through bucolic rolling hills and marsh-like plateaus as you take your final steps to the Wayra Lodge at Wayracmachay.
CROSSING THE SALKANTAY PASS

Soraypampa - Wayraccmachay

HIKE
- Soraypampa - Wayraccmachay
- Approximately 7 hrs.
- Challenging
- Mountain pass at an elevation of 4,640m./15,213ft.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Horseback riding

OVERNIGHT
- Wayra Lodge (el. 3,906 m./12,812ft.)
Wayraccmachay

DESCENDING INTO THE CLOUD FOREST

After a leisurely breakfast at the Wayra Lodge, you continue the descent along the banks of the Salkantay River through increasingly verdant scenery. Today you will see more of the local people as the trail takes you past their simple homes and makeshift fences.
DESCENDING INTO THE CLOUD FOREST

Wayraccmachay

At lunch time you will arrive at Colpa Lodge, located on a high promontory at the confluence of three rivers. You are greeted by the staff with a Pachamanca lunch, a traditional Peruvian meal cooked in the earth by hot stones that create a natural underground oven. After lunch, spend the afternoon lounging in the sun or relaxing in the outdoor jacuzzi while you take in the panoramic views of the lush green mountains that surround you.
DESCENDING INTO THE CLOUD FOREST

Wayraccmachay - Collpapampa
Approximately 4 hrs.
Easy to moderate

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY
Afternoon hike from Manchayhuaycco to Collpapampa. You will descend through a beautiful valley in which you will admire the diverse cloud forest vegetation through the slopes of the valley. Duration: 3hrs approximately / Level: Easy. This activity has an additional cost. Overnight: Colpa Lodge at 2,870 m/9,414 ft.

OVERNIGHT
Colpa Lodge (el. 2,870 m./9,414 ft.)
FOLLOWING THE SANTA TERESA RIVER VALLEY

Today you will hike in the Santa Teresa River valley where you will hop over small streams fed by waterfalls descending from the glaciers and cross through fruit orchards. After breaking for a hot picnic lunch by the river, you will walk for one hour before we meet an MLP vehicle for a short drive to the beginning of the “Llactapata Inca Trail” that leads us to Lucma Lodge.
On the way you will visit an organic coffee plantation, one of many in that area that produces some of the best organic coffee in the world. In Lucmabamba, the hot air and increased humidity signal that you are even closer to the edge of the Amazon Jungle.
**COLLPAPAMPA**

**FOLLOWING THE SANTA TERESA RIVER VALLEY**

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**ACTIVITY MENU**

**HIKE**

- **Collpapampa - Lucmabamba**
  - Approximately 6 hrs.
  - (including lunch)
  - Moderate to challenging

**OPTIONAL**

- **Zip Line in Santa Teresa:** This is a full day activity which replaces the trek. Operated by Cola de Mono. It has an additional cost.

- **Biking:**
  - **Option a) Yanama pass – Hornopampa – Lluskamayo.** Duration: 5 hrs. approximately. Level: Easy to moderate. It has an additional cost.
  - **Option b) Descent from Hornopampa to Lluskamayo.** Duration: 3.5 hrs. approximately. Level: Easy. It has an additional cost.

**OVERNIGHT**

- Lucma Lodge (el. 2,135 m./7,003 ft.)
**FIRST VIEWS OF MACHU PICCHU**

During a 2-3 hour climb up a path mostly comprised of original Inca steps, you will get a sense of what hiking through the rainforest would be like. Your first milestone today will be the top of the peak, the last one before you reach the Aobamaba River valley that connects you to Machu Picchu. When you arrive at the ruins of Llactapata at the Llactapata Pass (2,736 m/8,974 ft), you will be delighted to see a southeast view of the “back” of the Machu Picchu ruins.
Enjoy your lunch a bit farther down the trail in a meadow with panoramic views. The final descent takes you through lush bamboo forests, until you end the day’s hike at the Hidroelectrica train station. A one-hour scenic train ride delivers you to your final stop, the town of Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu.
Lucmabamba

FIRST VIEWS OF MACHU PICCHU

at a glance

The jungle

HIKE

Lucmabamba - Santa Teresa
Approximately 5 hrs.
Moderate to challenging

OVERNIGHT
Aguas Calientes Lodge (el. 1,900 m./6,232 ft.)
At dawn, you begin your journey to Machu Picchu. As you enter the “Sanctuary”, the morning sun rises over the iconic Sun Gate and washes the structures and terraces with resplendent light. Prepare to be awed by the imposing and skillful architecture. Take a moment to quietly sit and listen to the wind... Your imagination will soar as you contemplate the history of Machu Picchu and its mysterious origins.
Some may even choose to hike the iconic towering mountain of Huayna Picchu. During your visit you will be touched by a feeling of peace and rejuvenation that will likely last until you get back to the city of Cusco.
Machu Picchu

THE CITADEL OF MACHU PICCHU

at a glance

ACTIVITY MENU
Morning to noon

OPTIONAL HIKE

Huayna Picchu mountain

Approximately 4 hrs. in total

Challenging

Mountain pass at an elevation of 2,720 m./ 8,924 ft.

Note: Huayna Picchu Mountain tickets are subject to availability.
THE LODGES

Our mountain lodges have brought together traditional Inca building techniques and sensitivity to the surrounding environment with all the comforts of home. At the end of each day, you will enjoy hot showers, fine gourmet meals, select wines, goose-down bedding, massages, outdoor jacuzzis and highly personalized service from our local staff.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We are happy to take care of your hotel reservations, transfers and can set up personalized tours during your stay in Peru. Our operation is highly focused on customer service and attention to detail. Our goal is to design superb travel experiences and create wonderful memories for our guests.

Cusco
Enjoy exploring the vibrant city of Cusco and its surroundings, which offer many great cultural and historical attractions, along with a variety of fine dining, traditional shows, and bargain shopping. Spending time in Cusco is the perfect starting point to acclimatize and gain initial perspective on local history and culture.

Where to stay in Cusco
Mountain Lodges of Peru welcomes you to El Mercado and El Retablo, two boutique hotels in the city of Cusco.

El Mercado
An elegant and intimate property located a stone’s throw from the Plaza de Armas, the main square of Cusco. Formerly part of the old farmers’ market, El Mercado has been designed to incorporate some of the elements of the market, both in its original decor, relaxed atmosphere and innovative cuisine. With only 32 rooms, provides the best of colonial and contemporary architecture, all the latest comforts and truly exceptional service. For more information visit: www.elmercadocusco.com

El Retablo
A two story 17 room art boutique B&B that celebrates vibrant Peruvian traditions and rich cultural heritage of Cusco. Mountain Lodges of Peru resurrected and converted the historic building into a stylish destination three blocks from Plaza de Armas. The innovative yet intimate El Retablo blends contemporary comfort with customs of Peruvian artisans, taking inspiration from retablos, which are a sophisticated form of Andean folk art with three-dimensional figurines in vibrantly colored portable boxes. For more information visit: www.elretablo.com

Lima
Historically referred to as the “City of Kings”, Lima still holds its essence as a historic and bustling capital one needs to visit. Spend some time at the Plaza Mayor, and experience the change of guard at the Presidential Palace, or maybe the tour of the catacombs of San Francisco Convent. Take in the sunset while you stroll on the boardwalk in the Miraflores district, heading towards the historical Barranco district, filled with artisan boutiques and local flavor. If you were wondering about what and where to eat, Lima is now considered the gastronomical capital of South America, so great cuisine, from street vendors to fine dining, can be found in every corner.

Extension Packages
Do you feel like exploring more of Peru? Maybe explore the colorful island communities of Lake Titicaca (the highest navigable lake in the world), or adventure into the rich wilderness of the Peruvian Amazon jungle, or visit Colca Canyon, with its incredible depths, Inca terraces, and soaring condors. There is plenty to do so please let us know if you would be interested in receiving any suggestions.
Our guides are among the best in Peru (some even having won international awards) and have on average at least 15 years of experience guiding in the mountains, not only in Peru, but around the world. Many of them are considered pioneers in this area, having scouted many of the current routes in the country. All Mountain Lodges of Peru guides have excellent language skills, and are highly trained in managing group dynamics. All guides undergo continuous medical and rescue training, with a certification in “Wilderness First Aid.” You will appreciate their knowledge of history and cultural traditions, as well as their interpretation of local flora and fauna, and their great insights (and stories!) that go far beyond any guide or history book.
**ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

**Spend an Extra Day in Machu Picchu**

Even though you have enough time to see the core of Machu Picchu Sanctuary during the regular guided tour, most of our guests realize that they would have liked to stay a little longer since there is so much to explore! Let us know at time of reservation if you would like to add this optional day.

**By spending an extra day at Machu Picchu, you will be able to:**

- Make the best of your time visiting a World Heritage Site situated on a spectacular mountain ridge.
- Explore areas of the site that are less visited by most travelers, such as climbing Machu Picchu Mountain (special permit to be purchased in advance) or hiking to the Inca Bridge or the Sun Gate.
- Visit the town of Aguas Calientes and shop the local craft markets.
- Treat yourself to a relaxing end to your vacation and fuland hospitality of the unique Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel.

**Prices:**

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<td>Cost of the one-day extension at Machu Picchu:</td>
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*Note: Prices subject to change.*

**Includes:**

One additional night at the Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel with dinner on day 7, breakfast and lunch on day 8, bus tickets to/from the site, entrance tickets to the Sanctuary, and transfer back to Cusco from Ollantaytambo (train ticket is included in your program cost). This extension cost does not include a guided visit of the Sanctuary or a climbing permit for Machu Picchu mountain. Both can be provided at additional cost. Please inquire with your Travel Specialist for additional information.
In 2006 Mountain Lodges of Peru sponsored the creation of Yanapana Peru, a not-for-profit Civil Association dedicated to social and environmental responsibility. Yanapana is committed to improving the quality of life through sustainable community development, in an effort to reduce extreme poverty in the Andean highlands.

Main activities of the association include donations for the enhancement of nutrition and infrastructure at a local public school, funding and training for local entrepreneurs, which include jam and honey, handmade textiles and organic coffee production. Other supportive efforts are directed towards child sponsorship programs, as well as medical prevention, detection and treatment programs.

In our own journey through sustainability, we realized that it was necessary to take steps beyond what was traditionally being done in social inclusion, which is why in 2012, a joint-venture was born between the community of Huacahuasi and Mountain Lodges of Peru, naming it Kuska Purispa: Walking Together.

We are convinced that sustainable tourism in the region should be built around a model that empowers local communities, making them active investors in local development projects for the long-term benefit of all. We are committed to work under this innovative business model and keep empowering and generating added value to local communities in Peru.
### 2019 RATES & INCLUSIONS

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**Included**
- Accommodations.
- All meals (except breakfast on the first day and dinner on the last day).
- Transfer services.
- Guided tours during the whole trip.
- Daily à-la-carte activities (except those that specify an additional cost).
- Entrance fees and permits to touristic and archeological sites.
- Tips for staff at the Lodges and staff in the field are included (except Guide tips, it is suggested US$ 5 - 10 per day).

**Notes**
- Rates per person, based on shared accommodations in a twin, double or triple room.
- Requested single room: 50% supplement of the rate per person rates above. Single willing to share: 25% supplement of the rate per person.
- Private services, additional services and specialty guides are available upon request at an additional cost.
- Standard languages are Spanish and English. For other languages please contact your Travel Specialist.
- Daily activities menu will be subject to factors such as weather and other events beyond our control.
- For season rates other than 2019, please inquire with your Travel Specialist.
- We kindly request that every guest presents valid proof of insurance coverage as a minimum for Medical Emergency Treatment and Evacuation. Make sure that the insurance policy includes Adventure Travel Activities or similar coverage.

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"EXPORT SERVICES (DL NO. 919) Regarding the General Tax Sales (IGV). Peruvian Law considers accommodation to non-resident guests as an export service. In order to be exempted and as a requirement, all non-resident guests must show upon check in their original passport and Andean Immigration card, provided at your arrival to the country and with no more than 60 days after your arrival date indicated at the immigration card."
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