

BLACK DIAMOND TREK TO MAGHU PICCHU

10-DAY ITINERARY

Seeking off-the-beaten path trails and the ultimate hiking challenge? Join us on this unique 10-day, 75-mile trek that takes you from the heart of Cusco to Machu Picchu along less-traveled mountain paths, and through traditional villages and remote archaeological sites. Along the way we mix luxury camping & mountain lodges, with the support of experienced guides and staff. Don't miss the trek of a lifetime!

2021 DEPARTURE DATES

APR 10	JUL 2	AUG 6	OCT 15
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ITINERARY

DAY 0 WELCOME TO CUSCO

Trip briefing in the evening: meet your guide and fellow travelers for some pre-trip details and Q&A's.

Location: El Mercado
 Calle Siete Cuartones 306, Cusco
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Please note: We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 1 - 2 days prior to the departure date for altitude acclimatization and to participate in the pre-trip briefing.



DAY 1 PIURAY

Hike from the Plaza de Armas in Cusco to Piuray Lake. Explore the Sacsayhuaman archaeological site and enjoy a picnic lunch at Senqa Mountain en route to the Piuray campsite

HIKE

8 miles / 13 km

Aproximately 8 hours

Moderate to challenging

15,354' / 4,680m



Overnight: Premium camping at Lake Piuray.

Meals: L, D

DAY 2

HUCHUYQOSQO

Early-morning kayak excursion across Piuray Lake* to begin the hike to Huchuyqosqo. After a picnic lunch and exploration of the Huchuyqosqo archaeological site, end the day with a downhill hike to Lamay Lodge in the Sacred Valley.

**Optional: Morning bike ride to Huchuyqosqo instead of the kayak excursion.*

HIKE

Σ 9 miles / 14.5 km

🕒 Aproximately 8 hours

🏔️ Challenging

⚓ 14,600' / 4,450 m



Overnight: Lamay Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

PISAQ

Short early-morning drive from Lamay Lodge to Ayarcancha, followed by a hike over a high mountain pass to the PISAQ archaeological site. After a guided exploration of the site, continue hiking to the PISAQ town center to meet your MLP vehicle for the drive back to Lamay Lodge. Upon arrival, the lodge staff will be waiting with a traditional Pachamanca dinner

HIKE

Σ 7.1 miles / 11.4 km

🕒 Aproximately 7 hours

🏔️ Moderate

⚓ 14,183' / 4,450 m



Overnight: Lamay Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

CANCHA CANCHA

After an early breakfast, depart Lamay Lodge for a short drive to the town of Huaran in the Sacred Valley. From there, begin an all-day hike to the remote village of Cancha Cancha along a traditional Inca trail. Trip briefing and dinner around the campfire.

HIKE

Σ 5.4 miles / 9 km

🕒 Aproximately 6.5 hours

🏔️ Challenging

⚓ 12,992' / 3,960m



Overnight: Premium camping at Cancha Cancha

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

QUISWARANI

Begin the day with a hearty breakfast at the Cancha Cancha campsite in preparation for the morning hike up to the Pachacutec Pass. After a picnic lunch at the pass, continue hiking down to the remote village of Quiswarani.

HIKE

8 miles / 13,5 km

Aproximately 6 hours

Challenging

14,895' / 4,540 m



Overnight: Premium camping at Quiswarani
Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

HUACAHUASI

After breakfast, set out on a morning hike to the Sonqococha Lagoon, followed by a picnic lunch before continuing on to Quelquena. After a brief rest, embark on the final hike of the day to Huacahuasi Lodge.

HIKE

7,9 miles / 12,7 km

Aproximately 8,5 hours

Challenging

14,625' / 4,458 m



Overnight: Huacahuasi Lodge
Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

CHOQUECANCHA - YUKUMARKA

Start the day with a visit to the village of Choquecancha, celebrated for their exquisite traditional Andean textiles, to begin a morning hike to Jaukani. After a picnic lunch, continue on to Yukumarka to explore this secluded Pre-Inca archaeological site before driving back to Huacahuasi.

HIKE

5,6 miles / 9 km

Aproximately 5 hours

Moderate to challenging

11,614' / 3,540 m



Overnight: Huacahuasi Lodge
Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

OLLANTAYTAMBO

The day begins with breakfast at dawn and an early departure on a morning hike from Huacahuasi to Patacancha. Upon arrival, your MLP driver will be waiting to take you on a short scenic drive from Patacancha to Pumamarca for a picnic lunch and guided exploration of the Pumamarca archaeological site. The day ends with a hike along spectacular Inca terraces to Ollantaytambo, the oldest 'living city' in South America. Trip briefing and dinner at the hotel.

HIKE

8 miles / 20 km

Aproximately 8 hours

Challenging

15,091' / 4,600 m



Overnight: *El Albergue*

Meals: *B, L, D*

DAY 9

THE SUN GATE

After breakfast, catch an early-morning train from Ollantaytambo to the KM 104 marker along the rail route. After crossing the Chachabamba Bridge, you will begin a full-day hike along the classic Inca Trail through Winay Wayna to the celebrated Sun Gate entrance of Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, descend along the perimeter of the citadel to catch the shuttle bus down to Aguas Calientes, at the base of Machu Picchu.

HIKE

7.5 miles / 12 km

Aproximately 6 hours

Challenging

8,858' / 2,700 m



Overnight: *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel*

Meals: *B, L, D*

DAY 10

MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast at dawn followed by an early-morning guided tour of the Machu Picchu citadel. After the tour, hike up Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain*, and then return to Aguas Calientes for lunch before catching an afternoon train to Ollantaytambo to meet your MLP vehicle for the sunset drive back to Cusco.

***Note:** *depending on permit availability.*

HIKE

2.5 miles / 4 km

Aproximately 3.5 hours

Moderate to challenging

9,120' / 2,780m



Meals: *B, L*

US \$ 5,500.00

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- / All transportation services for the duration of the standard itinerary.
- / Entrance fees to archaeological sites and other points of interest.
- / Four (4) nights of accommodations at MLP lodges.
- / Three (3) night of accommodations in premium camping installations.
- / Two (2) nights of accommodations at MLP affiliate hotels.
- / All meals and beverages including soft drinks and a house selection of beer, wine, and spirits.*
- / Service of a bilingual guide (Spanish/English) during all program days. Tours of archaeological sites are led in English.
- / All gratuities for the staff at all MLP lodges and in the field. Gratuities for the guides are not included and are at your discretion. In general, we suggest \$10 - \$20/day (per person) for lead guides and \$5 - \$15/day (per person) for assistant guides.
- / Wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) at all lodges.

**All meals and beverages at MLP lodges. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are subject to an additional cost at the premium camping installations and at our affiliate hotels in the Sacred Valley and Aguas Calientes. In consideration of the adventurous nature of the MLP experience, the risks associated with alcohol consumption, and the importance of maintaining positive group dynamics, we encourage guests to enjoy alcoholic beverages in moderation. In accordance with company policy, MLP guides and/or other company/lodge representatives may modify or suspend a guest's access to alcohol and/or trip partially or entirely if the guest's health or safety may be at risk due to excessive alcohol consumption.*

NOT INCLUDED:

- / Massage & Spa Services.
- / Laundry Service.
- / Bottled water and sports drinks are not included. In an effort to reduce plastic waste on the trail and at the lodge, we encourage guests to use refillable water bottles. For this purpose, we provide an ample supply of the highest - quality filtered water.
- / Local taxes (18% IGV) on meals and lodging applicable to Peruvians, foreign residents in Peru and tourists traveling in Peru for 60+ days.

DETAILS:

- / Rate is per person based on shared accommodations.
- / A fully refundable deposit of US\$500 per person is required to confirm a reservation (until 60 days).
- / We recommend arriving in Cusco 1-2 days prior to your departure date for altitude acclimatization.