



MOUNTAIN  
LODGES

*Peru*

# THE SALKANTAY TREK TO MACHU PICCHU

*a unique inca trail experience*





## Experience The Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu in style.

This 7-day lodge to lodge trekking experience will take you on a historic section of Inca trail through 15 different eco-systems, while you traverse a mountain pass over 15,000 feet, explore villages where locals still maintain age-old traditions and re-discover the mystical beauty of Machu Picchu, the crown jewel of the Inca Empire. Each day's trek ends with a hot shower in a cozy lodge, complemented by a massage or a dip in an outdoor jacuzzi, followed by a gourmet meal with

select wines and all provided with highly personalized service by local staff.

The Salkantay experience goes beyond deluxe lodges and a great trek. It is a unique opportunity to experience ancient history in the Land of the Incas, as well as the most interesting and exotic variety of flora and fauna, all in the company of new friends and like-minded souls.



## THE SALKANTAY TREK TO MACHU PICCHU

*7 day experience*

### Day 01

*Cusco / On  
the way to  
Soraypampa*

### Day 02

*Soraypampa  
/ Hike to Lake  
Humantay*

### Day 03

*Soraypampa  
/ Crossing the  
Salkantay Pass*

### Day 04

*Wayracmachay  
/ Descending into  
the cloud forest*

### Day 05

*Collpapampa  
/ Following the  
Santa Teresa  
river valley*

### Day 06

*Lucmabamba  
/ Exploring  
Llactapata pass*

### Day 07

*The Citadel of  
Machu Picchu*





**Legend**





Cusco  
ON THE WAY TO SORAYPAMPA

After an early breakfast, your Mountain Lodges of Peru tour guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel in Cusco. The first stop will be a visit to the Quillarumiyoc archaeological site. Next, you will stop in the mountain village of Mollepata. There you will visit El Pedregal, a beautiful farmhouse where you can enjoy a farm-to-table lunch and learn about local agriculture and livestock.





Cusco  
**ON THE WAY TO  
SORAYPAMPA**

Then, the transfer will take you through a winding mountain road to a site called Challacancha. Here you will begin your hike to Soraypampa along a picturesque path called the “Camino Real” (Royal Path), which is also a good opportunity to acclimate to the higher altitude. As you round the final turn of the Camino Real, the Salkantay Lodge will come into view.





Cusco  
**ON THE WAY TO SORAYPAMPA**  
*at a glance*



*Tubbing with a view*



*Spectacular scenery*



*Companions*

**ACTIVITY MENU**

**HIKE**

Σ Challacancha - Soraypampa

⌚ Approximately 3 hours

🚶 Easy to Moderate

**OPTIONAL**

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

**OVERNIGHT**

Salkantay Lodge (12,690' / 3,869 m)



*Soraypampa*  
**HIKE TO LAKE HUMANTAY**

Day two presents another opportunity to gauge your altitude-acclimatization with a half-day 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.





Soraypampa  
HIKE TO LAKE HUMANTAY

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.





Soraypampa  
**HIKE TO LAKE HUMANTAY**  
*at a glance*



*Lomo saltado*



*Pachamama ceremony*



*Under the starry sky*

ACTIVITY MENU

HIKE

Salkantay Lodge - Lake Humantay -  
Salkantay Lodge

Approximately 4 hours (in total)

Moderate

OVERNIGHT

Salkantay Lodge (12,690' / 3,869 m)

Note: While the morning hike to Lake Humantay is optional, we strongly recommend your participation in preparation for the strenuous hike on day three.





**EXPLORE.** *dream.* **DISCOVER.**



*Soraypampa*

## **CROSSING THE SALKANTAY PASS**

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 (15,213' / 4,636 m).





Soraypampa  
**CROSSING THE SALKANTAY PASS**

What follows is a dramatic descent through fields of giant boulders, often shrouded in fog. You will have some time to rest and enjoy some trail mix before the final hike through the area’s bucolic countryside; its rolling hills will eventually lead you through marsh-like plateaus to the Wayra Lodge at Wayracmachay.





Soraypampa

## CROSSING THE SALKANTAY PASS

*at a glance*



*colorful*



*Salkantay pass at 15,213'*



*landscapes at dusk*

### ACTIVITY MENU

*Morning to noon*

#### HIKE

Soraypampa - Wayracmachay

Approximately 6 hours

Challenging

Salkantay Mountain pass  
(15,213' / 4,636 m)

#### OVERNIGHT

Wayra Lodge (12,812' / 3,906 m)



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.





Wayracmachay

DESCENDING INTO THE CLOUD FOREST

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.





Wayracmachay  
**DESCENDING INTO THE CLOUD FOREST**  
*at a glance*



*Andean flavors*



*Local traditions*

ACTIVITY MENU

HIKE

Wayracmachay - Collpapampa

Approximately 4 hours

Easy to moderate.

OVERNIGHT

Colpa Lodge (9,414' / 2,870 m)





**THE *world* REVEALS ITSELF  
TO THOSE WHO TRAVEL ON FOOT**



Collpapampa

FOLLOWING THE SANTA TERESA RIVER VALLEY

Today you will hike through the Santa Teresa River Valley along a rolling trail that crosses fertile fruit orchards and bisects streams originating from glacier-fed waterfalls. Rest alongside the river for a trail mix, then continue hiking for one more hour before you are met by an MLP transport vehicle for the short drive to the bottom of the Llactapata Inca Trail steps that lead to Lucma Lodge.





Collpapampa  
FOLLOWING THE SANTA TERESA RIVER VALLEY

After lunch, 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

at a glance



organic peruvian coffee



orchids forever



ACTIVITY MENU

HIKE

Collpapampa - Lucmabamba

Approximately 6 hours

Moderate to challenging

OVERNIGHT

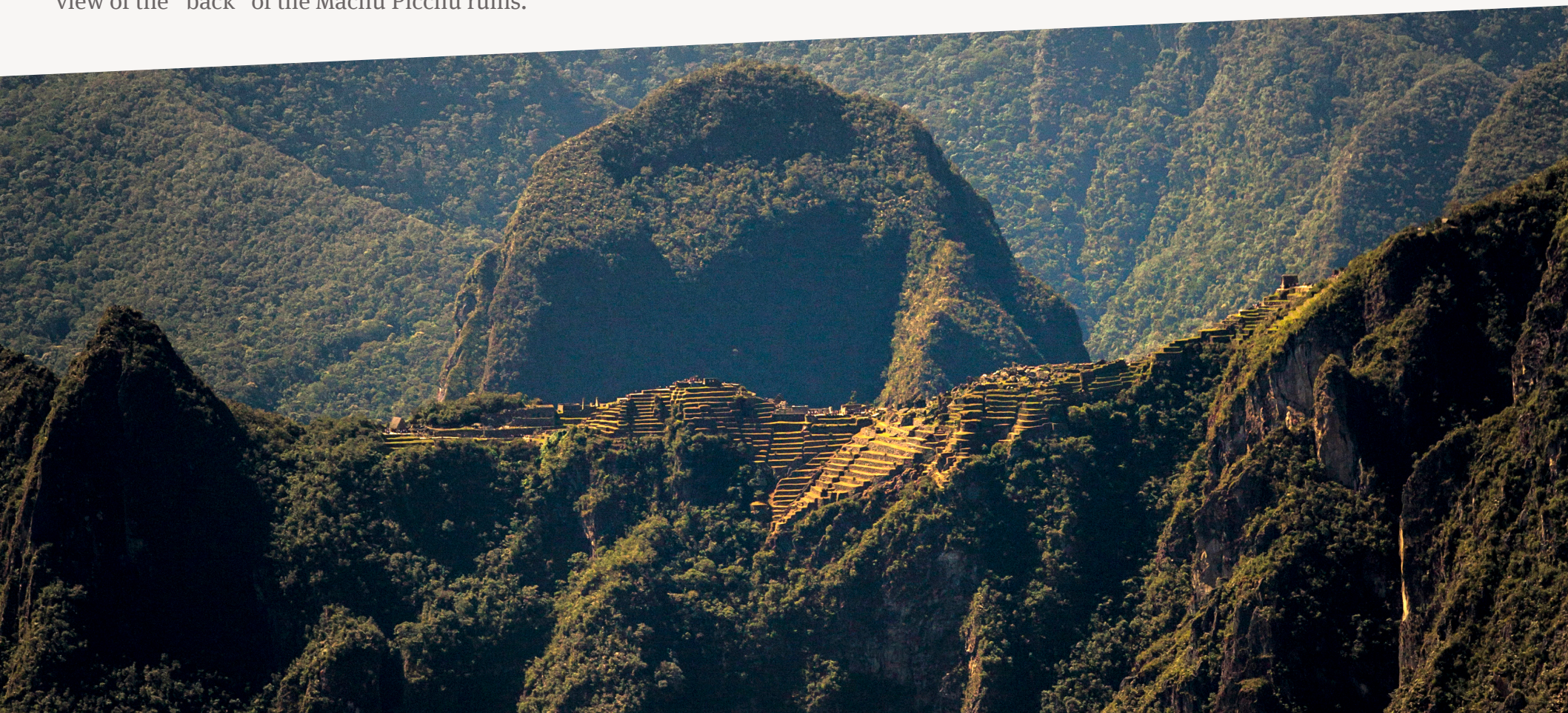
Overnight: Lucma Lodge (7,003' / 2,135 m)



*Lucmabamba*

## **EXPLORING LLACTAPATA PASS**

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 (8,974' / 2,736 m), you will be delighted to see a southeast view of the “back” of the Machu Picchu ruins.





Lucmabamba  
**EXPLORING LLACTAPATA PASS**

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  
**EXPLORING LLACTAPATA PASS**  
*at a glance*



*aguas calientes*



*Hanging*





*sunny days in the jungle*

**ACTIVITY MENU**

**HIKE**

 Lucmabamba - Santa Teresa

 Approximately 5 hours

 Moderate to challenging

**OVERNIGHT**

Hotel in Aguas Calientes (6,232' / 1,900 m), located at the base of Machu Picchu.



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*Machu Picchu*

**THE CITADEL OF MACHU PICCHU**

At dawn, you begin your journey to Machu Picchu with a short and rollicking uphill bus ride. Prepare to be awed by the imposing and skillful architecture of the Watchtower, the Temple of the Sun, and the royal Inca residences, among many others. Your imagination will soar as you contemplate the history of Machu Picchu and its mysterious origins.





*Machu Picchu*

**THE CITADEL OF MACHU PICCHU**

Some may even choose a hike to Huayna Picchu\*, the iconic towering mountain often seen in photographs. After the visit you will have lunch in Aguas Calientes before your train/transfer back to Cusco. As night falls and you arrive at your hotel amidst and hustle and bustle of Cusco, you will be touched by a feeling of peace and rejuvenation which will linger even as you journey back home.

*\*Tickets for Huayna Picchu Mt. (8,924' / 2,720m) may be available subject to additional cost.*





Machu Picchu  
**THE CITADEL OF MACHU PICCHU**  
*at a glance*



*Portrait pic*



*explore*

**ACTIVITY MENU**

*Morning to noon*

**OPTIONAL HIKE**

Σ Huayna Picchu Mountain

⌚ Approximately 4 hours

⚡ Challenging

*\*Note: Tickets for Huayna Picchu Mt. (8,924' / 2,720m) may be available subject to additional cost. In the event that Huayna Picchu permits are not available for your desired date, you may opt for a hike up Machu Picchu Mt. (10,112' / 3,082m), located next to the Machu Picchu Citadel on the southern side. Please consult with your MLP Travel Specialist for detailed information.*



*Equestrian adventure*

**LODGE-TO-LODGE  
EQUESTRIAN ADVENTURE**

The lodge-to-lodge equestrian adventure is a five-day ride amidst snowcapped Andean peaks, through verdant cloud forests and along pristine creeks, all the while enjoying our mountain luxury lodges and friendly staff. Day six is a hiking day, as horses cannot travel over the newly restored Llactapacta Trail. The trips are led by expert riding guides and the horses provided are American quarter horses raised in Uruguay.

All saddles, tack and riding helmets are imported from the U.S. We generally recommend this adventure for intermediate and experienced riders, but beginners with some experience are also welcome. Equestrian-only departures are available throughout the year from March to December. Other available dates are mixed-group departures that are shared by trekkers and riders, each group having separate trip leaders. Please check our website for additional information.





**SPEND AN EXTRA DAY AT 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.

**OPTION A**

- One (1) additional night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, including dinner and breakfast & lunch the next day
- One (1) single-entrance ticket to Machu Picchu
- Round-trip shuttle bus transportation from Aguas Calientes
- Transportation from Ollantaytambo train station back to Cusco

**OPTION B**

- One (1) additional night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, including dinner and breakfast & lunch the next day
- Transportation from Ollantaytambo train station back to Cusco

**OPTION C**

- One (1) additional night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, including dinner and breakfast & lunch the next day



# ADDITIONAL SERVICES

## FULL-SERVICES PACKAGES

Let us make your MLP Adventure even better with some itinerary additions to simplify planning and make your journey truly unforgettable!

Our MLP travel specialists are happy to organize hotel reservations, airport transfers, and personalized tours during your stay in Peru.

Andenes



XO Art



MLP recommends arriving in Cusco 1-2 days prior to the start of your adventure to get comfortable with the altitude while you explore this fascinating historical city. You may also want to consider spending an extra day in Machu Picchu during your journey.

We are pleased to offer these new lodging and services packages designed for your convenience.

### PACKAGE 1

- Round-trip Cusco airport transfers
- Two (2) nights lodging at MLP Properties
- One (1) night lodging at MLP Properties upon return to Cusco
- One (1) additional night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, including dinner and breakfast & lunch the next day
- One (1) single-entrance ticket and round-trip shuttle bus transportation from Aguas Calientes
- Transportation from Ollantaytambo train station back to Cusco

### PACKAGE 2

- Round-trip Cusco airport transfers
- Two (2) nights lodging at MLP Properties before or after your MLP adventure
- Additional Day at Machu Picchu – Option A:
- One (1) additional night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, including dinner and breakfast & lunch the next day
- One (1) single-entrance ticket and round-trip shuttle bus transportation from Aguas Calientes
- Transportation from Ollantaytambo train station back to Cusco

### PACKAGE 3

- Round-trip Cusco airport transfers
- Three (3) nights lodging at MLP Properties before or after your MLP adventure
- Transportation from Ollantaytambo train station back to Cusco



## HOTEL AND TRANSFER INFORMATION



### Airport Transfers

Private vehicle transfers to and from the Cusco airport. Upon arrival in Cusco, guests will be met at the airport by an MLP representative and escorted to their vehicle.

### MLP Travel Extension Packages

Let our MLP travel specialists help you expand your itinerary beyond Cusco and Machu Picchu! Visit other iconic destinations in Peru's colorful Andean highlands, lush Amazonian jungle, and expansive desert coastline. We offer curated trip extensions in The Sacred Valley of the Incas, Arequipa/ Colca Canyon, Nazca/Paracas, Lake Titicaca, the Amazon, and more.

### Andenes - new!

Andenes, our new property in Cusco features 16 beautifully appointed guest rooms, including two superior deluxe suites, plus an independent Apart Suite. The property's interiors are curated with a mix of colonial ambiance and modern aesthetics, inspired by the culture and tradition of this unique destination including the andenes or agricultural platforms that make up the foundation of the original colonial house. It is located in the San Blas neighborhood, just steps away from the picturesque main square.

[www.andenesCUSCO.com](http://www.andenesCUSCO.com)

### X.O Art House

X.O Art House, by Mountain Lodges of Peru is a unique luxury lodging experience housed in a restored Spanish Colonial casona in the city's San Blas art quarter. This intimate property is comprised of only seven guest rooms that feature works of art by notable contemporary Cusqueñan artists and offers full-service personalized attention.

[www.xoarthouseCUSCO.com](http://www.xoarthouseCUSCO.com)

### Palacio Del Inka

A Luxury Collection Hotel, Palacio del Inka offers 5-star accommodations in a historic Spanish Colonial mansion, centrally located and adjacent to the Inca Temple of the Sun. [www.libertador.com.pe/en/hotel/palacio-del-inka-luxury-collection/](http://www.libertador.com.pe/en/hotel/palacio-del-inka-luxury-collection/)



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.





## GUIDES

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.





## GIVING BACK



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.





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