



Day 1: Cusco – Soraypampa

We'll leave Cusco very early, heading north and stopping in the village of Mollepata. From here we'll take an uphill road to Challacancha (3,670 m.– 12,040'). This will be the starting point of our hike. In approx. 1/2 hour, we'll reach the irrigation canal that will take us to Soraypampa, where we'll have lunch and afterwards we'll hike up to the turquoise Umantaycocha Lagoon, at 4,140 m., which is fed by the Umantay Glacier. After enjoying the view for a while we'll descend back down to our camp.

Day 2: Soraypampa – Benched Terraces

Today will be our most demanding day, in relation to altitude and physical effort, as we'll ascend to the Salkantayjasa Mountain Pass, at 4,650m (15,255') and will descend along the Wayraqmachay Valley. We'll enter three ecosystems that come down from the glaciers, to the Andean barren plains, where (if lucky) we'll have a chance to appreciate large birds of prey and a magnificent view of the Western face of the mountain. We'll have lunch in Wayraqmachay. Camp is on



the benched terraces, at 3,300 m., by the edge of the cloud forest, with song birds and the presence of epiphyte plants in the trees.

Day 3: Benched Terraces – Lucmabamba

Today, we'll continue our descent through the cloud forest, leaving our campsite early in the morning. From here we walk towards the little village of Colpapampa, where the Chalan, Salkantay and Totorá rivers converge to form the course of the Santa Teresa River. From here we follow a path full of orchids and corn fields, followed by coffee and tropical fruit plantations typical of this wonderful valley. Tonight, we'll camp in Lucmabamba, sheltered under trees full of passion fruit (Granadilla) and surrounded by coffee plantations, at 1,770 m – 5,807'. (Note: another options is camping at the hot springs nearby)

Day 4: Lucmabamba – Aguas Calientes

We start today with a one hour bus transfer to Machu Picchu's Hydroelectric Plant, then start an 8 km. walk along the course of the Incas' Sacred River and eventually reach the village of Aguas Calientes. During our hike, we'll see the exact site where Hiram Bingham built his campsite before he made this magnificent place famous. In Aguas Calientes we bid farewell to our support team, as we'll spend the night in a comfortable hostel. This afternoon is open to enjoy the hot springs or just walk around the village.

Day 5: Machupicchu – Ollantaytambo

We'll start the day early, and after breakfast board the bus that will take us on a half hour ride to the citadel. We'll tour Machu Picchu, and appreciate the harmony between a construction designed with incredible stonework by the Incas, and one of the world's most bio-diverse places. Machu Picchu is surrounded by sacred natural elements, such as the Willkamayu River and the Sacred Mountains or Apus which protect that Wonder of the World. Huayna Picchu permit is included (about 1 hour hike up). Late afternoon, we'll take the shuttle bus back down to



town and catch a late afternoon train to Ollantaytambo; upon arrival into Ollantaytambo, grab a moto-taxi to your hotel; we are happy to make reservations or make suggestions of hotels in Ollantaytambo.

INCLUDED:

- Private transport Cusco / Soraypampa.
- English speaking guide.
- Mules.
- Arrieros (wranglers).
- Cooks.
- Sleeping mats.
- Fully serviced trek.
- all camping equipment including tables and camp stools.
- Heated dining tent.
- Variety of food.
- Including hearty breakfasts.
- Picnic lunches, and 3 course dinners.
- Spacious sleeping tents for each two people.
- Site entrance fees to visit Machu Picchu + Huayna Picchu.
- Comfortable tourist class hotel in Aguas Calientes.
- Shared on a twin basis.
- Breakfast in hotel.
- Train tickets Aguas Calientes /Ollantaytambo.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips for trekking staff.
- Hotel accommodations (we can help, just ask!) sleeping bag (may be hired, - about \$5 per day (approx.).
- Their personal equipment.
- Any immunizations that are needed.
- Insurance.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.

