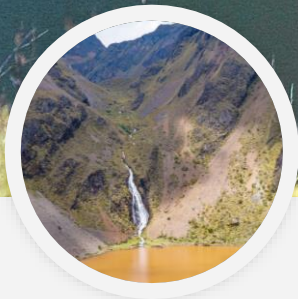




# **ANCASCOCHA TREK TO MACHU PICCHU 4 DAYS**





## DESCRIPTION

The Ancascocha Trek 4 Days is one of the least known and travelled, and therefore less crowded, excursions among the tourist circuits of Cusco. However, it was declared by National Geographic as one of the 20 dream walks on its list of the best walks in the world, and with good reason. The Ancascocha Trail in the Peruvian Andes is a spectacular trail that remains off the beaten path even given its proximity to the classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.

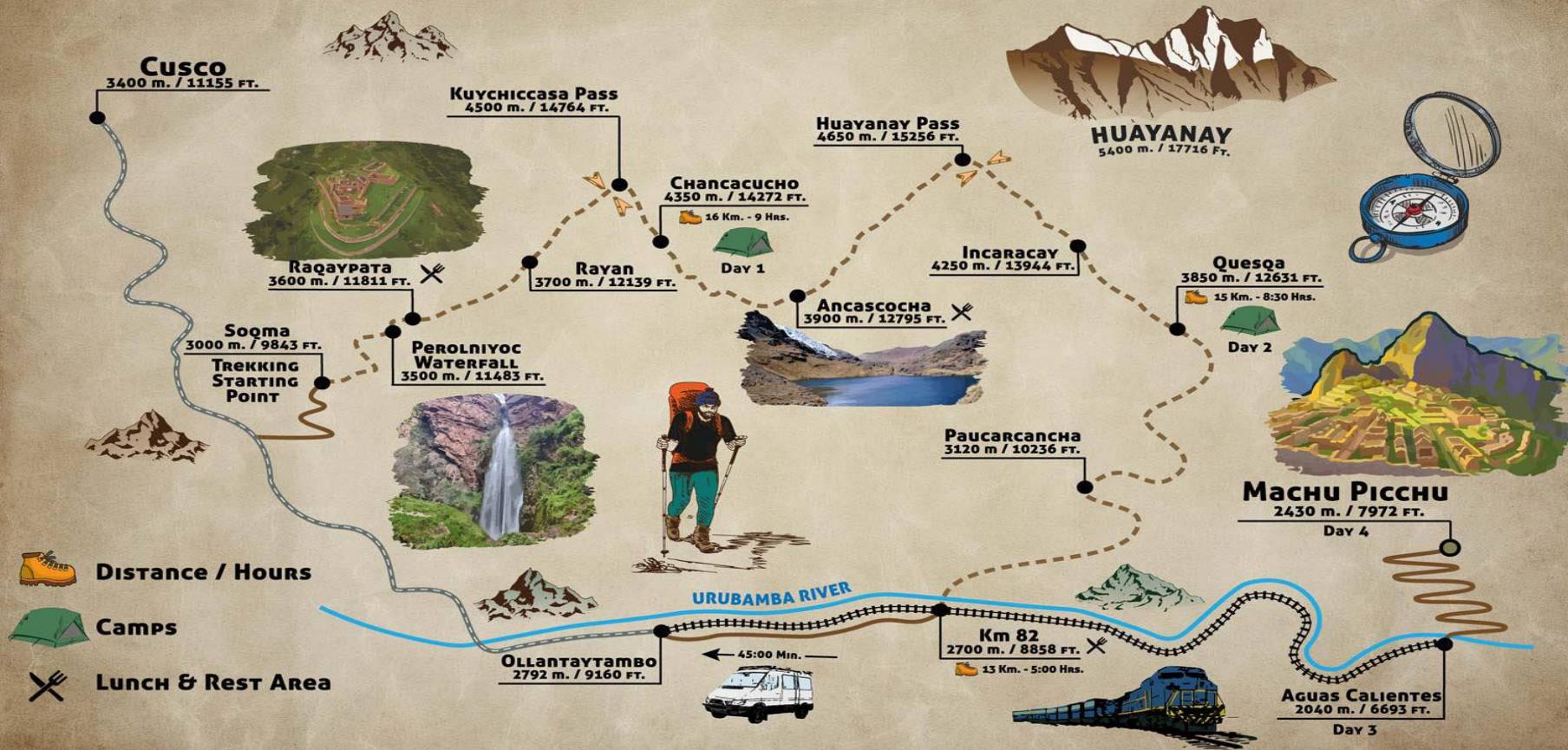
The Ancascocha Trek, often called the Super Inca Trail or even the Hidden Inca Trail, is a far more strenuous yet less traveled and more rewarding path. We'll cover a portion of the Classic Inca Trail during the third day of walking (yes, the one that needs reservations a year in advance). After a few days of solitude, you may be surprised to see many hikers suddenly. However, there's nothing to worry about as they go in another direction. We'll visit Machu Picchu, one of the 7 New Wonders of the World, on the last day.

You'll notice that nothing compares to the most famous archaeological site in South America despite all the beauty you have already seen so far. You'll have a 2-hour guided tour and the possibility of climbing the Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain (subject to availability). After completing the tour, we'll return by bus to Aguas Calientes and then train to Cusco. Don't worry about a thing; we'll drop you off at your hotel's door to arrive.



# ANCASCOCHA TREK - MACHU PICCHU

## 4 Days Trek





# FULL ITINERARY

## ANCASCOCHA TREK TO MACHU PICCHU 4 DAYS

### Why take the Ancascocha trek to Machu Picchu?

- ✓ At (Peru Hike), your safety, fun, and comfort will always be our main concern. Therefore, your guide will ensure that the pace of the excursion is adjusted to each member of the group. They'll take a break whenever necessary. Our camps will be ready before your arrival.
- ✓ We use high quality equipment to ensure your maximum comfort. We are extremely proud of our kitchen team. Our chef and his assistant will surprise you with the delights they are able to make in the middle of the mountain. You'll never go hungry because the menu is specially designed to ensure you have enough energy for each day of hiking.
- ✓ Highlights of this excursion include guided tours of ancient Inca archaeological sites, extensive cultivation fields where generations of peasants have tilled the land, and traditional Andean towns such as Chillipahua and Ancascocha. However, the real reward of this route is the impressive views of the majestic mountains.
- ✓ However, no reward comes without effort. It's a challenging walk that will take us above 4,600 m. in the Huayanay pass (4,650 m / 15,255 ft). Therefore, we recommend that all our passengers have an excellent physical condition.
- ✓ Enjoy unique landscapes, beautiful and crystalline blue lagoons, raging waterfalls, and the imposing Apu Salkantay (6,266 m / 20,551 ft) constantly dominate the scene.



After meeting you at your hotel, we leave Cusco early in the morning and drive 1h 45m to Soqma (3,000 m / 9,843 ft). This is the starting point of our trek and where we meet the horsemen (and horses) that will be our porters during the hike.

The hike begins with a 1h 45m hour walk to the Perolniyoc cascade lookout. The waterfall is breathtaking, and you can even take the short climb down to the base of the falls for some fantastic photo opportunities (and cool down if the weather is hot)! Then, hiking for a further 45 minutes we visit the Inca site of the same name. Perched on a cliff-top with spectacular views of the surrounding valley, your guide will share some of the history of the site and the Incas and you will be free to wander through the ruins, imagining life 500 years ago.

Next we make a steep ascent for around an hour to reach our lunch spot, Rayan (3,700 m / 12,139 ft). Here you will sample for the first time the incredible culinary skills of your chef, with a chance to rest, relax and refuel for the afternoon's hiking.

The afternoon begins with a challenging 3 hour uphill hike to reach the Kuychiccasa pass (4,500 m / 14,764 ft). Passing the rustic houses of the farmers, at every turn you will see sumptuous views of the snow-capped peaks of the 'Nevadas', wild llamas, sprawling valleys, and if we are lucky, a passing condor (the largest bird in the Andes with a wing-span of up to 10 feet across!).

As we reach the top of the pass (perhaps a little breathless) we take a break to soak in the magnificent views of the Chancachuco Valley on one side and the Sacred Valley of the Incas on the other.

From here it is an easy 45 minute downhill hike to reach our camp for the evening at the Chancachuco Valley (4,350 m / 14,272 ft). Here, with the campsite already prepared when you arrive, you can change into warmer clothing and lie back to watch the sky gradually fill with the most incredible display of stars (clouds permitting!) before joining your guide and your fellow trekkers for a well-earned, hearty dinner.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

16 km / 9.9 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**ACCOMMODATION**

Private Camps



You will be woken with a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea, followed by a full breakfast to fuel you for the morning ahead.

We begin with a 45 minute undulating hike followed by a 20 minute ascent by way of a narrow trail that follows a stream with beautiful views of Mt. Veronica (5,822 m / 19,100 ft).

We then take a 2.5 hour walk downhill to reach the small community of Ancascococha (3,900 m / 12,795 ft), in a small but gorgeous wooded valley with a stream running through it.

Continuing uphill for 1 hour you will enjoy views of the nearby glacier and well preserved Inca remains, before reaching the beautiful crystal blue Ancascococha Lake where we stop for lunch.

After lunch we continue our ascent towards the Huayanay Pass (4,650 m / 15,255 ft). This is a strenuous 2 hour climb along a steep switchback trail which brings us to the highest point of our trek. Along this section you will see an original cobblestone paved Inca Trail.

After taking time to enjoy the incredible views from the summit, we embark on a 3 hour descent into greener vegetation. Along this stretch we will have a distant vista of the classic Inca trail to Machu Picchu as well as fascinating views of the communities of the Quesqa valley. We will also pass the small Inca site of Incaracay.

Finally we will reach our campsite, nestled in the Quesqa valley (3,850 m / 12,631 ft). Once again, your chef will serve an excellent dinner as we reflect on the sights and sounds of the day.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

15 km / 9.32 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**ACCOMMODATION**

Private camps



On our final day of trekking we descend from Quesqa Valley for 2 hours until we reach the Inca site of Paucarcancha (3,120 m / 10,236 ft) where your guide will provide a comprehensive commentary about the site.

We then join a section of the Classic Inca Trail and make an easy hike downhill for 5 hours until we reach Km 82, which is the official start of the Classic Trail. Along the way we will be able to see the Inca site of Llactapata. Lunch will be served at Km 82.

After lunch we will be picked up by our private local van and transported to Ollantaytambo (2,792 m / 9,160 ft) to catch the scenic train to Aguas Calientes. Photo opportunities are endless as we carve through the valley floor into the lush green vegetation of the Aguas Calientes area.

After 2 nights in the mountains, your comfortable hotel room will be a welcome sight. The natural hot springs in town are also a great place to relax if there is time before dinner. We will take dinner together at a nice and quality local restaurant with an extensive menu (drinks not included) before retiring to the hotel to prepare for the early start on Machu Picchu.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

18 km / 11.18 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**ACCOMMODATION**

Private camps



After a very early breakfast at your hotel we take one of the first buses (5:30am) along the winding road to Machu Picchu to see the magnificent sunrise. Your guide will then give a 2 hour walking tour of this breathtaking site, named as one of the new 7 wonders of the world. Your entry ticket to Machu Picchu is included in the price of the trek.

If you have elected to climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountains you can begin the hike once your guided tour concludes. The ticket price for Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain is also included in the price of your trek. If you choose not to climb the mountain you will have plenty of free time to explore Machu Picchu before returning to Aguas Calientes by bus or walking.

Arriving back in Aguas Calientes you will board the expedition train to Poroy or Ollantaytambo. From here you will travel by private van to Cusco and back to your hotel. Your arrival time in Cusco will depend on the time of your train ticket.



**MACHU PICCHU ALT.**  
3,000 m / 9,843 ft



**MEALS**  
Breakfast



**RETURN**  
Returned to Cusco





# INCLUSIONS

## INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

At Peru Hike company, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour itineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logistics, but please pay attention to the details to avoid missing anything. Some items may be different for specific programs, so please read carefully before booking with us.

# WHAT IS INCLUDED?

## High Quality Service & Safety

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced Guide speaks English and Spanish
- ✓ A professional cook only for our group
- ✓ Medical Kit – First Aid Kit
- ✓ Private Camping Equipment
- ✓ One duffle bag per person
- ✓ Customer Service 24/7

## Permits & Entrance Tickets

- ✓ Entrance Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site

## Transportation

- ✓ Private transportation from Cusco to the start of the trek
- ✓ Horses, and muleteers horses carry your 8-kg / 16-pound personal items.
- ✓ Private transportation from the end of the walk to the Ollantaytambo train station
- ✓ Day 3: Train Ticket from Ollantaytambo To Aguas Calientes.
- ✓ Day 4: Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo.
- ✓ Day 4: Private transport from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.

## Meals

- ✓ Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, and 3 Dinners
- ✓ Meals: vegetarian and vegan
- ✓ Water to drink on the trail every day
- ✓ Wake up tea
- ✓ Tea Time or Happy Hour
- ✓ Snacks on the trail daily
- ✓ Products for hygiene

## Accommodation

- ✓ Personal Accommodation in Private Campsites
- ✓ Hotel in Aguas Calientes

## Extra inclusions

- ✓ PRO Air sleeping pad, Therma-Rest brand
- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ trekking stick
- ✓ Extra oxygen





# WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED?

## What Is Not Included?

- Travel Insurance





# BEFORE YOU GO

## Is it for me?

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Peru Hike Company in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.



## How many days do I need to acclimate in Cusco before the Trek?

It's very important to be well acclimated to the altitude before exerting yourself on a trek. We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 2 or 3 days before the trek starts to help you adjust and avoid possible problems with altitude sickness while on the trek. You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altitude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we still recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before departing for the trek. Here are some suggestions for activities to do in the Cusco vicinity before starting your adventure trek:

### City Tour and Sacred Valley



City Tour



Sacred Valley



### Briefing or Informative Meeting

All information meetings and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meetings last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to attend, you must coordinate another meeting by email, by phone or at the Peru Hike Company office.



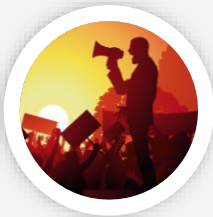
### Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

The trek has to be paid for in full at most 6.30 pm one day before your departure (generally after the briefing). It would be much appreciated if you pay the trek balance in cash US dollars or local currency at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw some money from several ATMs along Avenida Sol (either in US dollars or local Peruvian Soles). You can pay by credit card or PAYPAL online, but you will have to pay an charge, charged by VISA and PAYPAL. We do not accept bank checks or payment of the balance by traveler's checks.



### **Group tours**

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical conditions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route. It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all the participants, if such modifications are possible.



### **Strikes and demonstrations**

Strikes and demonstrations are usually common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date. Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellations, everything will be coordinated with you by our operations department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.



### **Lost Objects**

Please pay attention to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport, tents, or restaurants. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.



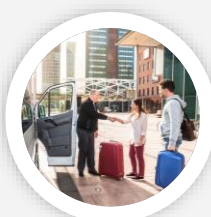
### **Duffel Bag or Canvas Case**

You'll receive a canvas case or duffel bag during your briefing. Our horses will carry them, and the horsemen will hand them to you when you get to each camp. They measure 60 x 24 x 22 cm (23.6 x 9.45 x 8.66 in). A maximum of 8 kg / 17 lb is allowed for each duffel bag, including the weight of your sleeping bag, sleeping mat, clothes, and other personal items.



### **Can I store my luggage at your office?**

Of course! During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge. Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of the, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.



### **Pick up of guests**

Peru Hike Company can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic. Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodation with good access.



# THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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