



GUIDING
CUSCO

SALKANTAY TREK TO MACHUPICHU

5DAYS - 4NIGHTS

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DESCRIPTION



THE 5-DAY SALKANTAY TREK OFFERS STUNNING VIEWS AND DIVERSE CLIMATES, MAKING IT A TOP CHOICE IN THE CUSCO REGION. STARTING AT THE SALKANTAY TRAIL, YOU'LL ENCOUNTER THE MAJESTIC HUMANTAY MOUNTAIN AMID RUGGED TERRAIN AND RICH BIODIVERSITY. INTERACT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES ALONG THE WAY, EXPERIENCING THEIR TRADITIONS AND WARM HOSPITALITY. WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED HIKER OR A NOVICE, THIS TREK PROMISES A MEMORABLE ADVENTURE THROUGH BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES. WORTH EVERY STEP, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE AWED BY NATURE'S WONDERS. ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?



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CUSCO – SORAYPAMPA –
HUMANTAY LAGOON –
SALKANTAYPAMPA



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SALKANTAYPAMPA –
WAYRACMACHAY –
COLLPAPAMPA



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COLLPAPAMPA –
LUCMABAMBA –
LLACTAPATA



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PLAYA – LLACTAPATA –
HYDROELECTRIC – AGUAS
CALIENTES



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EXPLORE MACHUPICCHU –
CUSCO

DAY 1

CUSCO – SORAYPAMPA – HUMANTAY LAGOON – SALKANTAYPAMPA

We'll kick off the Salkantay Trek with a 4:30 a.m. hotel pickup, followed by a 2-hour drive to Mollepata for breakfast and another hour to the trailhead. You'll meet the cooking team and muleteers who'll accompany you and carry equipment. The first leg involves a 3-hour hike to Soraypampa (3,800 m / 11,2467 ft) via an ancient Inca canal, followed by a welcome lunch. Then, we'll ascend for 2 hours to Humantay Lake (4,200 m / 13,779 ft) for relaxation and enjoying the view. Afterward, a 2-hour hike through a picturesque valley takes us to our first campsite (Salkantaypampa) near Salkantay Mountain's base, offering stunning views of the mountain and night sky for dinner and sleeping under the stars.



- *Hiking Distance: 14 km / 8.5 miles*
- *Duration: 6 hours*
- *Camp altitude: 4,150 m / 13,615 ft.*
- *Maximum altitude: 4,200 m / 13,780 ft.*
- *Meals: Breakfast, snacks, lunch, tea, dinner*
- *Lodging: Camping*
- *Difficulty: Challenging*

DAY 2

SALKANTAYPAMPA – WAYRACMACHAY – COLLPAPAMPA

Today, you'll wake up early to enjoy stunning mountain views with hot coffee or coca tea. After breakfast, we'll embark on a 2-hour ascent to the challenging Salkantay Pass (4,630 m / 15,190 ft). At the top, we'll marvel at the beauty and explore the area, including a lake at the base of Salkantay Mountain (6,270 m / 20,754 ft). Then, a 3-hour downhill trek takes us to Wayracmachay (3,800 m / 12,467 ft) for lunch, where you'll spot unique Vizcachas. Afterward, we'll descend for 3 hours through diverse landscapes, from dry, cold highlands to warm, humid cloud forests. We'll camp near Collpapampa village.



- *Hiking distance: 19 km / 12 miles*
- *Duration: 9 hours*
- *Camp altitude: 2,800 m / 9,087 ft.*
- *Maximum altitude: 4,630 m / 15,190 ft.*
- *Meals: Breakfast, snacks, lunch, tea and dinner.*
- *Lodging: Camping*
- *Difficulty: Challenging*

DAY 3

COLLPAPAMPA – LUCMABAMBA – LLACTAPATA

Enjoy a rest in the village while admiring the view of the mountains. After breakfast, you will prepare for the most beautiful day of this experience to the legendary city of Machu Picchu. Today you will walk through narrow trails along the river, pass wooden bridges, small waterfalls, and banana plantations until you reach the playa village (2,000 m / 6,561 ft).

Lunch today will be at the same place where we will spend the night. After lunch, we will continue to an organic farm, where you will be able to taste the best coffee in the area. This area is characterized by its coffee cultivation where you will be able to participate in the coffee process. From the beans to the exquisite beverage.

After this beautiful experience. We will have time to relax by visiting cocalmayo hot springs which is optional and is not included in the package can be arranged with your guide.



- *Hiking distance: 16 km / 10 miles*
- *Hiking time: 6 hours*
- *Camp altitude: 2,750 m / 9,022 ft.*
- *Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner*
- *Lodging: Camping*
- *Difficulty: Moderate*

DAY 4

PLAYA - LLACTAPATA – HYDROELECTRIC – AGUAS CALIENTES

Today will be quite demanding, as we'll trek about 24 km from Playa to Aguas Calientes. The first 3 hours involve a challenging ascent with stunning sunrise views, leading to Llactapata, where you'll get a unique close-up view of Machu Picchu. Along the way, you'll encounter Inca constructions and learn about the area from your guide. After descending to the Ahobamba valley for lunch at a local family's house, we'll continue hiking to the hydroelectric plant. The final stretch to Aguas Calientes follows the railroad track, offering views of Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, you can shower, explore the town, or visit the hot springs before dinner at a local restaurant. Tomorrow, we embark on the eagerly awaited visit to the beautiful Machu Picchu Citadel.



- *Distance: 24 km / 14.5 miles*
- *Duration: 9 hours*
- *Altitude of Aguas Calientes: 2,000 m / 6,561 ft.*
- *Maximum altitude: 2,840 m / 9,318 ft.*
- *Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner*
- *Lodging: 3 star hotel*
- *Difficulty: Challenging*

DAY 5

EXPLORE MACHUPICCHU – CUSCO

Today is the most important day of the Salkantay Trek. You will visit one of the seven wonders of the world, a city abandoned for unknown reasons during the 16th century by the great Inca Empire. We will start in the early morning, have breakfast at the hotel and take the first buses to reach Machu Picchu at dawn. Once there, our expert guide will take you to tour the highlights of the citadel: temples, palaces, squares and enclosures, while revealing the mysteries hidden in this spectacular Inca city, nestled on the peak of a mountain. The guided tour lasts approximately 3 hours. If you have tickets, you can climb Huayna Picchu or Mountain (Machu Picchu Mountain).

After finishing with the citadel, you will take the bus back to Aguas Calientes, have lunch, pick up your belongings from the hotel and take the expedition train back to Ollantaytambo. From here, the Guiding Cusco team will take you back to Cusco aboard our private transportation. You will arrive at the hotel around 7:30 pm.



- *Duration of the tour: 3 hours in Machu Picchu*
- *Altitude of Machu Picchu: 2,430 / 7,972 ft.*
- *Meals: Breakfast (hotel)*
- *Difficulty: Easy*



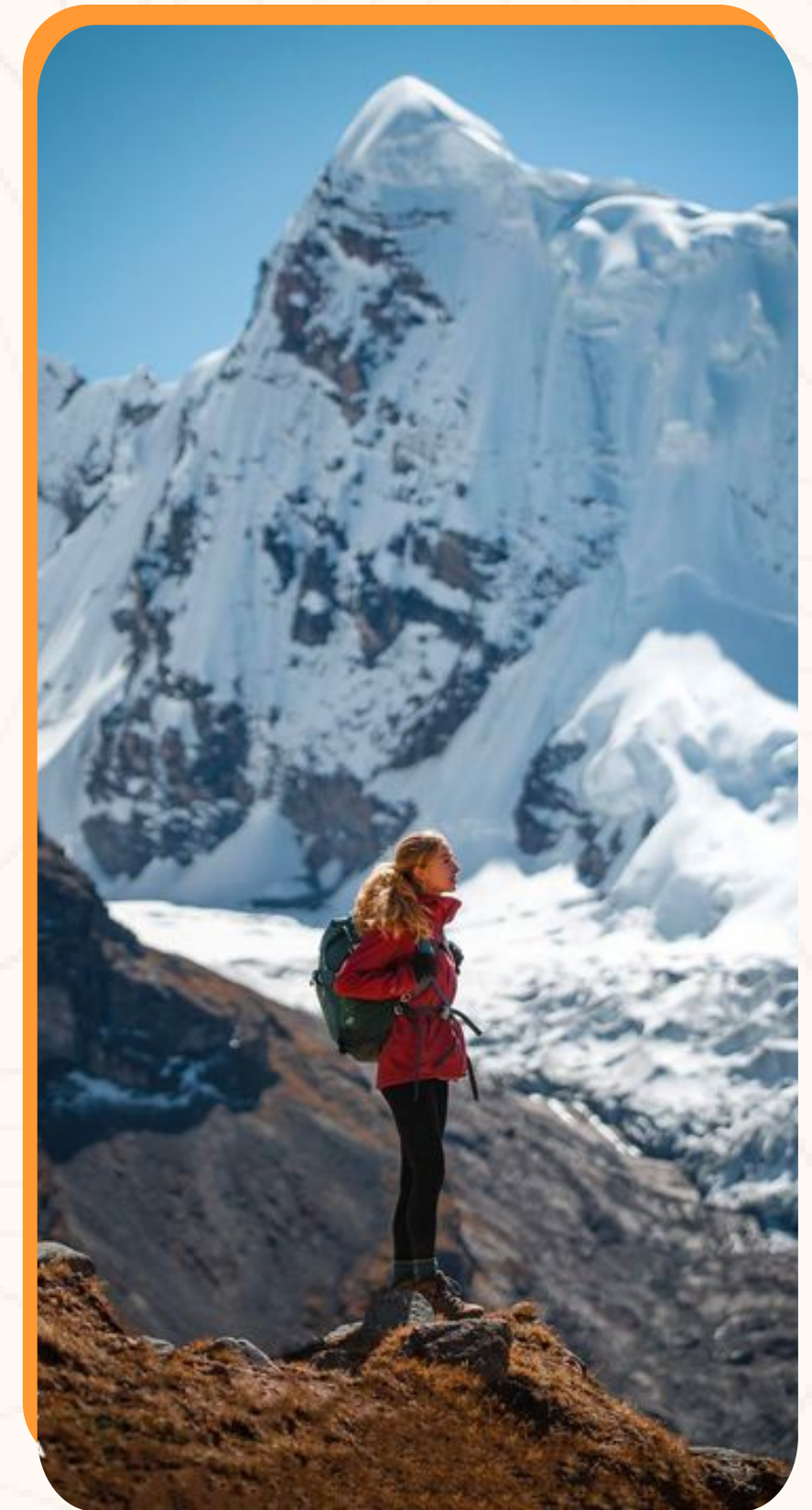
INCLUSIONS

AT GUIDING CUSCO, 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 SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING. SOME ITEMS MAY BE DIFFERENT FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, SO PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE BOOKING WITH US.



HIGH QUALITY SERVICE & SAFETY

- Pre-departure Briefing
- You'll meet your trekking guide and group in our office for an orientation before your trek. There, we'll provide you with the duffle bags, which our horses will carry. The meeting will be at 5:00 pm the evening before the trip begins.
- Experienced Tour Guide
- English and Spanish speaking, professionally educated, and official tour guide. Your guide will explain the culture and surroundings along the entire route, including leading your group in ancient ceremonies! He or she will keep you safe, sound, and comfortable on your trek so that you can enjoy your time worry-free!
- Private Camping Equipment
- You'll have spacious dining and kitchen tents where you can enjoy your food without problems. All our equipment like tables, chairs, cooking equipment, etc., will be carried by our horses.
- On the trek, you can carry your personal belongings up to a maximum weight of 7 kg / 15.4 lb (this weight includes your sleeping bag).
- Medical Kit or First Aid Kit
- All Inca Adventours guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions with our guides every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.) as well as oxygen. If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic for treatment.
- Extras Included in our Service
- We believe that attention to small details is what sets us apart from other local companies. You'll receive a cover to protect your backpack on the road and a rain poncho.



ACCOMMODATION

- 4 Nights' Accommodation
- Night 1&2: Andean Huts campsite; Shared accommodation; Subject to availability(double or triple) Ȳ
- Night 3: Jungle Domes campsite; Shared accommodation; Subject to availability(double or triple) Ȳ
- Night 4: Hotel in the town of Aguas Calientes with private bathroom, hot water, wi, breakfast, and luggage storage. Shared accommodation (double or triple)

MEALS

- 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, and 4 Dinners
- Our chef prepares the best dishes in the middle of the mountain. Our passengers love our food! We respect all diets (vegetarian, vegan, or specialmenus are availableat no extra cost), so let us know if you have any particular allergies or restrictions on your reservation form and remind your guide during the briefing. You'llenjoy breakfast, lunch,and dinner, in addition to hot drinksand snacks.
- Water on the trail
- We'll provide you boiled, filtered, and cooled water during your trek. For this, you need to bring a camel bag or an empty bottle(we recommend a capacity of 2 liters).
- Wake up tea
- Every morning at the campsite, you'll be wokenup with a cup of hot coca tea. Our staff will provide you the tea in your tent so that you will be warm from inside out before you start your day.
- TeaTime or Happy Hour
- Every afternoon before dinner, the cooks will provide you popcorn, biscuits/cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, teas,hot water, etc. After a long day of hiking,you won't have to wait until dinnerto relax, warm-up,and enjoy a bite to eat!
- Snacks on the trail daily



TRANSPORTATION

Private Transport

- 1. Day 1: You'll be picked up from your hotel in the morning and will travel in our private transportation to Mollepata, the trek's starting point.
- 2. Day 5: Private transport from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.

Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo (Day 5)

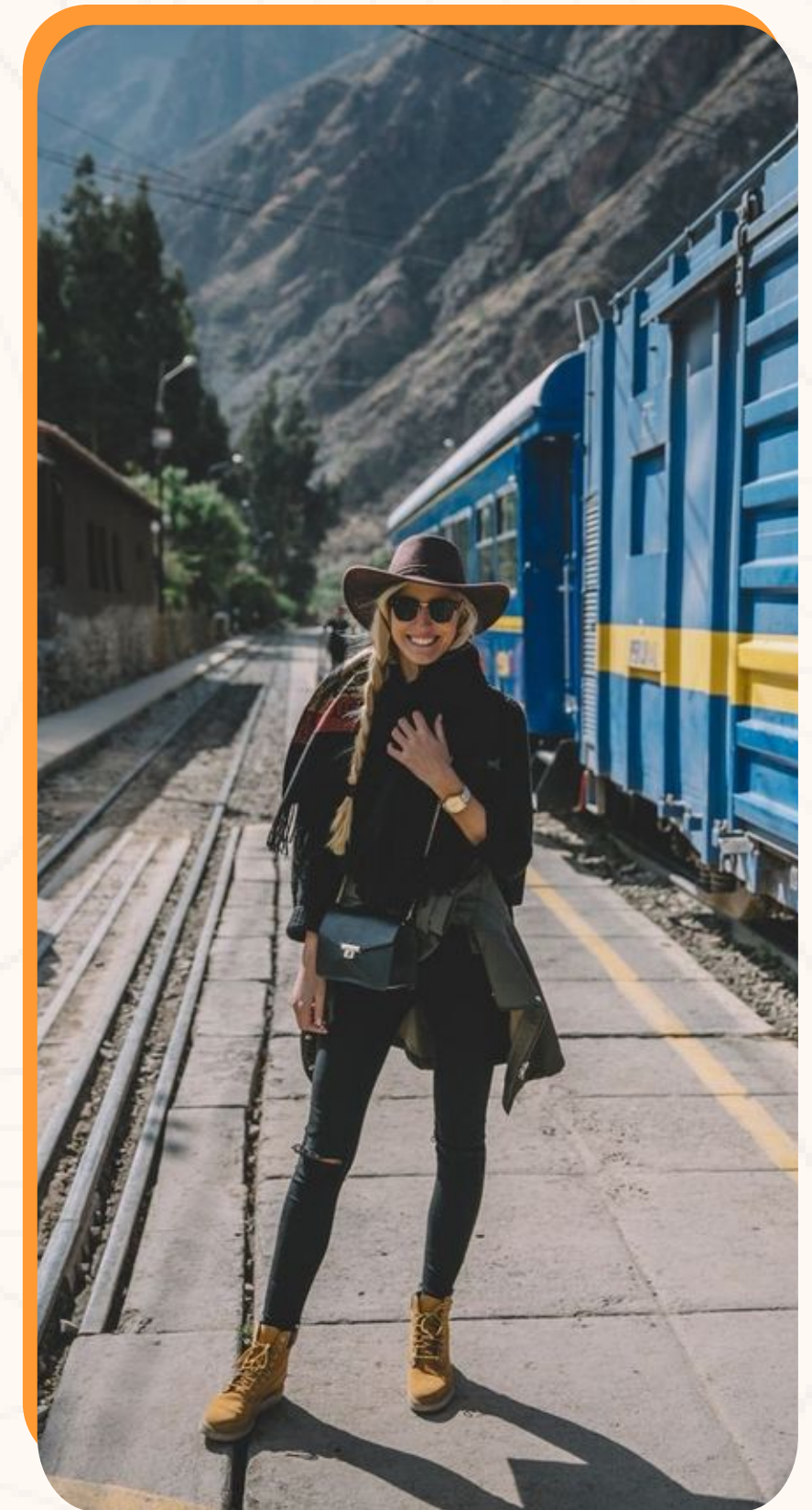
- Peru Rail Expedition Service

Mules

- will carry all the camping equipment and your baggage allowance (7 kg /15.4 lb). Our muleteers will be responsible for your duffle bag and personal items, and they'll hand them to you when you get to each camp.

PERMITS & ENTRANCE TICKETS

- Entrance Ticket for Humantay Lake
- Entrance Ticket for Salkantay pass
- Entrance ticket for Machu Picchu Archaeological Site



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

Extras and important equipment

- All our travelers need a sleeping bag to camp. Inflatable mattresses and walking sticks (with rubber tips) are optional but highly recommended. If you do not have them, don't worry, you can rent them with Inca Adventours.
 - Sleeping bag: US\$ 20.00
 - Inflatable mattress:US\$ 20.00
 - Walking poles (pair):US\$ 15.00

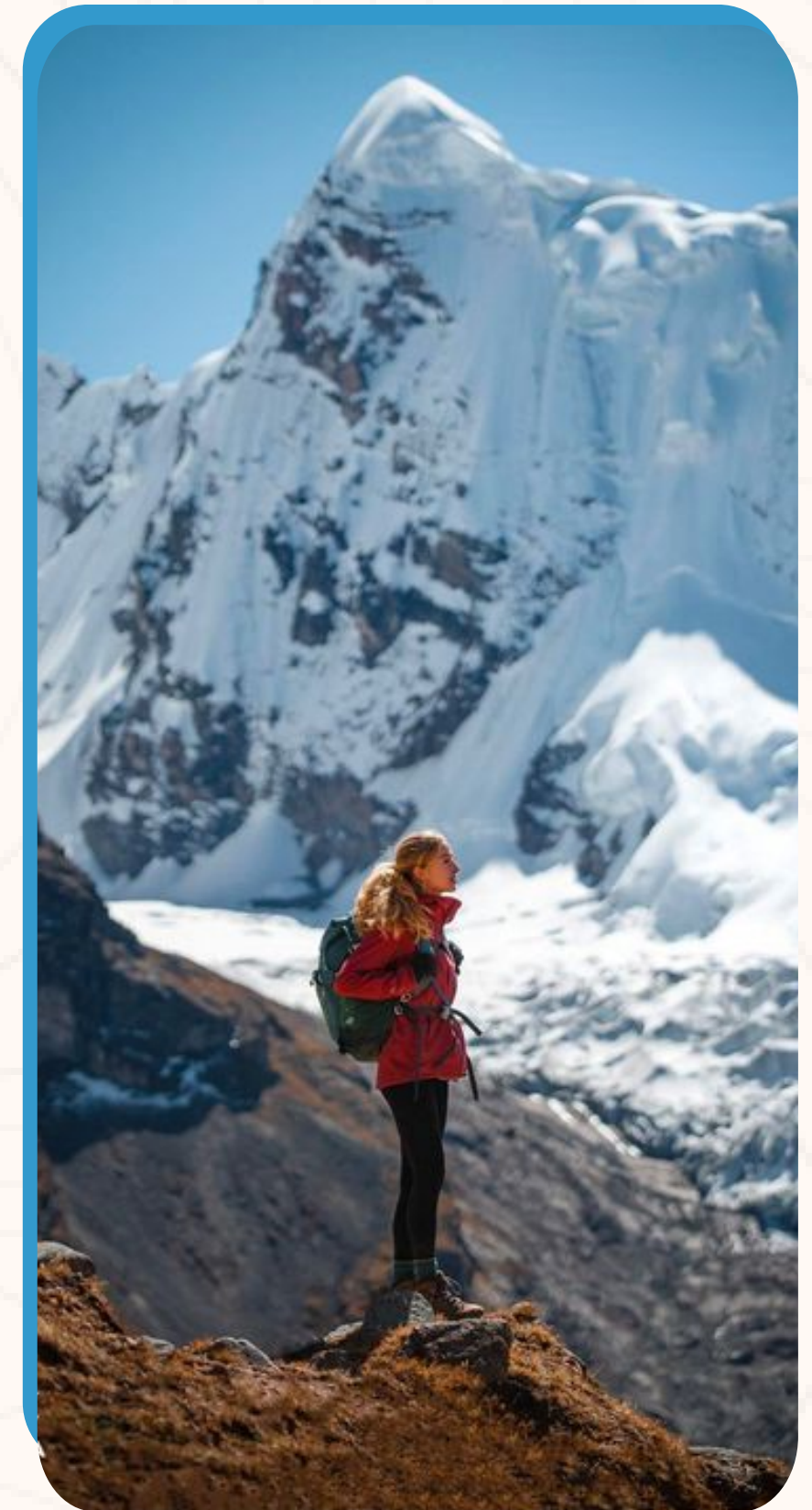
Extras to entrance to Machupicchu Mountain and Huaynapicchu

• Huayna Picchu Mountain

- You can climb the famous mountain you always see in the photos behind the archaeological site of Machu Picchu.It's 45 minutes up hill, and coming back down can be scary if you fear heights. You can take this excursion once your guided tour to Machu Picchu ends. The permit must be issued at least one month in advance due to high demand. Consider that there could be changes to protect your integrity, mainly due to weather conditions.
- The ticket for Huayna Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 70.00 per person.

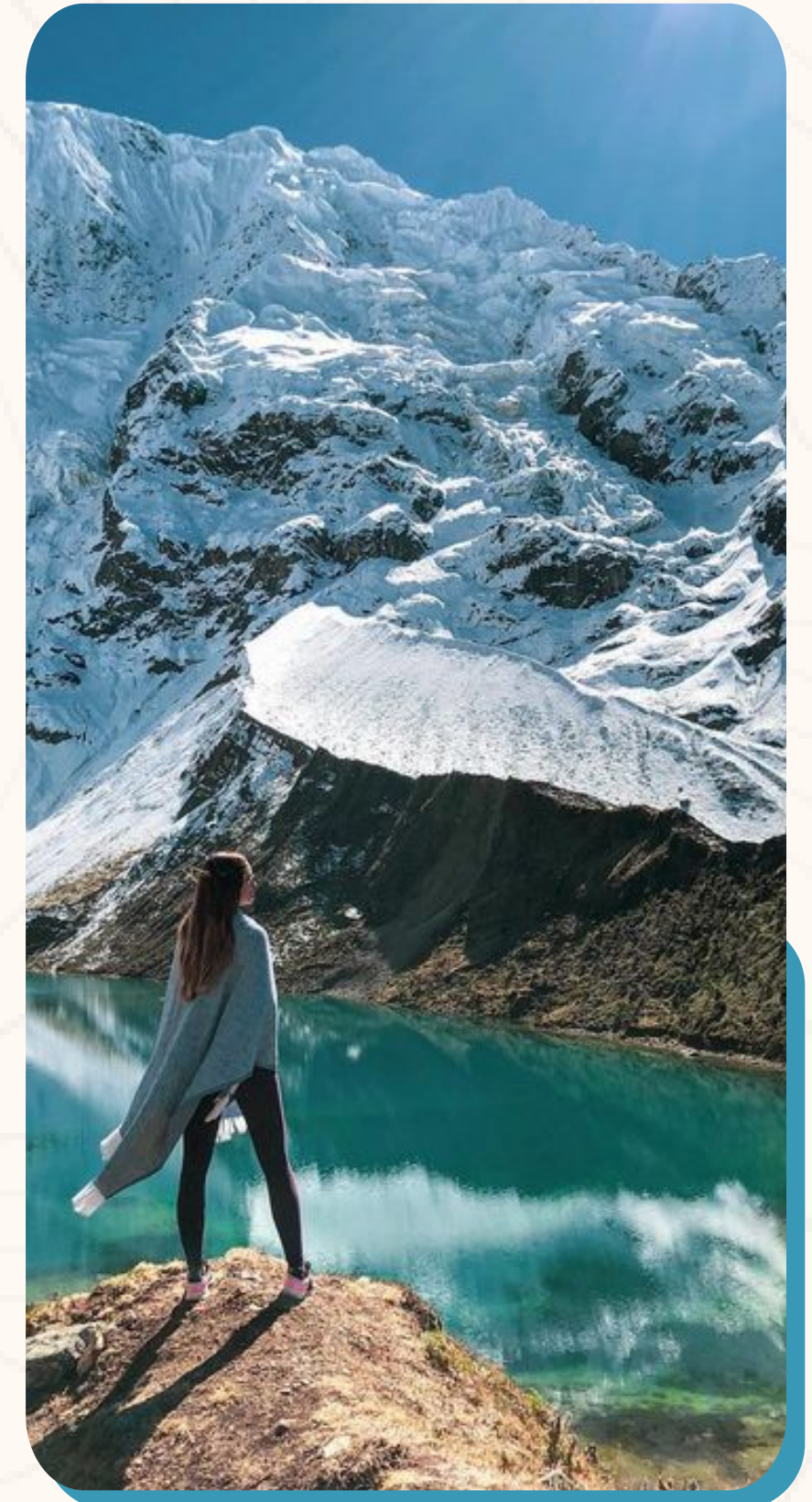
• MachuPicchu Mountain

- Machu Picchu Mountainis another of the mountains that surround the archaeological site of MachuPicchu. It offers less steep, wider, and visually less frightening trails than HuaynaPicchu, and it takes 1.5 hours to reach the top. This walk requiresan entrance ticketwhich we can secure for you if we have time in advance.
- The ticket for Machu PicchuMountain has an extra cost of US\$ 70.00 per person.
- Entry Ticket to Machu Picchu Pueblo Hot Springs (optional).
- Hiking Clothes and Gear.
- Travel Insurance Tips for our staff.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Tipping is the norm on any excursion to Machu Picchu. Although we pay good salaries to our entire team, something extra is always welcome, especially considering the hard work they do. Typically, group participants collect their tips to hand out to the horsemen and chefs together.
- Additional costs or delays beyond our control
- Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemic, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, act of God, etc.

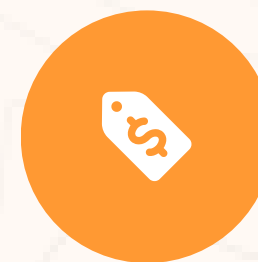




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