South America

# Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu

## trip highlights

- Trek the hidden Salkantay valleys on a quieter route away from main trekking crowds
- Cross Salkantay Pass (4638m / 15365ft) with views of snow-clad Andean peaks
- Explore Sacred Valley markets, villages and Inca sites including Pisac and Ollantaytambo
- Walk through a protected conservation area with native forests, orchids and birdlife
- Visit Machu Picchu after completing a multi-day high-altitude trek

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| **Trip Duration** | 7 days | **Trip Code:** STM |
| **Grade** | Introductory | |
| **Activities** | Trekking, Adventure Touring | |
| **Summary** | 7 day trip, 4 day trek, 3 nights hotel, 3 nights camping | |

## welcome to World Expeditions

For over 50 years, we've been creating high-quality, expedition-style adventures for active travellers with a curious spirit. From our very first trek in the mountains of Nepal to pioneering remote routes across all seven continents, our journeys are built for those who want to truly explore – not just visit.

At the heart of what we do is a simple philosophy: take the paths less travelled.

This means travelling with care, supporting local communities, minimising our impact, and unlocking experiences that most travellers will never have.

If you're ready to go further and dig deeper, we invite you to join us on the Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu, a journey that captures the essence of a unique adventure.

## why travel with World Expeditions?

This Salkantay trek follows a carefully designed route through remote valleys and protected conservation areas, offering a quieter alternative to traditional trekking routes. With expert bilingual guides and a dedicated support crew, the journey is fully supported, allowing you to focus on the trekking experience while camping in high mountain environments. Developed in partnership with the Misquiyaco community, the itinerary supports local livelihoods while protecting fragile ecosystems. Backed by World Expeditions' established operations in Peru, the trip provides a well-managed and immersive high-altitude trekking experience.

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World Expeditions does not require single travellers to pay a surcharge for travelling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same gender and if we cannot match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. Please refer to our website for the additional cost.

## the trip

Trek to Machu Picchu via a quieter Salkantay route through remote Andean landscapes and conservation areas. Beginning in the Sacred Valley, the journey combines cultural experiences with a fully supported multi-day trek through forest, alpine terrain and high passes. The route crosses Salkantay Pass (4638m / 15365ft) and travels through one of Peru's newest protected ecosystems. The experience concludes with a guided visit to Machu Picchu after trekking through lesser-visited valleys.

## about your leader/escort

Our guides are bilingual and our treks are conducted in English.

## at a glance

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| DAY 1 | DEPART CUSCO AND DRIVE TO THE SACRED VALLEY |
| DAY 2 | EXPLORE SACRED VALLEY COMMUNITIES |
| DAY 3 | TREK TO ACOPÍA CAMP (4154M / 13628FT, 10KM / 6.2MI, 6–7HRS) |
| DAY 4 | TREK ACOPÍA TO PAMPACAHUANA (MAX 4683M / 15360FT, 15KM / 9.3MI, 6–7HRS) |
| DAY 5 | TREK PAMPACAHUANA TO CHAMANA (3865M / 12680FT, 17KM / 10.6MI, 6HRS) |
| DAY 6 | TREK TO MACHU PICCHU VILLAGE (15.5KM / 9.6MI, 6HRS) |
| DAY 7 | EXPLORE MACHU PICCHU AND RETURN TO CUSCO |

## additional deposits required

This trip requires the prepayment of Machu Picchu entrance fee of US$55 in total (paid in your local currency at the current rate of exchange) which is non-refundable. This payment is required at the time of booking together with our normal per person deposit. The cost of your trip includes the Machu Picchu entrance permit fee, and this prepayment should not be viewed as an additional cost. We recommend you take out travel insurance at the time of booking. It is essential that if you obtain a new passport at a later date that you MUST bring both the OLD & NEW passports, or you will not be allowed to enter the site of Machu Picchu as your entrance permit will be linked to your old passport number. You must also inform World Expeditions that you will be travelling with a new passport and provide the new passport details when received. All travellers must present their original passport or copy of passport page at the entrance of the following archaeological sites in the Cusco region: Sacsaywaman, Quenqo, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay, Pisaq, Maras, Moray and Ollantaytambo. Peruvian authorities have implemented entry restrictions to protect Machu Picchu from the impact of its immense popularity. There are three time slots in which patrons can enter Machu Picchu for a maximum of four hours and must follow one of three predetermined routes. Admission is not allowed after 4pm. Additionally, all visitors must be always accompanied by a guide. These changes have been made to improve the visitor experience and, in an effort, to deal with overcrowding. World Expeditions endeavours to ensure you get the most of your Machu Picchu experience regardless of these restrictions.

## what's included

- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- Pick up from Cusco hotel on day 1
- Comfortable and central hotels
- Expert bilingual guide for each section
- Sightseeing and site entrance fees as listed (including Machu Picchu entrance fee)
- The use of a gear pack including sleeping bag, fibre filled jacket and thermarest
- Group camping equipment
- Pack animals or Porters to carry personal gear

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## trip dates

**2026**
04 May- 10 May
01 Jun - 07 Jun
06 Jul - 12 Jul
03 Aug - 09 Aug
07 Sep - 13 Sep
05 Oct - 11 Oct
02 Nov - 08 Nov
07 Dec - 13 Dec

**2027**
05 Apr - 11 Apr
03 May- 09 May
31 May- 06 Jun
05 Jul - 11 Jul
02 Aug - 08 Aug
06 Sep - 12 Sep
04 Oct - 10 Oct
01 Nov - 07 Nov
06 Dec - 12 Dec

## important notes

**Note: -** As our journey will commence early on day one, it is imperative you arrive the day before the trip commences. We can assist with hotel bookings, ask us for details.

**Note: -** Christmas, New Year and Easter surcharge may apply.

## fast facts

**Countries Visited:**
Peru

**Visas:**
Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant*

**Vaccinations:**
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

**Private Groups:**
Private group options are available for this trip*

**Singles:**
A single supplement is available for this trip*

**Leader:**
Expert local guides for each section

**Advice for people with limited mobility**
This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information.

- Private internal transportation
- Group medical kit
- Filtered drinking water

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

## what's not included

- International flights and taxes
- Airport transfers
- Personal expenses such as beverages, laundry costs, phone calls, etc
- Excess baggage costs
- Medical treatment
- Visa costs
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Any items not listed as included

## detailed itinerary

### DAY 1 Depart Cusco and drive to the Sacred Valley

Leaving Cusco, you travel into the Sacred Valley, where the landscapes begin to shift from highland city to rural Andean countryside. Arriving at Pisac, you explore the archaeological site set high above the valley, with views across surrounding peaks known as Apus, revered in Andean culture. After time at the ruins, you descend to the village to visit the open-air market, where local communities trade produce, textiles and handicrafts. Continuing through the Sacred Valley, you travel to Ollantaytambo, walking through its historic streets and observing traditional architecture before settling into your accommodation.

Accommodation: Sol Ollantay Hotel or similar

**meals: L**

### DAY 2 Explore Sacred Valley communities

Today focuses on the cultural landscapes of the Sacred Valley, beginning with a walk through agricultural terraces near Urco, set beneath Pitusiray Mountain. The site reflects the Inca understanding of farming, weather and seasonal cycles. You continue to the Inkariy Museum, where displays trace over 5000 years of Peruvian history, from early civilisations through to the Incas. In the afternoon, a visit to Lamay offers insight into daily life, including traditional food preparation and local customs, providing a deeper understanding of Andean communities in Peru.

Accommodation: Sol Ollantay Hotel or similar

**meals: B,L**

### DAY 3 Trek to Acopía Camp (4154m / 13628ft, 10km / 6.2mi, 6–7hrs)

A scenic drive leads toward Limatambo, crossing Tika Tika Pass where the peaks of Salkantay and Humantay come into view. From the trailhead near Misquiyaco, your Salkantay trek begins within a protected conservation area established in partnership with the local community. Before setting out, a traditional "Pago a la tierra" ceremony acknowledges Pachamama, reflecting the cultural connection to

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## thoughtful travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile; the cultures and traditions precious and often the communities we pass through are reliant on tourism. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact. Learn how you can do this by downloading the Thoughtful Traveller booklet from our website.

## trip grading
### Introductory

Introductory adventures are designed with the first time trekker in mind. They are challenging enough to make it a real adventure holiday, however the daily physical exercise is around six to eight hours and altitudes generally less than 4,600m. Introductory adventures are not necessarily easy. There will be some long steep ascents and some rough ground to cover. Remember trekking rarely involves flat terrain.

Two to three months prior to departure you should spend thirty minutes to one hour exercising, three or four times per week eg. Hard walking, jogging or cycling. To prepare for a walking holiday we recommend you take every opportunity to walk up and down stairs and/or hills, for leg strengthening and aerobic fitness. Please remember the fitter you are the more you will enjoy your holiday.

## adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

the land. The trail ascends through a rare Meso-Andean forest, home to native plant species, before opening into high grasslands. Camp is set at Acopía, surrounded by the quiet landscapes of the Andes.

Accommodation: Camping

**meals: B,L,D**

### DAY 4 Trek Acopía to Pampacahuana (max 4683m / 15360ft, 15km / 9.3mi, 6–7hrs)

Leaving Acopía, the trail climbs steadily toward Tambomachay Pass (4367m / 14323ft), with opportunities to observe Andean birdlife including condors. Continuing higher, you reach Uspaccasa for lunch, where views extend toward Salkantay and Humantay. The route follows a high ridge to Cruzjasa Pass (4683m / 15360ft), offering expansive views across the Pampacahuana Valley and surrounding peaks. A steep descent leads to camp at Pampacahuana, set within a remote valley where few trekkers pass.

Accommodation: Camping

**meals: B,L,D**

### DAY 5 Trek Pampacahuana to Chamana (3865m / 12680ft, 17km / 10.6mi, 6hrs)

Today the trail descends through the Pampacahuana Valley following an ancient Inca canal that still traces the contours of the landscape. As you lose altitude, the terrain becomes greener, with small farm settlements appearing along the route. At Paucarcancha, you explore an Inca archaeological site located at the junction of two valleys. Continuing onward, the route joins a section of the Inca Trail, passing Patallacta before reaching your campsite at Chamana with access to basic facilities including hot showers.

Accommodation: Camping

**meals: B,L,D**

### DAY 6 Trek to Machu Picchu Village (15.5km / 9.6mi, 6hrs)

Reaching the edge of the Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary, you visit the archaeological site of Huayna Q'ente, known for its terraces and stonework. The trail then follows the Vilcanota River, linking a series of Inca sites along a historic route associated with early access to Machu Picchu. Arriving at Piscacucho, the main entrance to the Inca Trail, you transfer by road to Ollantaytambo before continuing by train to Machu Picchu Village. The journey marks the final stage of the Salkantay trek toward Machu Picchu.

Accommodation: El Mapi Hotel or similar

**meals: B,L,D**

### DAY 7 Explore Machu Picchu and return to Cusco

You visit Machu Picchu for a guided exploration of the site. Built in the 15th century during the reign of the Inca emperor Pachacuti, the citadel reflects advanced engineering and stone construction techniques. The surrounding landscape of steep ridges and cloud forest highlights the strategic location of the site. After your visit, you return by train and road to Cusco. The trip concludes on arrival in Cusco.

Accommodationt: Hotel Abbitare or similar.

NB - depending on train schedules, we may arrive into Cusco very late at night.

*Important: To ensure the protection and conservation of the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu and enhance the visitor experience, several restrictions and regulations are in place. The site features three main circuits divided into ten predetermined routes. Visitors are limited to a maximum of four hours within the site to reduce congestion

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## important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information on our website, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

and preserve the ruins, and admission is not permitted after 4pm. Additionally, all visitors must be accompanied by a guide. Despite these restrictions, World Expeditions endeavours to ensure you have a memorable and fulfilling Machu Picchu experience.

OPTIONAL HUAYNA PICCHU CLIMB OR MACHU PICCHU MOUNTAIN CLIMB - For the adventurous, you can purchase a permit for either the Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain climb (please enquire for costs). Choosing this option means forgoing the guided tour of Machu Picchu, which is non-refundable and non-transferable. Huayna Picchu, with its narrow trails, reaches an elevation of 2,963m, while Machu Picchu Mountain, with a wider path, peaks at 3,082m. Both climbs are steep, slippery, exposed, and involve vertiginous drops, requiring a minimum of 3 hours return. Note that these climbs are not guided. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable, and a waiver form must be signed before purchase. Both permits are limited and sell out quickly, so please contact us if interested.

**meals: B,L**

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

## suggested extensions

- Galapagos Island Cruise
- Cusco to La Paz
- Uyuni Salt Flats and Potosi (Bolivia)
- Nazca, Ballestas Islands & Colca Canyon
- Iguazu Falls

## country information

Peru is located on the Pacific coast of South America, spans over 1.3 million square kilometres and is one of the most culturally and geographically diverse countries in the region. Its population is a rich mix of Indigenous peoples, including the Quechua and Aymara, and those of mixed Indigenous and European descent (mestizo). The capital, Lima, is a vast coastal metropolis and home to more than a third of Peru's population. Founded in 1535, Lima served as the seat of Spanish colonial power in South America for nearly three centuries. Today, it's a dynamic hub where colonial architecture, contemporary culture, and sprawling urban neighbourhoods converge. Geographically, Peru is shaped by three distinct regions: the narrow coastal plain, where the cold Humboldt Current creates one of the world's richest marine ecosystems; the towering Andes mountains, which run north to south and form the backbone of the country; and the Amazon Basin, a vast area of dense rainforest and biodiversity. At an altitude of 3,400m (11,155ft), Cusco was once the capital of the Inca Empire and remains the cultural heart of the Peruvian Andes. The city is renowned for its Inca stonework, Spanish colonial churches and plazas, and vibrant artisan markets. It also serves as the gateway to Machu Picchu, the UNESCO-listed citadel and one of the world's most iconic archaeological sites.

## climate

Peru's climate varies widely by region. In the Andes, the dry season runs from May to September, with sunny days and cold nights. Daytime temperatures average 15–20°C (59–68°F), dropping to 0–5°C (32–41°F) at night. The wet season is from October to April, with heaviest rainfall between January and March. Along the coast, including Lima, summers (Dec–Mar) are warm and humid, around 24–30°C (75–86°F), while winters (Jun–Sep) are cooler and overcast. In the Amazon, it's hot and humid year-round, with temperatures between 28–34°C (82–93°F). Expect daily rainfall from November to April, with drier conditions from May to October. The trekking season in Peru lasts from the end of April (the last month of the wet

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season) through to mid-October (by which time the rains have returned and hiking becomes more difficult due to muddy trails and snowed-in passes). In the highlands of Peru, where the treks take place, daytime temperatures will be in the range of 10-20°C falling as low as -10°C at night. Also it is possible that we'll get some snow on the higher ground and some of the higher passes.

## a typical day

On this trip you may have one sightseeing guide and one trekking guide or one guide for the whole trip. If you have two guides, the arrangements will be as follows:

Touring Routine:

Days 1-2: Your sightseeing guide will meet you in Cusco on Day 1. Depending on the itinerary for the day, you will either be travelling or sightseeing. Local experts generally fill the mornings with tours to the local sites. After lunch, further sightseeing will take place or there will be leisure time for you to read, relax at the hotel or explore.

Trekking Routine:

Your trekking guide will meet you at the start of the trailhead on Day 3 and be with you for the remainder of the trip. Our trekking day starts around 6.30am with a wake-up call and fresh cup of tea brought to your tent. Hot water is available for a light morning wash. Breakfast is served in the dining tent and consists of hot porridge and toast and jam, served with coffee, hot milk and tea. On some days we serve bacon and eggs or pancakes. Before breakfast it's often a good idea for you to pack up your duffle bags, prepare your day packs and take down your tents so that the mule or llama skinners can organise the loading for departure. The mornings hike usually lasts from about 8:00am to 12.30pm allowing plenty of rest and photo stops. Lunch is of the picnic type and is prepared by one of the cooks who accompany us during the morning. It consists of salads (vegetables and/or noodles), sometimes soups, salamis, cheese, peanut butter, bread, crackers, tinned meats and fish, topped off by freshly brewed tea and biscuits. After lunch we set off for the afternoon's hike - usually 2 to 3 hours to the camp. On arrival in camp (which will have already been set up in advance) tea and coffee will be served and you are then free to do as you like until dinnertime. Served at 6:30 - 7:00pm, dinner consists of three courses - soup or fresh salad, a main course of stews, spaghetti or rice dishes (all prepared with fresh meat and vegetables) served with red or white cask wines (on last night of trek) and followed by dessert, tea, coffee and Milo. Nor will you go hungry during the walking day. Apart from lunch you will also get a "snack pack" made up of chocolates, nuts and fresh fruit. Most of the walking is on fairly well-defined tracks, including some remarkable sections of ancient Inca stone "highways". There are occasional river crossings but no really steep sections where scrambling is involved. Most groups like to spread out over the trail, stopping for photographs, resting, and bird-watching or just ambling and taking time out to absorb the lovely surroundings. The only thing we ask you to remember is not to get too far ahead of, or behind the main party, and to keep your guide within view. One of the guides or camp staff almost always walks with the slowest member of the group - so there's no chance of being left behind. In fact almost everyone finds and manages to keep to their own pace. Obviously in the event of very bad weather or adverse conditions, the guide will keep the group as close together as possible. The evenings are often one of the most enjoyable parts of the day. After a relaxing dinner, people like to sit in the dining tent - talking, playing cards or scrabble, reading, chatting or just relaxing (a good idea to bring games, cards and books along). Mules (and Porters on the Inca Trail) are used to transport your baggage but you will need a day-pack to carry the things you'll want during the walking day - water bottle, camera etc.

## meals during the trek

We provide a full service while on trek. An important aspect of this service are the meals that are prepared for you and we are frequently complimented by returning travellers about the food provided. Ensuring that you stay healthy is one of our highest priorities. Therefore, each of our treks is accompanied by a trained cook as well as kitchen staff who provide you with three hearty meals each day. High levels of hygiene are engaged to ensure that our travellers stay healthy and

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fit. Our cooking staff has mastered the preparation of a varied and balanced menu and there is always plenty of food for those who may like seconds. Our cooks are trained to provide excellent food for vegetarians and anyone who has a limited diet including those who are lactose or gluten intolerant. Our meal inclusion on your trek is for your benefit and takes all the hassle, expense and worry out of your holiday. Typically, you can expect breakfast to consist of muesli or cereal, eggs, local breads and pancakes and hot drinks. Lunch will generally be vegetables, salads, bread, cheese pasta style dishes, tinned fish and meats and are normally eaten picnic style. Dinner is always three courses and includes soup, seasonal vegetables, meat, rice or pasta and bread with some local specialties also in the mix. Dessert is always served after the main meal each evening followed by hot beverages.

## dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

## equipment provided

You will be provided with the following equipment to use (NOT to keep) during your trip: a kit bag, sleeping bag, a Thermarest inflating sleeping mat (the type of sleeping bag and mat on the trip may differ, all are good quality) and a headtorch. You will also be provided with a fibre filled jacket. Trekking equipment is generally provided on arrival in Cusco/ Ollantaytambo, depending on the trip you are undertaking. All general camping equipment including 2 man tents and eating utensils will be provided. A dining tent with tables & camp stools and lighting, along with a toilet tent will be erected at each campsite.

## accommodation on the trip

Most of the hotels and lodges we use can be described as 3 star accommodation, some of them are categorised as 4 stars. In smaller towns and villages hotel options are often limited and we might have to use more basic accommodation with a lower or without star rating. Please note that the star rating in South America is very fluid and can't be compared to a western standard star rating, however you can be assured of clean, comfortable and well located lodgings.

During the trekking section, enjoy our fully supported camping experience in quality two person tents with plenty of personal space and storage for your luggage. Our team are on hand to ensure your comfort and safety with a dining tent, separate cooking tent and where appropriate, toilet tent erected.

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## pre and post tour accommodation

If you would like to extend your stay in Peru we would be more than happy to assist with your pre or post tour arrangements. Please ask your reservations consultant for further details.

## what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry extra warm clothing (depending on the altitude, location and weather), a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, valuables and personal items.

Please note, the following items are prohibited in Machu Picchu: drones, selfie sticks, tripod for cameras, walking stick without rubber tip, backpack that exceeds 40cm x 35cm x 20cm, aerosol spray, heals, sharp objects, banners or posters. As of December 2018, single-use plastic bottles and any other single-use plastics (bags, cups, straws, etc) are prohibited in the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, on the Inca Trail and all other protected natural areas in Peru. This regulation was established by the Ministry of Environment, following the Sustainable Tourism Regulation which aims to conserve these protected natural areas. Please ensure to bring your reusable water bottle on all our Peru trips. Water refill stations have been installed in areas near Machu Picchu and other national parks. Your guide will brief you where you can refill your water bottles with drinking water.

## equipment required

Specialist gear required includes walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

## acute mountain sickness

When we ascend above 2500 metres our bodies have to acclimatise to the decreasing amount of the oxygen available. To allow our bodies to adjust we have structured our treks so that you ascend slowly, allowing acclimatisation to occur. However, during the acclimatisation process, you may experience some of the following symptoms.

- Headache
- Tiredness
- Disturbed sleep
- Loss of appetite/nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Palpitation
- Swelling of the hands and face

Individuals acclimatise at different rates. Your best strategy is to take your time and drink plenty of water. These symptoms may not indicate the onset of A.M.S. and if you experience them it does not necessarily mean that you should not continue. All our group leaders have extensive first aid training and we urge you to communicate with the group leader at all times should you believe you have any symptoms in order that we can effectively monitor your symptoms. The only cure for Acute Mountain Sickness is to descend.

Please note that your group leader has ultimate responsibility and may ask you to descend if symptoms persist.

## porter initiatives

Porter Welfare in Peru: The Andes

Porters are an integral part of the World Expeditions philosophy and style of travel. We take our travellers off-the-beaten track, avoiding the congested trails, to experience our often remote

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tent-based adventures ... this style of trekking is enabled by porters. When we trek, the entire group - travellers, guides and porters alike - are a team who share the same needs for safety in the mountain environment. Our Peruvian porters receive the following:

*All porters receive the same access to medical service as clients.

*We provide all food (3 meals per day based on a menu requested specifically by the porters), gas stoves for all cooking.

*We are one of the 5 companies (among almost 200 companies) that pay the highest wages to their porters.

*All our porters can also access interest free long-term loans from us as long as they can clearly indicate how those funds will be used.

*We provide all our porters with basic life and accident insurance. In addition we provide any porter (or any member of their family) full coverage of any medical costs that they incur whether it be work related or not e.g. if they have an accident in their fields or if they get any kind of illness we fund their treatment until they are well again. We are one of the only companies in Peru to care for their staff to this extent

*We provide transport (private buses and train) to and from the trek start and finish.

We provide sleeping tents, sleeping pads, (plus sleeping bags if requested), footwear (shoes or boots), warm jackets and raingear.

Porters are not to carry more than 20 kilos camp gear and 5 kilos of personal gear

The minimum age for a Porter is 20 and the maximum age is 58 years old.

We have yearly meetings to discuss the needs of Porters.

World Expeditions supports the good work of a number of international organisations that operate to ensure the health and education of porters, they are:

International Porter Protection Group >> www.ippg.net

International Mountain Explorers Connection >> www.mountainexplorers.org

Kilimanjaro Guide Scholarship Foundation Inc. >> www.kiliguides.org

## non exclusive trips

Please note that the Salckntay Trek and Machu Picchu portion of the trip is not exclusive to World Expeditions clients and is operated by our partners in Peru. This trip is conducted in both English and Spanish. Groups are pleasantly informal and are aimed at healthy, active participants looking for an adventurous holiday. You will be joining a group with a mix of participants from different countries comprising of both English and Spanish speakers.

## vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

## visas

A visa is exempt for passport holders from the following countries visiting Peru for short term tourism purposes:

Australia

New Zealand

Canada

United States

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United Kingdom

For all other nationalities and longer stays please contact the relevant embassy.

If you are entering Peru from Bolivia, Ecuador, or any land border, please ensure you source a Peruvian entry stamp at the border. Take initiative at the immigration checkpoint, as they may not approach you. Failure to obtain an entry stamp requires applying for an exit or expulsion order at the Immigration Office in Lima. Without this order, air travel out of Peru is not allowed, and it may lead to a 10-year ban on re-entry. Please note however that passports will not receive immigration entry or exit stamps at any international airport in Peru. Instead, entry and exit from the country will be digitally recorded.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

## webinars & events

Catch a Webinar – Live or On Demand - to learn more about a particular trip. Make sure the trip you choose is right for you. Watch them live, so you can ask our presenters a question, or catch the recording later at your leisure and watch it On Demand. Visit our website or keep an eye on our enewsletter for upcoming presentations.

## private groups

The adventures that you see on our website are just a starting point. We operate many of our trips, which means we can be flexible and create an itinerary to suit your interests and dates. Talk to our team, you'll be surprised how much more affordable it can be when you get a group of friends, colleagues, a club – you name it, to travel with you!

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## how to book

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