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## Choquequirao & Machupicchu Trek Distance 97 kms

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**Day 01: Cusco - Cachora – Chiquisca**

Distance: 18 km/11.2 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 7 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 3.500msnm ( 11,482 ft )

Height of the camp: 1.910msnm ( 6,266 ft )

Before first daylight the day of your trek, we jump in the car to travel to where the adventure begins! Breakfast will be in your hotel at around 5 AM. Don't forget any of your gear as we then start our journey to the village of Cachora, about a 5-hour drive from Cusco to the trail head. During this morning drive, we will first move toward the Cunyac Bridge between the departments of Cusco and Apurimac. Next, we will travel through the district of Curahuasi and the Saywite Andean Community, then arriving at Cachora ( **2800 MASL – 9186 FASL** ) at approximately 10 AM. Here, we will meet with our horsemen and other staff will begin our trek! We will walk for about 2 hours along sloping paths leading down to the pass of Capuliyoc ( **2915 MASL – 9563 FASL** ). Here, we will have an energizing lunch with our first views of the Apurimac valley stretching below and the snow-capped peaks of Padrayoc and Wayna Cachora. From Capuliyoc, we will have the first view of Choquequirao from far away. Then, we will then descend toward Coca Masana ( **2330 MASL – 7644 FASL** ) where the climate becomes noticeably warmer and the flora and fauna begin to change. Finally, we arrive at Chiquiskä at 1900 MASL – 6233 FASL, closer to the Apurimac River, where we will set up camp and spend the night in tents. In this camping area, we will find humble huts where people from Cachora live offering refreshing soda to the trekkers.

At approximately 6:30 am, our guide will pick you up from your hotel to transfer you by bus to the km 82 where you will arrive at approx. 10:30 am. Here you will meet the team that will join you during the trek, such as the porters, camp assistants and cooks. You will begin the walk, the first day is quite easy and during the first kilometres you will have a beautiful view of the snow peaked Veronica Mountain, walking alongside the Vilcanota River until you arrive at the Archaeological Complex of Patallacta, where you will have lunch and gain energy to reach Huayllabamba, where the first camp is set up.

**Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner**

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## Day 02: Chiquisqa - Marampata - Choquequirao

Distance: 17 km/10.6 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 2.950 msnm ( 9,688 ft )

Height of the camp: 2.950 msnm ( 9,688 ft )

Today will be full of adrenaline as we climb up to the ancient city! At the top are the highest views of the landscape. After breakfast around 6:00 AM, we will continue our trek. We will walk for about an hour downhill to cross the Apurimac River in the cable car, just for some more fun! Then, we will start trekking uphill toward Santa Rosa ( **2115 MASL – 6938 FASL** ) where we will rest after the hard climb. This stretch is the hardest, and it will take three hours. When we are ready, we will continue up to Marampata ( **2850 MASL – 9350 FASL** ), a bit easier of a climb. During our journey, we will observe various types of Andean vegetation that exist in the area. When we will arrive at Marampata beside the Chunchumayo River, we will have lunch and take another rest around 2 PM. Along the way, we will observe many orchids and wild flowers as well as different types of birds. In this same spot, we will again find small huts, and next to them we will make our camp.

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## Day 03: Choquequirao

Distance: 22 km/13.7 miles

Climate: Warm day and cold at night

Hiking Time: 8 hours

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Point Maximum altitude: 3.100 msnm ( 10,170 ft )

Height of the camp: 3.000 msnm ( 9,688 ft )

This day we visit this great Archeological Center of Choquequirao, which only 40% is free of vegetation and this is composed of nine stone architectural groups and a system of 180 platforms, areas of residential, administrative, artisanal houses, irrigation system, among other buildings built on a stone base.

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## **Day 04: Choquequirao - Pinchiunuyoc – Maizal**

Distance: 14 km/ 8.75 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 - 7 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 3.300 msnm ( 10,826 ft )

Height of the camp: 3.000 msnm ( 9,842 ft )

We will leave the camp early and begin the ascent for about 3 hours until we reach the archaeological site of Pinchiunuyoc, recently discovered in 1998. This archaeological site is very special because they suddenly appear outside the cloud forest, almost invisible due to the thick layer of the mosses and other vegetation that covers them, in this place we will have our lunch, we will continue the descent towards the White River 1,900 msnm (6,233 ft) we start a long and steep climb to our campsite in Maizal 3,000 masl (9,842 ft), in the upper part of the river - probably the most beautiful camp on the road, with beautiful views of the valley, trees and snowy peaks. Once in Maizal we will set our camp.

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**Day 05: Maizal – Yanama**

Distance: 13 km/ 8.12 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 - 7 hours

Distance: 14 km/ 8.75 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 - 7 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 4.200 msnm ( 13,779 ft )

Height of the camp: 3500 m.s.n.m.( 11.482 ft )

We leave our camp in Maizal and begin a long climb to the Victoria Pass 4,200 masl (13,779 ft). First we walk through the cloud forest and then over high Andean meadows, we will have lunch passing this open, with views of the Choquetakarpo mountain, before we begin the descent to Yanama, a small isolated town in the low part of a very wide valley, surrounded by mountains. Here we set the camp for the night

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**Day 06: Yanama – Totorá**

Distance: 15 km/ 9.37 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 7 - 8 hours

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Distance: 14 km/ 8.75 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 - 7 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 4.550 msnm ( 14,927 ft )

Height of the camp: 3.600 msnm ( 11,811 ft )

This will be the day with the greatest demand, we will start with the ascent through the valley towards the highest point of the trip, the Yanama Pass 4,550 masl ( 14,927 ft ). On the way we will have a good view of the snow-capped Sacsarayoc or Padreyc and hopefully we will see some condors. While we walk on the pass we can walk in snow. For the descent the road becomes foggy and muddy, until arriving at the community of Totora 3,600 meters above sea level (11,811 ft), where we spend the night.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



## **Day 07: Totora – Lucmubamba**

Distance: 12 km/ 7.5 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 6 - 7 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 3.600 msnm ( 11,811 ft )

Height of the camp: 2.000 msnm ( 6,561 ft )

After a very early breakfast, we begin our seventh day excursion, this day we will have a long descent until we reach the town of La Playa 2,400 masl ( **7,874 ft** ), descending more than 2,000m, this town is one of the largest on the road, Here we can find small shops to buy some snacks. In this area we can see small plantations of coffee and bananas. Then we will continue our walk until we reach Lucmabamba 2.000 masl ( **6.561 ft** ), this will be the place of our camp, keep in mind that it will be our last night of camping. becomes foggy and muddy, until arriving at the community of Totora 3,600 meters above sea level ( **11,811 ft** ), where we spend the night.

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**Day 08: Lucmubamba – Agua Calientes**

Distance: 10 km/ 6.25 miles

Climate: Warm

Hiking Time: 4 - 5 hours

Point Maximum altitude: 2.700 msnm ( 8,858 ft )

Height of the camp: 2040 msnm ( 6,692 ft )

We will start early with the walk, we will ascend to the Inca city of Llactapata 2,700 masl ( **8,858 ft** ), from this place we will be able to see the Inca city of Machupicchu from a different angle, here we will have our lunch, we will continue with the walk down to the town of Hidroeléctrica 1,809 masl ( **5,935 ft** ), here we will take the train that will take us to the town of Aguas Calientes 2040 masl ( **6,692 ft** ) where we will spend the night in a hostel.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



**Day 09: Aguas Calientes / Waynapicchu / Machupicchu Ruins / Sun Gate / Machupicchu Pueblo / Ollantaytambo**

The day starts with an early morning rise to Bus Station for a 20' journey to the famous Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu, also known as " **The Lost City of the Incas** ". bus drive, climbing 6km of winding road, to the incredible site of **Huayna Picchu** also known as **Wayna Picchu** ( Quechua " Young Peak " ) The number of daily visitors allowed to enter Huayna Picchu is restricted to 200 is a mountain in Peru around which the Urubamba River bends. It rises over Machupicchu, the so - called lost city of the Incas, and divides it into sections. The Incas built a trail up the side of the Huayna Picchu and built temples and terraces on its top. The peak of

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Huayna Picchu is about 2,720 metres ( 8,920 ft ) above sea level, or about 360 metres ( 1,180 ft ) higher than Machu Picchu. According to local guides, the top of the mountain was the residence for the high priest and the local virgins.



**Machupicchu** Every morning before sunrise, the high priest with a small group would walk to Machu Picchu to signal the coming of the new day. The **Temple of the Moon** , one of the three major temples in the Machu Picchu area, is nestled on the side of the mountain and is situated at an elevation lower than Machu Picchu. Adjacent to the Temple of the Moon is the Great Cavern, another sacred temple with fine masonry. The other major local temples in Machu Picchu are the Temple of the Condor, Temple of Three Windows, Principal Temple, " Unfinished Temple ", and the Temple of the Sun, also called the Torreón.

Then we'll participate in a guided tour of the Citadel, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, **The Sacred Sun Dial** the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.



**The Sun Gates of Machu Picchu** boast a picture-perfect vantage point overlooking Peru's most famous ruins. Tourists flock to this outcrop high in the Andes Mountains to enjoy the same view featured on virtually every postcard depicting the Machu Picchu citadel. Also known as Intipunku, the Sun Gates consist of two stones perched at a narrow passage in the crevice of the mountain just above Machu Picchu. The sun shines brilliantly through this portal each day when it rises -- hence the name.

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## Garden Waterfall of Mandor / Hot Spring / Ollantaytambo

Afternoon Excellent opportunity to wake up early and enjoy a beautiful sunrise as well as a stroll through the Town of Aguas Calientes and visit its Hot Springs Thermal Waters. Then, you will have time to perform some of the following activities:

**MANDOR WATERFALLS.** Visiting Mandor Waterfall is an unforgettable adventure. It is an area of lush forest surrounding the town of Machu Picchu. You just have to follow the railway line from Machu Picchu Pueblo for a 45 minute-hike. You will reach a railway crossing, from which you will see a small group of houses whose dwellers will tell you how to reach Mandor Waterfall



## Hot Spring

Is a distance of 800 m. east of the town of Machupicchu, there are under ground hot sulfur springs wich bubble up from the rocky under ground at varying temperatures. The especially – Built pools at this resort are the basis of its use as hot mineral baths. The hot spring offer natural resources for medical therapy, and also is a great treatment for Rheumatism. It help to rid of stress and toxins, anhance your metabolism and avoid high blood pressure. The average temperature of the water runs from 38° to 46°C. There are also changing rooms, bathrooms sand and a small snack bar.

**at 19.00 p.m train back to Ollantaytambo** upon arrival transfer to your selected hotel for overnight.

**Meals: Breakfast**

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**Price per Person: 1750.00\$USA**

## Include:

- Professional Guide
- Chef.
- Mules to carry food, camping equipment and personal belongings (5kg).
- Muleteers
- Informative meeting prior to the trip (2 days before departure, the place will coordinate with you).
- I pick up from your accommodation.
- Transportation from Cusco to Cachora - Punta carretera (starting point of the trek).
- Double tents and Matras.
- Camping equipment: kitchen shop, dining tent, chairs, tables and W.C. in all the camps.
- First aid kit.
- 8 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches and 8 Dinners
- Entrance ticket to the Archeological Center of Choquequirao
- Train from Hidroelectrica to Aguas Calientes
- Entrance ticket to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary & Huaynapicchu
- Bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu, up and down
- Train ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo in Expeditions train service.
- Transportation from Ollantaytambo to the hotel in Cusco.

## Not Included:

- Tips
- Sleeping bag
- First day breakfast Lunch and dinner on the last day
- Entrance to the thermal baths of Aguas Calientes

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