

9 Days

Privada Founder's Trip: Salkantay Passage to Machu Picchu

 22 Jun 2026 - 30 Jun 2026

 Peru

About This Trip

Our journey begins in Cusco, where Inca history, mountain air, and remarkable architecture set the tone. After exploring the city together, we head up to Soraypampa—home to turquoise lakes, sweeping Andean views, and the ideal place to ease into the trail ahead.

From there, the adventure truly begins with a **four-day trek along the Inca Trail**, moving through cloud forests, high mountain passes, and extraordinary archaeological sites. On the final morning, we enter through the **Sun Gate at sunrise**, watching Machu Picchu reveal itself below—an experience that never fails to move even the most seasoned travelers.

We wrap up in the **Sacred Valley**, exploring Ollantaytambo before continuing on to **Lima**, where excellent food and coastal culture provide a fitting finale.

This departure is part of **Privada Travel's Founder's Trip Series**—a hosted, founder-designed journey created for small groups seeking deeper access, thoughtful pacing, and a truly exceptional experience of Peru.

1 Welcome to Peru – Arrive in Cusco

Monday, June 22



Welcome to Peru! Upon arrival in **Cusco**, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is intentionally unstructured, allowing time to rest, acclimate to the altitude, and recover from your journey.

Enjoy a relaxed evening in the historic city center and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Palacio Manco Cápac | Cusco

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2 Cusco Highlights & Sacred Sites → Soraypampa

Tuesday, June 23



After breakfast, set out on a guided tour of **Cusco** and its surrounding archaeological sites. Visit the impressive hilltop ruins of **Sacsayhuamán**, followed by **Qenqo**, **Puka Pukara**, and **Tambomachay**, with a possible glimpse of **Inti Raymi** rehearsals if timing allows.

Continue into the historic center to explore **Koricancha**, located within Santo Domingo Church,

and the **Cusco Cathedral**, built atop an original Inca palace.

Enjoy time to wander **San Pedro Market**, experiencing everyday local life, before lunch in the artistic neighborhood of **San Blas**.

In the afternoon, return to the hotel for a trekking briefing and gear check before departing Cusco for a scenic **3–3.5 hour drive to Soraypampa**.

Arrive at **EcoCamps Soraypampa** for an overnight stay in eco-domes. **Dinner included**.

EcoCamps Soraypampa | Andean Glamping

Ecocamps Soraypampa



3 **Salkantay Trek Begins: Soraypampa → Ichupata**

Wednesday, June 24



The Salkantay Trek begins in **Soraypampa**, where you'll meet the horse crew and set out toward **Ichupata**. The trail climbs steadily through classic high-Andean terrain, with wide-open views of surrounding peaks and glaciers. A hot lunch is served along the route before the final ascent to camp.

Arrive at **Ichupata Camp** in the late afternoon, settle in, and enjoy dinner at altitude as you prepare for the challenging and rewarding days ahead.

Trekking details:

- Duration: 4–5 hours
- Distance: 7.5 km
- Elevation: 3,875 m → 4,500 m

Ichupata Camp | High-Altitude Trekking Camp

Ichupata Camp



4 **Crossing Incachiriasca Pass: Ichupata → Paucarcancha**

Thursday, June 25



Leaving **Ichupata**, the route tackles one of the most dramatic and demanding days of the trek. The trail climbs beneath the towering presence of **Salkantay Peak**, ascending to **Incachiriasca Pass**, where sweeping views open across two striking glacial lakes.

From the pass, begin a long descent through changing landscapes and into broader valleys, arriving at **Paucarcancha Camp** in the late afternoon.

Trekking details:

- Duration: 8–9 hours
- Distance: 19.8 km
- Elevation: 4,948 m → 3,122 m

Paucarcancha Camp | Supported Trekking Camp

Paucarcancha Camp



5 Joining the Inca Trail: Paucarcancha → Km 82

Friday, June 26



The day begins with a scenic descent along an ancient **Inca trail** toward the village of **Huayllabamba**, where you officially join the **Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu**. The route follows the Patallaqta stream before continuing onward to **Km 82**, the traditional starting point of the Inca Trail.

From here, transfer to **Ecoinka Casitas Glamping** for a comfortable overnight stay surrounded by nature.

Trekking details:

- Duration: 4–5 hours
- Distance: 12 km
- Elevation: 3,122 m → 2,657 m

Ecoinka Casitas Glamping | Near Km 82

Ecoinka Casitas



6 Inca Trail Finale: Km 104 → Wiñay Wayna → Machu Picchu

Saturday, June 27



The day begins with a transfer from **Ecoinka Casitas Glamping** to the train for the ride to **Km 104**, where you officially begin the Inca Trail following passport and permit checks with park rangers. From here, hike approximately three hours along a stunning stretch of trail to the remarkably preserved ruins of **Wiñay Wayna**, passing waterfalls, native flora, and Andean birdlife along the way.

After lunch and time to explore Wiñay Wayna's terraces, temples, and towers, continue onward to **Inti Punku** for your first unforgettable view of **Machu Picchu**. From here, follow the final ridge into the citadel for an initial orientation and overview of this iconic site.

In the late afternoon, descend by shuttle bus to **Aguas Calientes**, where you'll overnight. **Dinner included at your hotel.**

Trekking details:

- Duration: 5–6 hours
- Distance: 9 km
- Elevation: 2,100 m → 2,900 m

 **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel | Aguas Calientes**
Inkaterra Machupichu Pueblo



7 Machu Picchu Guided Visit & Scenic Rail Return

Sunday, June 28



Meet your guide and travel by shuttle bus to the main entrance of **Machu Picchu**. Enjoy a guided tour of the sanctuary's principal areas, following **Circuit 2A or 2B**, with expert insight into Inca history, architecture, and daily life.

After the visit, enjoy a buffet lunch at the **Sanctuary Lodge**. In the afternoon, descend by bus to **Aguas Calientes** and board the **Vistadome Train** for a scenic return to **Ollantaytambo**.

Las Qolqas Eco Lodge | Sacred Valley

Las Qolqas Eco Lodge



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Sacred Valley Highlights → Lima

Monday, June 29



Depart the Sacred Valley and explore **Ollantaytambo**, one of the most remarkable surviving Inca towns. Once a key fortress during the Spanish invasion, the site showcases the empire's military, religious, and agricultural ingenuity, including the **Temple of the Sun**, the **Ten Niches (Hornacinas)**, and the **Ñusta Baths**.

Continue to **Pisac** for lunch at **Cuchara de Palo**, followed by a guided visit to the Inca citadel. Explore sweeping agricultural terraces, residential and ceremonial sectors, the **Intihuatana (Sun Dial)**, defensive towers, and what is considered the largest pre-Columbian cemetery in the Americas.

In the afternoon, transfer to **Cusco Airport** for your flight to **Lima**. Upon arrival, receive assistance and check in to your airport-adjacent hotel for a convenient overnight stay.

Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Lima

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Departure from Lima

Tuesday, June 30



Transfer from your hotel to **Lima Airport** for your onward flight home.

What's Included

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✓ Activities

As outlined in the itinerary, activities will be guided on a private basis.

✓ Accommodation

All overnight accommodations as specified in the itinerary, with private rooms or tents throughout. Trekking camps are fully supported, including camp setup, dining facilities, and bathroom amenities.

✓ Meals

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and daily snacks.

✓ Professional bilingual guide

Including one assistant for every nine guests.

✓ Private transportation for all tours

✓ Entrance fees for Salkantay, Inca Trail, and Machu Picchu

✓ Entrance fees for all mentioned sites (BTG, Cathedral, Koricancha)

✓ Vistadome train from Machu Picchu to Ollantaytambo

✓ Experienced cook specializing in Andean cuisine

✓ First-aid kit with oxygen

✓ Camping Equipment

Spacious mountain tents (3-person tents used for 2 guests)

Inflatable sleeping mattresses

Dedicated kitchen, dining, and toilet tents (where permitted)

All cooking equipment

✓ Horses and mules for all equipment during the Salkantay portion

Not Included

✗ Alcoholic Beverages

✗ Tips and Gratuities

✗ Travel Insurance

✗ Domestic Airfare

Roundtrip domestic flights between **Lima and Cusco** are not included and are priced separately at **\$375 per person**.

✗ International Airfare

✗ Visas & Passport Services

U.S. passport holders do not need a visa for tourist travel to Peru. Entry is granted on arrival with a valid passport.

✗ Sleeping bag rental (\$40)

✗ Walking sticks rental (\$35)

Book Your Trip

Double Occupancy - Private

Price per person for 2 guests paying together, room with double bed

\$4,300.00 USD per person

Double Occupancy - Shared

Price per person for two guests sharing the room with two twin beds

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Single Occupancy

Price per person for private room

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