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### TRIP DETAILS

4 days / 3 nts - Peru

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3140

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF



PRICES FROM \$721

## The Weaver's Trek

### Day 1: Arrive in Lares - Huacahuasi

After an early departure from Cusco or Ollantaytambo you will be driven to Calca, and then climb to the highest point of this road at 4265 meters, and from there we will be able to see the mountains of Sawasiray and Pitusiray before descending into the warm valley of Lares at an altitude of 3207 meters, this is a typical colonial village with a church, a main plaza and narrow streets. Here we will meet your porters, we will take the lunch and the trek begins. Our trail ascends towards the community of Huacawasi (first camp site) located at 3600 m.a.s.l., a charming little community of small houses built from mud brick and thatch. We will walk a distance of 6 to 7 kilometers, (3.72 miles). Meals: Lunch / Dinner.

### Day 2: Huacahuasi - Yanahuara

After taking a nourishing breakfast, we leave the camp site by 8:00, we make a brief ascent to the Huahuaqasa pass at 4500 meters (highest point of the trek) before descending to Aruraycocha and Yuracocha lakes, which are formed by the melt waters of the Pumahuanca and Kiswarani snow peaks. Nearby these lakes we will take the lunch. This is a spectacular day's trekking, through the Urubamba Mountain Range, you will have ample opportunity to spot a number of Andean birds, including condors. The campsite is at 1 hour and 30 minutes from the lunch point near the village of Mantamay located at 3800 m.a.s.l. We will walk a distance of 10 kilometers, (7 miles). Meals: Full Board.

### Day 3: Yanahuara - Ollantaytambo - Machu Picchu

We descend through the Yanahuara gully towards the farmers community for almost 3 hours with a distance of 9 kilometers, (6 miles) and its agreeable climate at an altitude of 2950 meters, the tiny hamlet of Yanahuara is located in the Urubamba Valley, for the Incas, the fertile Sacred Valley, it is the breadbasket of Cusco, with its terraced slopes sown with corn and watered by the glaciers of the great snow peaks and the river, which they worshipped as the "Wilkamayu" or "Holy River". Then after the lunch, a 20 minutes bus ride to Ollantaytambo to catch the train to go to the lost city of Machu Picchu Meals: Breakfast / Lunch.

### Day 4: Machu Picchu full day

Full day visit to Machu Picchu. We will get up early to visit this "lost city" hours before most other tourists arrive on the morning train from Cusco, in the company of those trekkers arriving from the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. Standing at the top of a steep, forested hill overlooking the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu was hidden by dense vegetation for centuries until the historian Hiram Bingham began to clear the site. Today the city has been restored and even if it has lost some of its mystery it still remains an unforgettable sight. Our tour includes a visit to the temples, plazas, palaces, watercourses and residential areas and will also leave you time to explore the ruins on your own. In the afternoon: Return to Cusco by train, transfer to hotel. Meals: Breakfast.

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### Included

- Transport to the beginning point of the trek
- Briefing – Duffle bag
- Professional bilingual guide (English and Spanish), in the trek 2 guides for groups of over 8 people.
- Accommodation on the trek is camping (2 nights). Tents are set up by the porters.
- Mules and wranglers for carrying equipment and personal gear
- Meals described in the program (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, FB=Full board), in the trek the meals are prepared by the trek cook and also includes: daily morning snack, daily tea service except last day, vegetarian or special menus are available at no extra cost.
- Camping equipment: Personal tents (2 people in each 4-people capacity tent, they are 3 season and highly maintained), mattresses, kitchen tent, dining tent with tables and chairs, toilet tent, household items.
- Accommodation for all our staff
- Chef and cooking equipment
- Hot water every morning to clean up and boiled water to fill in your canteen every morning or night.
- First aid kit and emergency oxygen supply
- Bag for the gear you will need during the trek
- Machu Picchu entrance fee
- Round trip bus ticket
- Train ticket Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes / Aguas Calientes - Cusco (Backpacker, Vistadome or Hiram Bingham service, upon request)

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- Transfer from the train station to the hotel in Cusco
- All the garbage produced during the trek will be returned to the city of Cusco

(\*) If there would not be train ticket available in the direct route Aguas Calientes – Poroy, a train ticket Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo (Sacred Valley) with an additional transfer to your selected hotel will be provided.

**Not included**

- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Accommodation at hotel for 1 night
- Alcohol drinks
- Extras expenses
- Tips to guides and staff
- Sleeping bag (rental upon request at US\$ 15.00)

**We recommend that you take:**

- Waterproof rain jacket or poncho
- A good sleeping bag (down bag for temperatures as low -15°C)
- Backpack for carrying items for daily use such as cameras, water bottles, etc.
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Short-sleeved t-shirts
- Comfortable pants
- Shorts
- Walking boots , waterproof trekking boots recommended
- Sports shoes or sandals for a higher comfort while at camp
- Warm clothing, including jacket, fleeces
- Flashlight/headlamp and batteries (batteries consume more quickly under cold conditions)
- Hat, cap and accessories
- Rehydration cream
- Underwear
- Towel, toilet paper
- Camera, video camera, binoculars, etc.
- Insect repellent
- Sun block
- Non-disposable canteen and water for the first morning. Optionally: water-sterilizing tablets in case you pick up water from streams or rivers along the route. Otherwise, we provide filtered boiled water, which is safe to drink and has not reported health problem so far
- Original valid passport
- Original International Student Identity Card (in case you have applied for a student discount)
- Walking poles (you will need rubber tips to cover the metal tips and protect the trail)
- Travel insurance

**Important:**

- Departure and arrival times are approximate.
- Campsites are subject to change according to the designation of the governmental institution regulating the use of the Inca Trail, as well as to our guide's criteria and the group progress
- Challenging and levels of difficulty: (range between 1 to 10): 5 and an acclimatization period of at least 2 days in Cusco or at elevations above 3000m/9840ft is recommended.
- Should guests require reservations in hotels in Lima or Cusco prior or after the trek, please inquire, and we can also assist you with these arrangements.

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