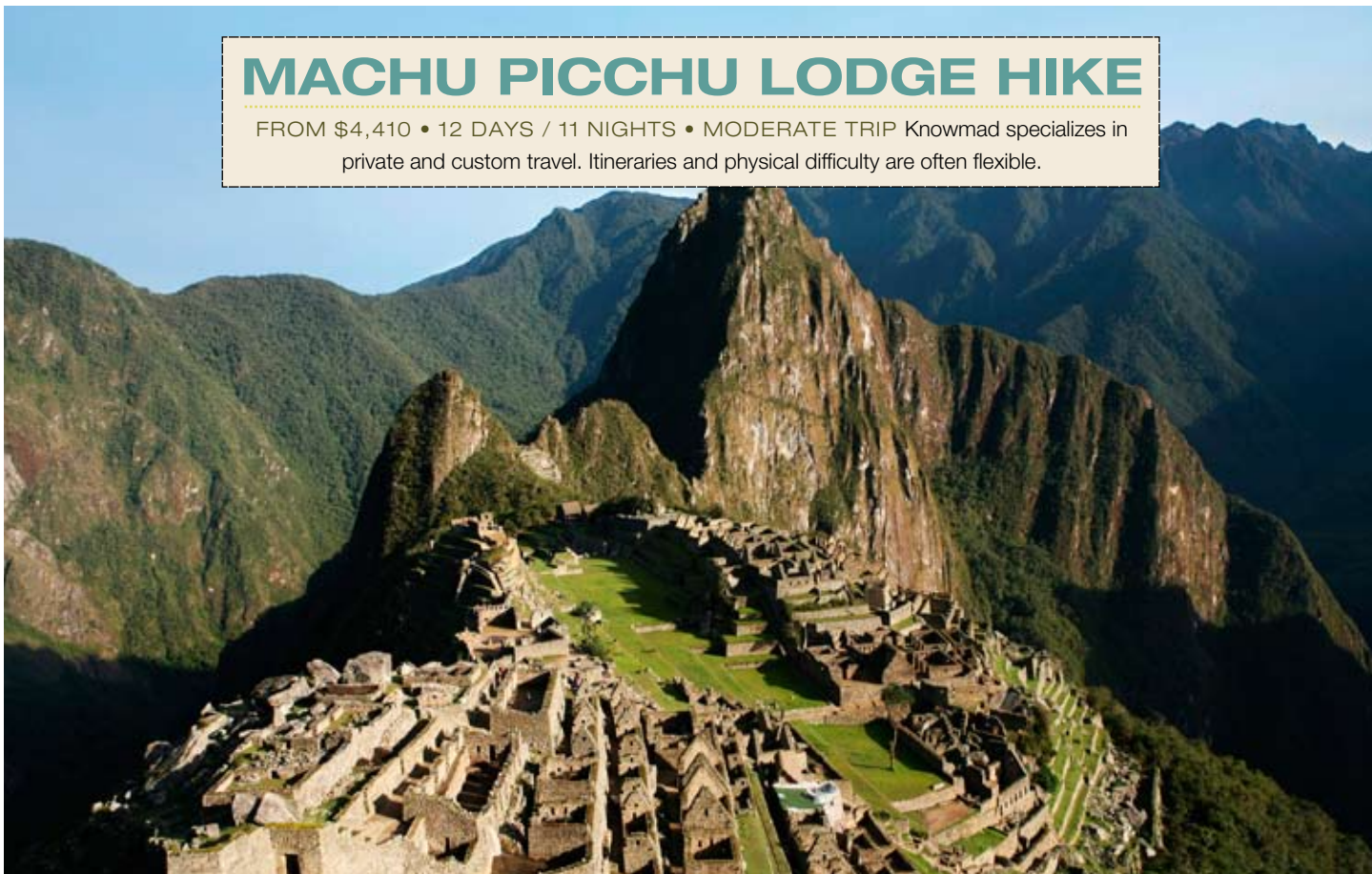


MACHU PICCHU LODGE HIKE

FROM \$4,410 • 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS • MODERATE TRIP Knowmad specializes in private and custom travel. Itineraries and physical difficulty are often flexible.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the exquisite beauty of the Salkantay Peak and Humantay Glacier Lake.
- Share in the culture and customs of local Andean families who maintain century-old traditions.
- Witness environmental and social initiatives to maintain the natural integrity and improve quality of life in the region.
- Indulge in the comfort of enchanting mountain lodges, innovative gourmet cuisine, the warmth of great people, and your daily retreat to a recovery Shangri-La for mind and body.
- Explore the famed Lost City of Machu Picchu

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 Lima

Upon arrival you'll be met at the airport by a Knowmad Adventures representative and taken to your accommodations centrally located in the Miraflores neighborhood. Explore Peru's diverse and delectable cuisine and visit some of the city's many sites and museums on your own or, depending on your time, make a guided exploration of the city or learn to make ceviche a top local chef on a culinary discovery.*

- No meals - Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores

DAY 2 Lima to Cusco

In the morning, you'll be taken to the airport for your flight to Cusco, center of the Inca Empire. Between the Cusco airport and your hotel, our guide will take you on a quick tour of the colonial Plaza de Armas.

Enjoy the day at your leisure independently exploring a city where traditional Andean cultures, the colonial Spanish, and modern Peru

come together in one of South America's most culturally and visually dynamic cities. Visit Incan architectural jewels such as Korikancha – the temple of the sun, shop at Andean markets, enjoy savory, wide-ranging Peruvian cuisine, and see the colonial cathedrals built atop Incan foundations around the Plaza Central. Or you may want to simply relax while you begin acclimatizing to the altitude of 10,856 feet.

- B – Aranwa

DAY 3 Sacred Valley

After an early breakfast you'll be picked up and taken on a private tour that will get you hands on with traditional Andean cultures. Heading out of Cusco you'll go off the map winding up a small dirt road, which takes you through remote Andean villages until we arrive to the Amaru community. This isolated community holds strongly to their ancient customs and practices a largely subsistence lifestyle on the slopes of the Andes. The Amaru will proudly open their village to you where you will learn of their lifestyle and traditions. Among other things you take part in gathering plants used as natural dyes, learn of their medicinal and culinary properties, and see how the Amaru's world-renowned textiles are woven and brought to life.

Stay for lunch with community leaders or enjoy a picnic amongst the Pisac ruins that sprawl down the mountainside towards town. If still energized, you can enjoy a gentle hike through the extensive Inca terracing down the mountainside, or hop in the van, and arrive to Pisac – one of Peru's largest and most vibrant markets – where you can bargain with Andean campesinos for hand-crafted wares. Return to Cusco for a relaxing evening.

- B, L – Aranwa

DAY 4 Cusco to Salkantay

After checking out of your hotel you'll be joined by your hiking guide and head by van towards Soraypampa high in the Andes. Along the way you'll stop at the Inca ruins of Tarawasi, have coffee in the mountain village of Mollepata and ascend the mountains to Mollepata.

From here you'll begin your trek on the Camino Real (Royal Path), a moderate 3-4 hour hike with a gentle elevation gain that helps you acclimatize for the higher altitudes to come. A warm welcome awaits at the Salkantay Lodge. This twelve-room lodge sits at 12,500 feet amongst towering, snow-capped Andean peaks, including its namesake the 20,600-ft Salkantay which figures prominently in Incan mythology. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure in this remote valley before sitting around the fireplace over aperitifs and dinner while you're briefed on the rest of the trek.

- B, box Lunch, D – Salkantay Lodge

DAY 5 Soraypampa

Today you will have the whole day to enjoy the lodge and surrounding valley while you continue to acclimatize. A half-day hike to a glacial lake where you may want to take a quick dip is a great adventure, as well as soaking your muscles in the outdoor jacuzzi admiring the views.

- B, L, D – Salkantay Lodge

DAY 6 Soraypampa to Huayracmachay

Today marks the beginning of the four-day high-mountain trek to Machu Picchu. A hearty breakfast gets you ready for your hike up the Rio Blanco Valley circling the Humantay Peak.



Continuing on you'll crest the pass at 14,800-ft where you'll take in views to the snowcapped Vilcabamba Range

When you reach the highest point of today's trek, a 14,800-ft pass, you'll stop for breathtaking views of the snowcapped Vilcabamba Range and the south face of Mt. Salkantay where the Andean condor is a common sight. Hot lunch is taken en route. From here you descend to the Wayra Lodge (wayra means 'the place where the wind lives' in the Quechua language) for the evening.

- B, L, D – Wayra Lodge / Hiking details: Hiking time 6-8 hours

DAY 7 Huayracmachay to Collpapampa

After yesterday's arduous hike, today is more leisurely and your trek begins by descending towards the Salkantay River as the flora becomes denser and more lush as you descend deeper into the cloudforest. You'll arrive to the Colpa Lodge perched on a bluff overlooking the confluence of three rivers with vast mountain views.

- B, L, D – Colpa Lodge / Hiking details: Hiking time 3-4 hours

DAY 8 Collpapampa to Lucmabamba

Heading down the Santa Teresa River Valley, you'll pass through banana and coffee plantations as well as rural towns and villages. Enjoy a hot picnic along the river to refuel for another hour of hiking to a dirt road where you'll take a short transfer and then a short hike along the Llactapata Inca Trail ending at the Lucma Lodge. The Lucma Lodge is located in an avocado orchard near the trail at an elevation of 6,900 feet in a picturesque farming area where passion fruit, coffee and avocados grow. Before dinner, there will be time to explore the nearby village of Lucmabamba where it may be possible to meet members of the community.

- B, L, D – Lucma Lodge / Hiking details: 5-6 hours

DAY 9 Lucmabamba to Machu Picchu

You'll get an early start after breakfast on this last day of your Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu. The first two hours are an ascent to Llactapata Pass, elevation 8,900 feet, where you'll get your first glimpse of Machu Picchu from the southwest, a perspective seen by few tourists. Along the way, you'll stop at the recently restored Llactapata ruins. While admiring the Lost City of Machu Picchu from above, you'll indulge in another gourmet picnic. The final two to three hour descent takes you through lush bamboo forests, orchards and plantations to the Aobamba River. From here you'll continue by train along the Urubamba River for 30 minutes to Machu Picchu Pueblo for the evening.

- B, L, D – Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel / Hiking details: 4-6 hours

DAY 10 Machu Picchu

Early risers can revel at the sunrise from the Machu Picchu citadel. This incredibly vast archaeological site - lost to the world until well into the twentieth century - is perched amidst Andean peaks and lush cloud forest making it one of the most breathtaking sights in the world. You'll have the opportunity to get a complete guided tour as you begin to unlock the mystery of the Inca, and have plenty of time to wander the site on your own. You can also climb the adjacent sacred peak Huayna Picchu for a bird's eye view.

- B, D – Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel



DAY 11 Machu Picchu Pueblo - Cusco

Enjoy a leisurely morning on the serene grounds of the Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel – a Knowmad Adventures favorite – where you can take an orchid walk, spot a variety of hummingbird species and take a soak in a semi-natural pool amongst the cloudforest. After checking out you will take an early afternoon train to Ollantaytambo for a delicious lunch and continue on to Cusco for the evening.

- B, L – Aranwa

DAY 12 Lima, departure

You will be taken to the airport and fly to Lima and onward home.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2013 COSTS \$4,410 per person (4 or more travelers) / \$4,465 per person (3 travelers) / \$4,570 per person (2 travelers) in high season (Apr 16 – Oct 31st, Dec 16th – Dec 31st). Additionally, regional airfare is estimated at \$440 (Lima/Cusco & Cusco/Lima—subject to change). Knowmad Adventures is happy to book and issue these tickets for you.

\$1,970 single supplement – rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations. If you request single accommodations you are required to pay the single supplement.

WHAT YOUR TRIP COST INCLUDES

Personal pre-departure support
Expert leadership & guiding
Accommodations as indicated & based on double-occupancy
Local excursions as indicated
Airport transfers as indicated
Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
All necessary equipment for adventure excursions
Ground transportation and support vehicles
Additional guides and porters as needed
Entrance fees and permits

WHAT YOUR TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International and domestic airfare
Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
Trip insurance (we strongly recommend you obtain trip insurance offered by Knowmad Adventures, including trip cancellation insurance)
Activities listed as optional and/or denoted with asterisk
Meals not indicated in the itinerary
Optional tipping to local guides and staff
Personal items

TYPE Flexible Date Private Departures. You choose the date and your travel companions and we'll get you together with a group of fellow, like-minded travelers for the lodge to lodge trekking portion of the trip.

MODERATE TRIP More active trips that may feature hiking at elevation, kayaking, horseback riding and more. Suitable for most people in good health, these trips may also venture into remote territory and more rugged terrain.

DEPARTURES March through December.

LENGTH 12 days – 11 nights comfortable hotels and lodges

BEGIN | END Lima, Peru

SUMMARY

There's no need to rough it while retracing the Inca's footsteps any longer. Take in Mount Salkantay and epic Andean scenery with time to acclimatize and rejuvenate in cozy accommodations along this road less traveled. In addition to your hike, you'll explore the Sacred Valley and its indigenous cultures, visit Machu Picchu, and unwind in one of Peru's most relaxing retreats.

AIR TRAVEL

INTERNATIONAL

Airfare is not included in the land cost of our trips. You may arrange your international airfare independently, or we are happy to offer our feedback and assistance in helping you book it.

REGIONAL

If booked by Knowmad Adventures, internal airfare for this trip (Lima/Cusco, Cusco/Lima) averages \$440, however this is an approximation and the airfare is subject to change upon booking. If you would like to arrange your own regional flights, please consult us prior so we can verify the departure and arrival times.

WEATHER & WHEN TO GO

This trip takes place mostly in the Peruvian highlands. Throughout the year the average temperature is in the mid-50s °F (10-12 °C) and does not fluctuate greatly. Evenings are cooler. There are primarily two seasons: wet and dry. December through March sees much more precipitation than other times of the year and is the less visited season. As Peru has three distinct climate zones, if you are interested in combining this trip with a visit to the jungle or the coastal areas please inquire for more weather details.

MONTH	AVG. TEMP. & RAINFALL	MONTH	AVG. TEMP. & RAINFALL
January	55°F 5.9"	July	50°F .1"
February	55°F 4.5"	August	52°F .3"
March	55°F 3.8"	September	54°F .9"
April	55°F 1.5"	October	56°F 1.9"
May	53°F .3"	November	56°F 2.7"
June	50°F .1"	December	56°F 4.3"

Prior to your departure, we provide you with a detailed pre-trip information packet, which includes a recommended pack list, information about the regions you'll be visiting, suggested readings, and up-to-date health information including any recommended vaccinations.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



AMAZON JUNGLE

Just a short flight from Cusco, spotting troops of monkeys, colorful macaws and countless bird species, giant sloths, caimans, and maybe even a jaguar or puma in the Amazon Jungle is a traveler favorite. We have scoured the jungle lodges of Peru and can advise you on which experience fits you best while guaranteeing the best value.

LAKE TITICACA

Besides being the highest navigable lake in the world, Lake Titicaca is home to diverse traditional cultures including the floating Uros civilization, the Quechua people of Taquile Island, and the Amaru peoples. Come and meet them at the top of the world.

LIMA

Want to spend more time exploring this great city? Besides getting you a great value for hotels and airport transfers, we can line up a fantastic cooking lesson and culinary city tour, full and half day sightseeing adventures, surrounding ruin visits and much more.

IS IT FOR ME?

An ideal trip for those who love to hike and discover nature but would like to avoid camping. Participants should be in moderate to good physical condition. Knowmad has vast knowledge and operating capacities in Peru; this is a private trip and we are happy to modify excursions, accommodations, and the flow of the itinerary to perfectly suit your travel style and interests.

REFERENCES

Don't take our word for how great our trips are. We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travelers.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ready for the trip of a lifetime? Signing up is easy. Call us at 1-877-616-8747 or email travel@knowmadadventures.com and reserve your spot. Or simply download our registration form from www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact, fill it out, and send it back to us along with your trip deposit.

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