



Adventure tours that delve deeper

## Huchuy Qosqo & Machu Picchu

**TRIP LENGTH:** Three days  
**STARTS AND ENDS:** Cusco

*It's incredible what this trip includes in just three days – a long hike, homestay with a charismatic local family, spectacular high-Andes mountain scenery, the enigmatic, inaccessible ruin of Huchuy Qosqo, plus Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu!*

### Day 1 Hike to Huchuy Qosqo

We'll pick you up at 8am and take a short drive to where our hike begins at Tambo Machay. From here we climb gently through alpine pasture to the first of four mountain passes we'll cross today, affording incredible views of the Cordillera Urubamba.

We'll pass serene Lake Quellacocha before descending, partly on Inca roads, through the rapidly changing ecological layers that characterise the Andean sierra to the isolated traditional community of Huchuy Qosqo, where we'll stay the night in a memorable homestay.

**Accommodation:** Irene's place, Huchuy Qosqo  
**Meals:** Lunch and dinner included  
**Walking time:** 6-8 hours  
**Walking distance:** 14km (8.7 miles)  
**Min. Altitude:** 3,300m (10,000ft)  
**Max. Altitude:** 4,250m (13,940ft)  
**Altitude of camp:** 3,460m (11,350ft)

### Day 2 From Huchuy Qosqo to Aguas Calientes

This morning we'll explore Huchuy Qosqo. Thought to have been one of the palaces of the eighth Inca, Viracocha, it's an impressive Inca site with a variety of architecture featuring both stone and mud brick buildings. Because there's no road access to Huchuy Qosqo, there are few visitors and we'll probably have the site to ourselves.

After this it's a steep descent to the road and the village of Lamay, where we'll have lunch before heading to Ollantaytambo in our vehicle. From here we'll take the train to Aguas Calientes, where we'll spend the night.

**Accommodation:** Family-run hotel in Aguas Calientes  
**Meals:** All meals included  
**Walking time:** 2 hours, all steep downhill  
**Walking distance:** 2km (less than 1 mile)  
**Min. Altitude:** 2,700m (8,860ft)  
**Max. Altitude:** 3,460m (11,350ft)

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## Day 3 Machu Picchu!

A spectacular stone city surrounded by incredibly steep, incredibly green mountains, Machu Picchu needs no introduction and is deservedly one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

We'll be up at sunrise so there's time for your guide to show you around Machu Picchu's main citadel, as well as our favourite hidden nooks and crannies, before the crowds arrive. Then there's time for your own exploration of the massive, still-mysterious site, before we catch the train back to Cusco.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch included

### What's included:

- All accommodation (*based on twin-share. Single Supplement available for US\$60*)
- All ground transport (*private vehicle and train*)
- All activities specified in itinerary
- Dedicated Aspiring Adventures guide
- Entrance to all attractions specified in itinerary
- Extra permit to climb Huayna Picchu at Machu Picchu (*if available at time of booking*)
- All meals as specified (*two breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners*)
- Drinking water while hiking and with meals on last day

### What's not included:

- Tip for your guide and horse wrangler