



Trek to the Lost City of Choquequirao

8 Days



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➤ Trek to the Lost City of Choquequirao

Combine two epic trails to two different "lost cities" — the iconic Machu Picchu, and its lesser-known counterpart, Choquequirao — for one incredible Peru journey. The trip begins with a trek to Choquequirao, once a major cultural and religious center for the Incas. These remote ruins enjoy a breathtaking location high in the mountains above the roaring Apurimac River. Then, hike the last leg of the Inca Trail to explore the spectacular stone citadel of Machu Picchu. Your journey is book-ended by stays in beautiful Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Details

Arrive:	Cusco, Peru
Depart:	Cusco, Peru
Duration:	8 Days
Group Size:	4-14 Guests
Minimum Age:	16 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

"Traveling with MT Sobek is like gaining a new set of close friends that have shared an incredible experience together."

Mark N.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been designing pioneering trekking adventures in the Sacred Valley for nearly 50 years.

REASON #02

Follow expert local guides on heart-pumping hikes amid breathtaking Andean scenery and enjoy immersive cultural experiences.

REASON #03

This trip has been carefully crafted to visit not one but two iconic Inca sites — the amazing Choquequirao and Machu Picchu — in just 8 days.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Strenuous hiking to remote ruins high in the mountains, rewarded with spectacular views.



LODGING

Three nights of camping; four comfortable



CLIMATE

Weather can be erratic in the mountains at higher altitudes, so you should be prepared for rain, wind and clouds regardless of the time of the year.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Wilfredo has been guiding for over 30 years estimates to have over 500 trips on the Inca Trail! When he isn't guiding, he designs and manufactures traditional Andean musical instruments. An accomplished musician, Wilfredo plays a variety of instruments including the quena, zampoña, charango and percussion. He has performed in several cities, even making a trip to perform in the United States. Combining his musical flair, local knowledge, and tremendous experience level, Wilfredo is a fantastic leader and looks forward to sharing the next MT Sobek adventure.

Wilfredo Huilca

A native Peruvian, Dennis is a very active person active person who is described by his peers as proactive, disciplined, responsible, dynamic and kind. He 8 years of experience leading tours all over Peru, and is excited to share and explore the landscape and culture of the region with new travelers.

Dennis Dolmos

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN CUSCO

Meet your MT Sobek trip leader at the airport and transfer to your hotel on the main square. Take a walking tour that introduces you to the history of the Inca civilization and its former capital with its ornate cathedrals, adobe walls, carved balconies, and cobblestone streets. Explore a church built atop the ruins of the most important temple in the Inca Empire, Cusco's main colonial square, and the Sachsayhuamán complex, a masterpiece of Inca architecture. In the evening, enjoy a group welcome toast with an incomparable view of the Imperial City.

Activity: City walking tour

Meals: L

DAY 2

HIKE THROUGH THE SACRED VALLEY

Begin your trek along a spectacular route through the Sacred Valley that eventually reaches Choquequirao, the last refuge of the Incas — also known as the "cradle of gold." Early in the morning, travel to the community of Cachora and begin your hike towards the first stop in Capulilloq, where you'll get your first glimpse of Choquequirao in the distance. Along the way, take in dazzling mountain scenery, steep cliffs, snowcapped peaks, and the coil of the Apurimac River. Descend to Cocamasama, then continue to your campsite at Rosalina Beach.

Activity: 6 hours/12 miles hiking with 3,773' elevation loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

HIKE TO CHOQUEQUIRAO

Set out early for Choquequirao to avoid the heat of the sun. As you hike, keep an eye out for spectacled bears and white-collar Andean condors. Arrive in Choquequirao in time to explore the ruins on your own. Sometimes called Peru's "lesser-known lost city," Choquequirao was a major cultural and religious center for the Incas. Today, it dazzles with its remarkably remote and scenic position on a ledge high above the roaring Apurimac River. In the evening, camp at a nearby archaeological complex.

Activity: 8 hours/8.5 miles hiking with 4,380' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

EXPLORE THE RUINS OF CHOQUEQUIRAO

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In the morning, enjoy some time to explore the amazing Choquequirao complex on your own. Much larger than Machu Picchu, the site exudes a poignant beauty and stellar views of dramatic surroundings. Once you've soaked it all in, descend back to the campsite at Rosalina Beach.

Activity: 9 hours/12.5 miles hiking with 4,019' elevation loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

TREK TO CACHORA & RETURN TO CUSCO

Depart from camp early to begin a 6- to 7-hour trek back down to the town of Cachora, taking in a breathtaking landscape of snowcapped mountains all the while. From there, connect with your transport back to the city of Cusco.

Activity: 8 hours/12 miles hiking with 3,412' elevation gain

Meals: B, L

DAY 6

TAKE THE INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU

Ride the classic Vistadome train up the narrowing gorge of the Urubamba River. Then, begin your half-day hike along the Inca Trail to the lost citadel of Machu Picchu. After about 2 hours, the valley turns into a cloud-forest canyon. After lunch, we continue steadily uphill to the jungle-bound ruins of Wiñay Wayna, then continue on to Intipunku, the original entrance to Machu Picchu. Pause to absorb the awesome view, then take the bus into Aguas Calientes and relax at the hotel for the rest of your day.

Activity: 6-7 hours/8 miles hiking with 2,692' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

EXPLORE MAGICAL MACHU PICCHU

Enter the awe-inspiring ruins of Machu Picchu by morning light. Take a highly informative tour of the site's main structures and learn about their importance in the lives of the Incas. Take a challenging climb up Machu Picchu's Old Mountain (optional) and be rewarded by breathtaking views of the citadel and the surrounding mountains. Enjoy lunch, then return by bus to Aguas Calientes, where we catch the Vistadome train back down to Cusco and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, explore Cusco on your own.

Activity: Optional 4 hours/1.5 miles hiking with 2139' elevation gain

Meals: B, L

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DAY 8

BID FAREWELL TO CUSCO

After breakfast at the hotel, catch your transfer to the airport and board your departing flight.

Meals: B

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Dates

Aug 5 - 12, 2019

Oct 7 - 14, 2019

May 16 - 23, 2020

Jun 13 - 20, 2020

Aug 15 - 22, 2020

Oct 6 - 13, 2020

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Pricing

2019

\$ 3,695 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 860 Single Supplement

2020

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Dinner on Day 5
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of Day 1
- Optional travel protection

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