

TREKKING KIDS

IMPROVING TODAY, SECURING TOMORROW...ONE STEP AT A TIME

Date	Destination	Activity	Remarks
Weds, 9/28	Depart US enroute Cusco, Peru		
Thurs, 9/29	Early morning arrival in Cusco	Morning free and lunch on your own, afternoon guided walking tour of historic Cusco	Welcome dinner, Cusco, included, and overnight in hotel.
Fri, 9/30	Morning visit to orphanage for blind children, El Hogar de Ninos Ciegos. Project specifics of what they need/and what we can contribute TBD.	Possibly donate brailers and other essential items, spend some time with the children/ potential to complete capital improvement. Program TBD.	A portion of funds we raise will benefit this program. Late afternoon will be at the hotel in preparation for departure for trek, including briefing meeting with trekking company about packing and other important information. Evening free, after meeting.
Saturday, 10/1	Early morning departure from Cusco enroute to trek to Salkantay Lodge.	Visit Inca ruins and the mountain village of Mollepeta before starting trek. 6 hours hiking to an final elevation of 12,690 ft. Overnight, Salktantay Lodge	Salkantay Lodge will greet us with a crackling fire, aperitifs, down comforters on the beds, and a warm and delicious dinner. All meals on the trek are included and prepared by the Lodge staff and/or guides.

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Sunday, 10/2	Acclimatize to the altitude in the Salkantay region with a hike to Lake Humantay.	4 hour hike to an altitude of 13,845. This hike is optional but offers an amazing view of the surrounding Andes and is a great way to adjust to the altitude.	With luck, we'll see condors soaring overhead; llamas most certainly will be grazing outside the Lodge. We will return to the Salkantay Lodge for a second night.
Monday, 10/3	Our trek continues as we crossing the Salkantay Pass at 15,213. It will be an accomplishment all will celebrate.	Reaching the highest point on the trek and the views will be amazing. 6 - 8 hours of trekking, with lunch along the way.	Overnight in the Wayra Lodge, at an elevation of 12,812. Warmth and comfort will be welcomed after the hard but rewarding work on the Salkantay Pass.
Tuesday, 10/4	An early departure to begin the descent along the Salkantay River; we will detour slightly from the route to the Manchayhuaycco School for the afternoon, and continue to Colpa Lodge at 9,414 ft for the night.	We'll spend some time visiting and working on the primary project we've supported as a group, the Manchayhuaycco School. Meet children, teachers and families. 3 -4 hours of moderate hiking.	A vital part of every TFK expedition is time with the project and its beneficiaries. We'll distribute school supplies and gifts for the children as well as put finishing touches on our work.
Wednesday, 10/5	Trekking through the lush Santa Teresa River Valley enroute to Lucma Lodge.	A long day of hiking, 5 -6 hours, but at lower elevation. Evening at Lucma Lodge, 7,0034 ft.	Avocado trees surround the lodge! Imagine the dinner...

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Thursday, 10/6	Last day of trekking along the Llaqta Pass, with Machu Picchu in sight.	4 -6 hours of hiking, arriving in the village of Aguas Calientes for the evening at an elevation of 6,223 ft Hotel TBD, included.	Prepare for an early morning departure for Machu Picchu. Group dinner in Aguas.
Friday, 10/7	Machu Picchu! What more needs to be said?	After a guided tour of the ruins, an optional hike up Huayna Picchu - the iconic mountain that looms behind MP.	Return to Aguas Calientes to catch the train back to Cusco. Overnight at hotel in Cusco. Group dinner.
Saturday, 10/8	Morning free to pack, shop, enjoy the charms of Cusco.	Afternoon/evening departures for home.	