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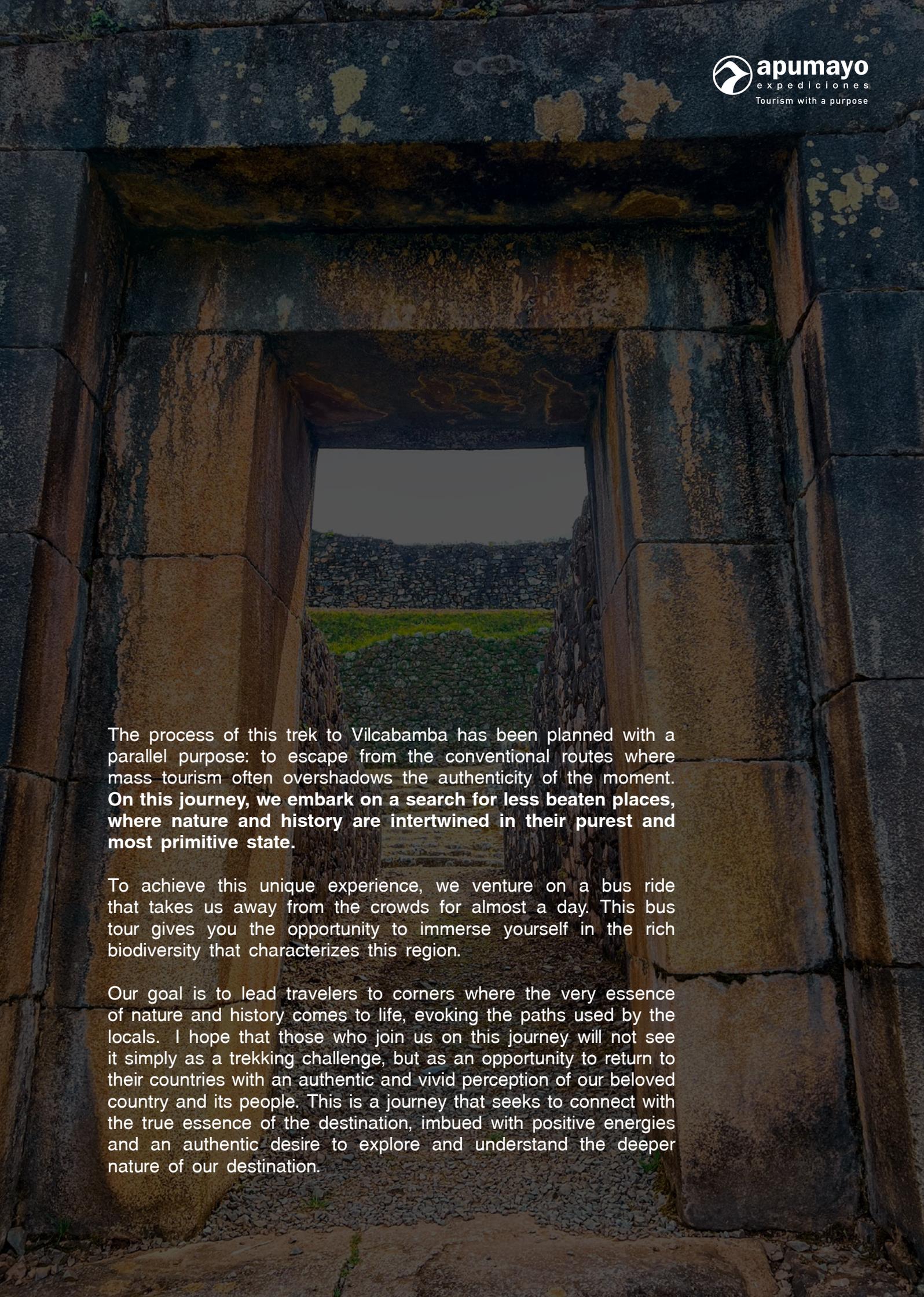
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Tourism with a purpose

VILCABAMBA – MACHU PICCHU

3rd May 2025





The process of this trek to Vilcabamba has been planned with a parallel purpose: to escape from the conventional routes where mass tourism often overshadows the authenticity of the moment. **On this journey, we embark on a search for less beaten places, where nature and history are intertwined in their purest and most primitive state.**

To achieve this unique experience, we venture on a bus ride that takes us away from the crowds for almost a day. This bus tour gives you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich biodiversity that characterizes this region.

Our goal is to lead travelers to corners where the very essence of nature and history comes to life, evoking the paths used by the locals. I hope that those who join us on this journey will not see it simply as a trekking challenge, but as an opportunity to return to their countries with an authentic and vivid perception of our beloved country and its people. This is a journey that seeks to connect with the true essence of the destination, imbued with positive energies and an authentic desire to explore and understand the deeper nature of our destination.

ITINERARY:

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1

CUSCO CITY - SACRED VALLEY - HUAYOPATA

1ST LODGE

The adventure begins early at 8:00 am, starting from Cusco in the direction of the Sacred Valley, on the way we will visit Moray then the salt mines of Maras and a small downhill walk. Lunch will take place in the Sacred Valley, after we will visit Ollantaytambo archaeological site, then we resume the bus trip towards the Valley of the Convention where we will pass a passage of 4,300 meters above sea level. And we will enter another biodiversity, being this the eyebrow of the jungle until we reach our lodge in Huayopata.

- **Distance:** 152km, 95 miles.
 - **Estimated time:** 9 hours (Including Tour)
 - **Difficulty level:** Easy (Bus Ride)
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DAY 2

HUAYOPATA- HUANCACALLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE- KOLLA

1ST CAMP

We started the day with energy, leaving the hostel at 8:00 a.m. by bus, having a 3 hour tour until we reach our first destination of visit, the archaeological site of Vitcos, this will be a hike for around 2 hours, after lunch and taking a short break we resume by bus for 1.30hrs, where the road ends.

In this place our Trek staff is waiting for us, we will walk for 40 minutes (Approx.), to reach our first Kollpa campsite 3,800 meters above sea level

- **Distance:** 95 km, 59 miles.
- **Estimated time:** 9 hours (Including Tour)
- **Difficulty level:** Easy (Bus Ride)



DAY 3

KOLLPA CAMPSITE – CHOQUETACARPO 1ST PASS – QUELLKAMACHAY

2nd. CAMPSITE

The path is one of ascent, taking us to the first step. We will start to hike the ancient Inca Trail, which has more than 600 years of history.

The estimated climb to the 1st pass is 4 hours, reaching an altitude of 4600 meters above sea level (15,180 feet). After reaching the top, we will begin the descent towards our next destination, in the middle of the Valley we will enjoy a well-deserved lunch after we will continue until Quellkamachay campsite 1st lodge surrounded by rocky mountains, located at 2981 meters above sea level (9842 feet).

- **Distance:** 11.5 km, 7 miles
 - **Estimated time:** 8 hours Approx.
 - **Difficulty level:** Difficult.
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DAY 4

QUELLCAMACHAY - THE PILLARS 2nd. PASS – MACHURACAY VALLEY -3rd PASS-PACCHAYOC

3RD CAMPSITE

Today we start the hike very early, after a comforting breakfast at the campsite. We will start our day by following the course of the river for about an hour, immersed in the serene natural beauty that surrounds us. Then, we will detour to a narrower path that marks the beginning of our ascent to the Second Pass, a journey that will take us about 3.5 hours.

After the Pass we will descend to Machuracay Valley to take a break also a lunch. After a short break we will continue way up until the 3rd Pass around 1.5 hours, then a short descent and keep hiking in the direction of the plateau, Pacchayoc 3rd Campsite, here we will spend the night. 3,500 mt above sea level (11,811 feet).

- **Distance:** 11 Km, 6.8 miles
 - **Duration:** 9 hours Approx.
 - **Difficulty Level:** Difficult
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DAY 5

PACCHAYOC-GLACIARS AND LAKES-PACCHAYOC

4TH CAMPSITE

We are leaving the campsite to the North direction for around 3 hours, until the light blue lakes Choquetacarpo and Pumasillo, after visiting the lakes we return to the campsite to take a lunch.

In the afternoon you can rest and enjoy the views, with the option to visit the 2 waterfalls. We will rest the second night in the same campsite. In the lakes site will reach the altitude of 4,400 meters above sea level (14,520 feet)

- **Distance:** 6.5 km, 4.125 miles
- **Duration:** 6 hours
- **Difficulty Level:** Moderate



DAY 6

PACCHAYOC 4TH CAMPSITE - YANAMA - SANTA TERESA

We start our day early in the morning, we will start our trekking to the 4th pass of Yanama. Then we continued to the last descent to the town of Yanama where the bus awaits for us to take a trip of approximately 3 ½ hours, until we reach our last lodging in Santa Teresa village, there we will decide where to take lunch or visit the Colcamayo beautiful outdoor hot spring.

- **Distance:** 5 km, 3 miles- Trek
 - **Difficulty in Trek:** Moderate+
 - **Distance:** 70 Km, 43.4 miles - By Bus
 - **Estimated time:** 6 1/2 hours
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DAY 7

SANTA TERESA – HYDROELECTRIC– AGUAS CALIENTES-CUSCO

Today we will embark to the Machu Picchu Hydroelectric Station, here we walk next to the rail road that will take us to the charming town of Aguas Calientes in less than an hour. Overnight at a local hotel or late train back to Ollantaytambo

- **Distance:** 10 km, 6.3 miles.
- **Difficulty:** Easy
- **Estimated time:** Half day.

