



**alpaca**  
EXPEDITIONS

**MEDIA KIT**







# A leader in all Inca Trail tours in Peru and treks to Machu Picchu.

We are 100% Peruvian, all growing up in villages around the city, growing up with tales of the greatness of the Incas.

We are here to make this world a better place, and supporting our own community is our top priority. We are excited to show you our homeland and hope you fall in love with Peru.



# Origins

Alpaca Expeditions is **based in Cusco, Peru**. The **owner, Raul Ccolque**, has lived in the Andes all of his life. Since he was 18-years-old he has worked the Inca Trail on every trek to Macchu Picchu, as both a porter and a tour guide. Born and raised in a small village called Seque Raccay, Ccolque attended a Quechuan speaking elementary and high school. He then went on to Cusco University to further his studies in tourism. **Growing up in a small Quechuan village ignited his passion for hiking the surrounding mountains and exploring his heritage.**

## The Team

**All of our tour guides are locals**, from Cusco and the Sacred Valley. They have **all completed degrees in tourism** from Cusco National University. Their expertise includes local flora and fauna, geography, history, archeology, anthropology, and astronomy. **Trekking through Peru with one of our tour guides will be an incredible learning experience.**

All of our tour guides have learned English at one of the most established English schools in Peru, then specialized ICPNA-CUSCO (Centro Cultura Peruano Notre Americano) as a part of Michigan University. In addition, every tour guide has been trained in safety and first aid.

We call our porters the Green Army because they are **the heroes of our expeditions...**





# Porters on the Inca Trail



## **The hardest workers on the mountain.**

They carry all the necessary equipment and logistics to hike and camp along the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu (tents, food, gear, etc). Without porters, climbing the Inca Trail would be close to impossible for most people.



## **Why is it mandatory?**

Before 1990, the Inca Trail was not regulated by the Peruvian government. Unfortunately many of these early hikers left a lot of trash along the way. The government took note of this problem and initiated a project to protect the trail.



## **The Green Army**

All our porters are quechua language speakers who come from farming villages. Alpaca Expeditions will help them to keep growing their community, especially in education, health and culture. We have different ongoing projects and hope to add many more.



# Alpaca Expeditions Commitment to our Home

Since Alpaca Expeditions opened, we have engaged in many social projects benefiting of the Andean people. In addition, we help the villages our porters live in, focusing, in particular, on children's needs. We provide hygienic supplies every three months, regularly supply computers, books and other educational necessities, and we're proud to have even brought teachers to the schools.

It would be hard for us to give back to the community without the help of our clients, who trust us to take them on their journeys. We don't just provide great services, but we also send your money to support our social projects, for the benefit of the villages and their children. *By traveling with Alpaca Expeditions, you choose to take part in these wonderful projects* that our company is creating and supporting.

**Our goal:** To collaborate with Andean communities to overcome economic and social challenges through a working partnership that directs resources toward sustainable projects. Special focus is given to support our kids and their educational endeavors. [Learn more...](#)







# A Glance at Some of our Tours

## Classic 4D/3N Inca Trail

The most popular of all treks in Peru. Spend 4 days passing through beautiful scenery and amazing Inca ruins without the crowds of Cusco. This is the only hike that allows you to hike directly into Machu Picchu from the Sun Gate.  
(REQUIRES A PERMIT)

## 5D/4N Salkantay Trek

Get higher up in the Andes, closer to the mountain peaks and then make your way down through different micro-climates. Views are stunning - you will love every step especially on night three when your campsite offers views of Machu Picchu in the distance.

## 2D/1N Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu

Head to the Sacred Valley to explore the valley of the Incas visiting Pisac, Ollantaytambo and more. Then head by train to Machu Picchu. Perfect for those who want to skip the hike.





## Responsible Tourism.

We work hard to serve our community and our land and hope all our clients appreciate our home and our people.



Better wages

Real healthcare

Proper equipment....for free

Animal protection

Community Service

Support education endeavors

No footprint left behind

Local ingredients



# Why Alpaca Expeditions?

With so many companies offering treks through the Andes? What makes us so special?

100% Local

Amazing Chefs

Sustainable

Committed to our Community

Top Guides

Best Equipment

Superior Safety Standards

Hardest Working Porters

Private Portable Bathrooms

Satellite Phones

Leave No Trace



"OFFICIAL Inka Trail Operator"





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