

# II *Salkantay Trail, Peru*



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Check out the Salkantay route for new ways to explore and trek in the Andes—aside from Machu Picchu. This route has not been overly-traversed by travelers visiting Peru, and it is an inspired route to hike near this beautiful area. In the Andean culture, the "Apus" (Gods) are the spirits that protect life and many are represented by mountains. The magnificent Nevado Salkantay (20569ft) is one of the most impressive Nevado of the Peruvian Andes, and it is a fundamental inspiration for this trek. If you do decide to trek to Machu Picchu, en route you'll hit Aguas Calientes; plan to stay at the **Inkaterra Hotel**, a stunning little enclave that hangs over a verdant gorge and offers a respite for weary hikers.