

INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU PERU TOUR

Hike to Machu Picchu in the Footsteps of the Incas - Tour Extension

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

At once challenging and thrilling, the classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is a trek you'll never forget. Winding past fertile river valleys, ancient Inca ruins, steep terraces, and vertiginous Andes slopes, the Inca Trail takes you deep into the Sacred Valley of the Incas, from where the Inca Empire ruled during the 13th and 14th centuries. The Inca Road system was highly developed and was one of the keys to the Inca's success in managing an expansive empire. You'll experience what it was like to walk in the footsteps of the Inca on this 4 day, 3 night Inca Trail tour, starting in the heart of the Sacred Valley, and finishing at the spectacular city in the sky called Machu Picchu.

Note: This is a tour extension, combine this tour with one of our full package tours.

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THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- English-speaking guides
- Transfer from Cuzco to trailhead
- Return trip to Cuzco by train
- All entrance fees
- Cooks, porters, and trekking staff to carry equipment
- All cooking equipment and food (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, morning snack, afternoon tea, and filtered water)
- Tents (2 people in each, 3-person-capacity)
- Emergency first-aid kit, including oxygen bottle
- Porter will carry up to 5kg (11 lbs) of your belongings, including sleeping bag
- Guided tour of Machu Picchu

Does not include:

- Hiking poles (optional, and cannot have metal tips)
- Sleeping bag, liner, or pad (can be rented in Cuzco)
- Day pack to carry water, sunscreen, camera, snacks, etc
- Jacket or raingear, clothing, or boots
- Flashlight or any other personal items
- Cash gratuities for porters, cooks, and guides

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4-day classic Inca Trail
- Camping in the Andes Mountains
- Explore Inca Ruins
- Guided tour of Machu Picchu

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Day 1 **CUZCO TO PISCACUCHO TO WAYLLABAMBA**

Rise early and get ready for your first day of the Inca trail. Your driver will pick you up at your Cuzco hotel and take you to Urubamba, right in the Sacred Valley, where you will take a short rest. Then continue on to Piskacucho Km 82 to meet your trail guide and fellow trekkers.

Hike on through the trail the mighty Incas used to follow to go to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary. Stop for lunch in Miskay. Visit the archeological site of Llactapata, or Patallacta. This impressive Inca site boasts steep terraces, many in pristine condition despite of the centuries of aging and neglect. Many of the ruins along the Inca Trail were "tambos," or rest stops for travelers along the Inca Trail. In the evening, set up camp near Wayllabamba, a small farming village of about 400 people, and enjoy dinner with your fellow trekkers.



Day 2 **WALLABAMBA TO WARMIWAÑUSCA TO PACAMAYO**

Get started early with breakfast at camp and then start trekking to the highest point of the Inca Trail, Warmiwañusca, or Dead Woman's Pass. Take in wonderful views of the Andean mountain slopes and countryside along the way. Cross the Warmiwañusca Pass at 4215m (13,829ft).

After lunch and a break, continue on to the campsite at Pacaymayu near the Pacaymayu River, to have dinner and a well-deserved rest.



Day 3 **PACAYMAYU TO CAQICOCHA TO WIÑAYWAYNA**

Today will reward you with plenty gorgeous scenery, Inca ruins, and perhaps some deer and wildlife. Pass through Inca tunnels, traverse steps carved into solid granite, and encounter several species of butterflies as you enter the lush cloud forest. After a hearty breakfast, head out towards the second highest pass, at 3850m, stopping to visit the ruins of Runcuracay, Sayamarca, and Phuyupatamarca. After lunch, head to Wiñaywayna, meaning "Forever Young," to set up camp for the final night.



Day 4

WIÑAYWAYNA TO MACHU PICCHU TO CUZCO

After an early breakfast, start on the final 3km of the trek to Machu Picchu. Arrive at Inti Punku, the Sun Gate, where you will be welcomed by a panoramic view of the Machu Picchu citadel - a view that only those who hike the Inca Trail ever get to see. After a short hike down to Machu Picchu, register at the entrance and start on the 3-hour guided Machu Picchu tour with a knowledgeable Machu Picchu guide.

Explore the rest of Machu Picchu at your leisure, taking time to visit the Watchman's Hut, the steep terraces, and the many impressive views of this huge city in the foothills of the cloud forest. In the afternoon, take the bus down to Aguas Calientes for a buffet lunch and free time to enjoy the town before returning to Cuzco by train.

If you have an additional day to spare, we recommend spending the night at a hotel in Aguas Calientes, and returning to Cuzco the next day.

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