

Peru - The Inca Trail through Cusco, Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu Hiking Tour 2023
Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



Many are the routes that take you to Machu Picchu, but there is none like the Inca Trail, the most famous pedestrian route in the Americas. Arriving in Cusco, prepare to walk for four days on a path through forests and dense fogs, ancient stone steps and discover the remains of ancient fortifications and Inca cities, while enjoying majestic views. After 46 kilometers of walking at the top of the Andes, the reward arrives: the first exciting views of Machu Picchu from IntiPunku. This guided tour is a unique experience that will be engraved in your heart forever.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Cusco – Sacred Valley

A transportation service will pick you up from the airport at the scheduled time to transfer you to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be assisted at check-in and accommodation.

Day 2: Sacred Valley

Today you will have the day off to acclimatize and enjoy the Sacred Valley. You can also take one of the different tours and optional activities of your choice. Optional activity: Tour of the Sacred Valley (Chincho, Living Museum of Yucay and Ollantaytambo)



Day 3: Sacred Valley – Piscacucho, Ollantaytambo and Wayllabamba 12.5 km – 5 - 6 hours

Start your day very early. A vehicle will pick you up and take you to Piscacucho (Km. 82), the starting point of the trek along the Inca Trail. Before arriving, you will have a small stop in Ollantaytambo for 15 to 20 minutes to do some last-minute shopping. The hike in Piscacucho begins with a beautiful image of the snow-capped Verónica, while you continue advancing between small communities and views of the valley. On the route, you will see in the distance some archaeological sites such as Willkarakay and Patallaqta. You will arrive at Wayllabamba, the last town you will find on the way, after a walk of between five and six hours. Lunch is served en route, while dinner is at the camp. After eating, it is time to recharge for the next day.

Day 4: Sacred Valley – Warmiwañusca and Pacaymayo 12 km – 6 - 7 hours

This is the hardest day of the trip as you will ascend to the highest point of the route known as the Warmiwañusca pass - 'dead woman' in Quechua - reaching 4,200 meters above sea level. It is called this because when you see the silhouette of the mountains, you can see the figure of a reclining woman. The landscape is transformed as the path begins to penetrate the cloud forest, with large trees and small waterfalls forming on the sides of the route. Do not stop, no matter how difficult the path becomes with each step, that the view from the top of the open will leave you breathless. It's like being on top of the world! After the required photos, it is time to start the descent to the camp in Pacaymayo, where you will be served lunch and dinner. It will be seven strenuous hours on the road, full of ups and downs, and a well-deserved rest is necessary.





Day 5: Sacred Valley – Runkurakay, Chaquicocha and Wiñayhuayna 16 km - 8 - 9 hours

Yesterday was the hardest day in terms of height, but today will be the hardest in terms of length. However, it is also the most interesting day due to the number of archaeological sites you will find along the route and the constructive beauty of the path itself. After camping in Pacaymayo, start a new climb to the Runkurakay pass. Going down, visit the archaeological site of Sayaqmarka and Qonchamarka, noting the construction style used in its walls and the beautiful landscape offered by the Andes in this section. You will have lunch in Chaquicocha where you will have time to rest and recharge before starting the last ascent

towards the Phuyupatamarca pass (3,700 meters above sea level) and its archaeological site. Part of the way passes through some superbly designed tunnels, proof of the expertise of Inca architects. The descent begins through the cloud forest, on an original path with spiral staircases between the trees, until you reach the last camp in Wiñayhuayna (2,679 meters above sea level). There, dinner will be served, and you will spend the last night.

Day 6: Wiñayhuayna –Machu Picchu – Cusco

Today is the most exciting day, the last effort before reaching the goal: the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu. Wake up very early and start the walk to the Intipunku or 'Puerta del Sol' in Quechua. With the first rays of the morning sun, be amazed by the impressive view of the entire Historic Sanctuary; a moment that will be marked in your memory forever. After the photographs, the descent to the citadel begins and the guided tour of two hours begins through this Inca wonder. At the end of the tour, you will have free time to walk and then board the bus back to Aguas Calientes for lunch. In the afternoon, the train waits for you to comfortably return you to Ollantaytambo station, where a vehicle will wait for you to take you to your hotel in Cusco.

Day 7: Cusco

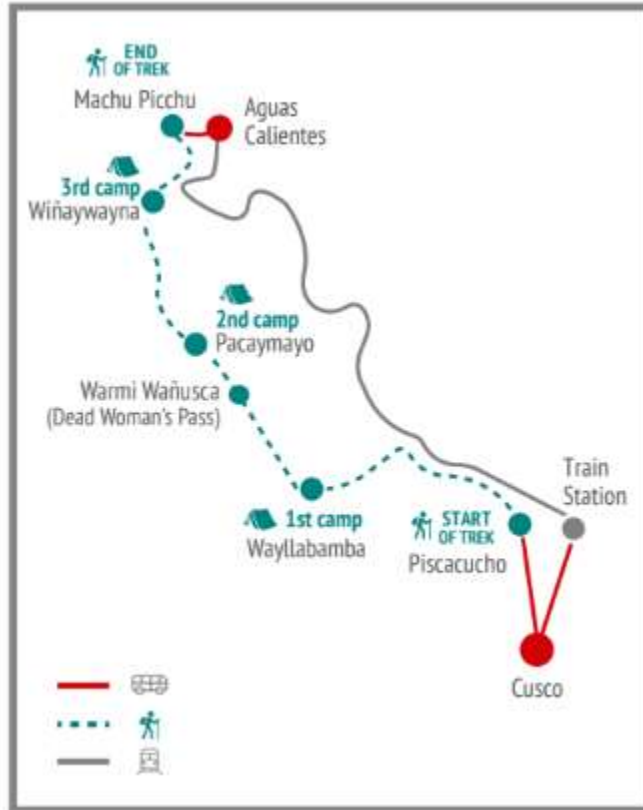
After a spectacular adventure along the route of the Incas, it is time to take a break. Enjoy the free day in **Cusco** to relax walking your way through its cobbled streets, visiting its markets or, if you wish, taking one of the tours or optional activities. Optional Activity: City Tour.

Day 8: Cusco Departure

A transfer will take you to Cusco airport to board your departure flight



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Medium. Sightseeing and cultural activities designed for people who are generally fit and are comfortable walking up to 6 hours per day.

Distance: 46 km

Travel Season: Departures Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from January 2 to December 20, 2023.
Please note that the Inca Trail is closed in February.



Price per Person:	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Comfort Category	\$ 1250.00 USD	\$ 1435.00 USD
Standard Category	\$ 1265.00 USD	\$ 1475.00 USD
Superior Category	\$ 1335.00 USD	\$ 1650.00 USD
First Class Category	\$ 1380.00 USD	\$ 1725.00 USD
Luxury Category	\$ 1725.00 USD	\$ 2425.00 USD
Fee for Private Service	\$950.00 USD	\$2465.00 USD

Accommodation:

3* hotels and lodges, all with private washrooms. Tent accommodation during hike to Machu Picchu

Included:

- Private transfers from/to Cusco airport
- Shared services operated with a guide in Spanish and English
- All the visits mentioned in the programme to Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- Two nights of accommodation in the Sacred Valley, three nights at camp and two nights of accommodation in Cusco
- 4 Breakfasts on days 2, 3, 7 and 8
- 1 Lunch on day 6 in Aguas Calientes
- Transfer from Sacred Valley hotel to the starting point of the trekking
- Bus tickets from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- Train ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo in Expedition service
- Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station to Cusco hotel

***During camping:**

- Briefing before the start of the trek
- 3 breakfasts on days 4, 5 and 6
- 3 lunches on days 3, 4 and 5
- 3 dinners on days 3, 4 and 5
- Professional chef
- Porters to carry tents, food and equipment
- Camping equipment
- Complete equipment for kitchen, dining room and camping.
- Sleeping bag
- Tents (Eureka Mountain brand)
- Mattress
- Oxygen and first aid kit
- 24 hour assistance to the passenger

Not Included:

- Expenses of a personal nature, beverages and meals not stated in the programme
- Tips for driver and guide
- Suggested optional visits
- Mandatory supplementary rates for special dates like Easter Holidays, Inti Raymi, National Holidays, Christmas and New Year's mentioned separately
- International flights to Peru
- Domestic flights (we advise booking the first flights in the morning)
- Travel insurance
- Entrances to Huayna Picchu and Machu Picchu Mountain (Available for an additional cost)

