

SHORT INCA TRAIL To Machu Picchu

(Hotel)

2 days / 1 night



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Two days of Inca magic and comfort



The Short 2-day Inca Trail hike to Machu Picchu is the perfect choice if you don't have time for the entire Classic Inca Trail. This trek blends highlights of the 4-day Inca Trail with some of the most beautiful Inca sites in the lush cloud forest. Enter Machu Picchu through the Sun Gate (Intipunku) late in the afternoon and enjoy the rare chance to see Machu Picchu with fewer crowds.

On the first day, you'll spend a full day hiking to Machu Picchu along the iconic Inca Trail with an expert guide, savoring freshly prepared picnic meals crafted by skilled chefs. On the second day, you'll explore the best of Machu Picchu with your knowledgeable tour guide.

Ideal for solo travelers, couples, friends, and families, this experience delivers stunning scenery, rich history, and a luxurious return on the panoramic Vistadome trains. With small groups, professional guides, and unforgettable moments, it promises comfort, authenticity, and memories to last a lifetime. Book your journey today!

Why to hike the Short Inca Trail?

- Arrive at Machu Picchu twice during exclusive hours
- Enjoy the best view of Machu Picchu from the Sun Gate (Intipunku)
- Savor freshly prepared picnic meals crafted by expert chefs
- Return on panoramic trains Vistadome
- Small-group tours for personalized service





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ADVENTURE TRAVEL

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Legend

Transportation

- Van Route
- Train Route
- Hiking Route
- Van Transportation
- Train Transportation
- Hiking
- Walking Tour

Accommodation



Hotel

Experiences

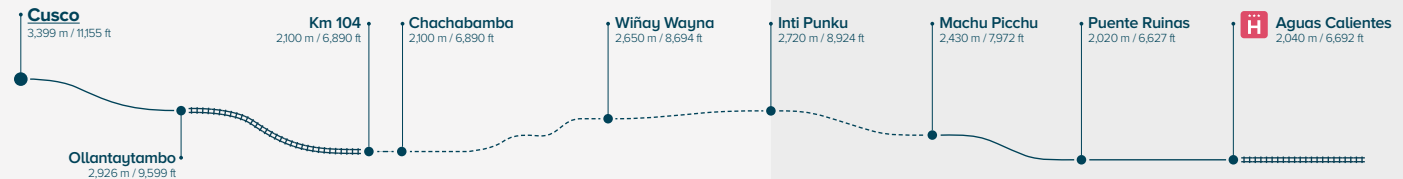


Archeological Site

1 Day 1

Cusco – Km 104 – Machu Picchu – Puente Ruinas

- Hike Duration **6 - 7 hours**
- Distance **10 km / 6.2 mi**
- Difficulty **Moderate**
- Accommodation **Camping**



2 Day 2

Explore Machu Picchu - Return to Cusco

- Tour Duration **2 - 3 hours**
- Difficulty **Easy**



Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	2 days / 1 night
Distance	13 km / 8 mi
Difficulty	Moderate
Accommodation	3-Star Hotel
Group size	Up to 16
Activities	Hiking, Adventure
Languages	English, spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Km 104 – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 02

Machu Picchu Guided Tour



Day 01

Cusco – Ollantaytambo – Km 104 – Machu Picchu

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco around 4:00 a.m. or 5:30 a.m. if you're in the Sacred Valley or near Ollantaytambo. For convenience, we recommend spending the night before in Ollantaytambo to save travel time. TreXperience will pick you up from any location near Cusco or Ollantaytambo.

From Cusco, it's a 1.5-hour drive to the Ollantaytambo train station. We'll board the first train to Km 104 (Chachabamba), where your trek begins. Remember to bring your original passport for the checkpoint.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by your trekking chef before visiting the archaeological





site of Chachabamba. Then, hike about 7 hours along the ancient Inca Trail. The first 4 hours are gradual uphill to Wiñaywayna, one of the most beautiful Inca sites. After exploring and having a picnic lunch, continue to the Sun Gate (Intipunku) for your first breathtaking view of Machu Picchu.

Arrive at Machu Picchu in the afternoon, explore Circuit 1, and take amazing photos before heading to Aguas Calientes for dinner and a comfortable night in a 3-star hotel.

Distance

13 km / 8 miles

Duration

7 hours

Max. hightness

2,700 m /8,858 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, lunch,
snacks, dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate



Km 104 (Hiking Starting Point)



Chachabamba



View of Intipata

Winay Wayna Waterfalls

Wiñay Wayna





Machu Picchu Views from Intipunku



Machu Picchu



Aguas Calientes

Day 02

Explore Machu Picchu - Return to Cusco

On the final day of this wonderful tour, we will get up early and prepare for the highlight of the tour: visiting Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Breakfast will be served in the hotel, and we will board the first buses to Machu Picchu. Arriving as the sky brightens, we will take in the city's incredible views. On a clear day, we can watch the spectacular sunrise over Machu Picchu.

Our guide will take you on a 2 to 3 hours comprehensive tour by Circuit 3, exploring Machu Picchu's most remarkable places, visiting the temples, palaces, and farming terraces, and learning about the city's history. After, we'll have extra time to take the best photos of the citadel or take an extra hike to either Huayna Picchu Mountain or Machu Picchu Montaña on our own (tickets must be booked well in advance).





Optional: After the Machu Picchu tour, you can hike down to Aguas Calientes using the Hiram Bingham original trail. On the way, you will visit the Machu Picchu Museum and the butterfly station and enjoy fantastic views.

After the tour of Machu Picchu, we will take the bus back to Aguas Calientes for lunch. You will have time to explore the town, choose a restaurant of your preference, and buy souvenirs in the local market. Later in the afternoon, you will board the Panoramic train Vistadome and bus back to Cusco. The TreXperience Team will meet you off the train and return you safely to your hotel. Our arrival time in Cusco is around 7:30 p.m.

Tour Duration

2 - 3 hours

Max. hightness

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Meals

Breakfast

Difficulty

**Easy to
moderate**



Machu Picchu

Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Hotel pickup and drop-off
- Professional Tour Guide
- All transportation during the tour
- Train to Km 104 (Expedition or Voyager)
- Return on the panoramic Vistadome Train or 360°
- Bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes (Day 1)
- Round-trip bus to Machu Picchu (Day 2)
- Entry tickets to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu - Circuit 1 (Day 1)
- Entry ticket to Machu Picchu - Circuit 3 (Day 2)
- 1 night 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Picnic Breakfast & Lunch on Day 1
- 1 dinner at a local restaurant on Day 1
- 1 breakfast at the hotel on Day 2
- Satellite phones, a first-aid kit, and oxygen tank
- Complimentary luggage storage



Not included

- Lunch on day 2
- Dinner on day 2
- Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain
- Entry to Machu Picchu Mountain
- Travel Insurance
- Tips



Essential Gear

When preparing for the Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, it's important to pack properly for the altitude, humidity weather, and rugged terrain. Here are some essential items you should bring:



Long - sleeve T-shirt

It will protect your from sun and mosquitos.



Waterproof jacket

A lightweight jacket to protect you from rain and dampness



Trekking pants

Lightweight convertible pants for all weather.



Sandals or lightweight shoes

Comfortable, lightweight shoes to rest at camp.



Hiking boots

Hiking boots that fit, with strong, grippy soles.



Small Backpack

A small or regular-sized backpack for your personal belongings.

What Trexperience provides?

During the trek, we take care of your comfort: You'll have a rain poncho, backpack rain cover, company t-shirt. We also carry oxygen tanks and satellite phones to ensure your safety.



Rain Poncho

Protects you from unexpected rain.



Trexperience T-shirt

A comfortable souvenir of your trek.



Backpack Cover

Keeps your backpack dry in the rain.



Oxygen Tank

Extra safety in high-altitude areas.



Satellite Phones

Reliable communication in remote areas.

Our service

Our service combines comfort, organization, and unique details that make the difference. We include carefully selected private transportation and a panoramic train ride back so you can enjoy every moment of the journey.



Transportation

The journey between Cusco and Ollantaytambo, whether outbound or return, is in our comfortable private vans. The return from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo is aboard PeruRail's exclusive Vistadome train, offering panoramic views of the Andean landscapes.

Comfortable Accommodation

After your hike, relax in a cozy 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes featuring private bathrooms, hot water, and Wi-Fi — a well-deserved rest after your Inca Trail adventure.





Vistadome Train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco

Meals in the route

The trekking experience is not only about the landscapes, but also the flavors. Each meal along the route is an opportunity to connect with Peruvian tradition and recharge your energy. During the hike, you'll enjoy Peruvian cuisine, a



blend of traditional flavors and diverse influences. Some of the dishes and drinks you may try include:

- Quinoa in soups and salads
- Peruvian ceviche
- Lomo Saltado
- Ají de Gallina
- Alpaca meat and Guinea pig in different preparations
- Chicken broth
- Chicha Morada
- Coca tea

Meals during the trek combine Peruvian and international dishes, designed to keep your energy up and adapt to different tastes and diets.





Our team

At TreXperience, our porters, chefs, and guides are the heart of every journey. All of them come from Andean communities or are local experts who carry the passion for their culture in their veins.



Our Tour Guides

Our guides are professionals from Cusco deeply passionate about their cultural heritage. With academic training and genuine warmth, they are not only experts in history and nature but also storytellers of Andean culture, traditions, and daily life. Thanks to their knowledge, dedication, and kindness, every step of your journey will become a unique, meaningful, and enriching experience.



Our Porters

They are the silent strength behind every journey. Coming from Andean communities, they carry the necessary equipment with dedication and a smile. Beyond their physical effort, it's their spirit of solidarity that inspires—always ready to help, motivate, and keep the trek's energy alive. Thanks to them, every step feels lighter and the experience more human.



Our chefs

Our chefs turn every meal into a special moment. With creativity and passion, they prepare delicious dishes in the heart of the mountains, blending Peruvian tradition with the unique touch of Andean cuisine. Their flavors comfort, surprise, and become an essential part of the memories you'll take from the journey.



Our drivers

They are the ones who welcome you at the start of the adventure and accompany you on every transfer with safety and punctuality. With experience on Andean roads and total commitment, our drivers ensure your trip begins and ends with peace of mind and confidence.



Our Awards

Our agency has been honored with prestigious international awards that highlight the quality of our service, our commitment to sustainability, and our dedication to providing authentic experiences.



**El Inka Dorado
Award
2023**



**Lux Life Travel
& Tourism
awards
2022**



**Premio Miradas
2022**



**Empresa Peruana
del año
2022**



**Luxury Travel Guide
Global Awards
2023**



**Internacional
Travel Awards
2022**



**Travel & Hospitality
Awards
2022**



**Bes of the Best
Tripadvisor
2022**





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it's a cultural connection that
stays with you forever"*

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