

CLASSIC INCA TRAIL

To Machu Picchu

4 Days / 3 nights



HIKING
TOUR





Follow ancient footsteps to the inca lost city



The Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is one of South America's most iconic treks. Over four unforgettable days, you'll follow ancient stone paths from KM 82 through cloud forests and high Andean passes, stopping at renowned Llactapata, Runkurakay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca, Intipata, and Wiñay Wayna before greeting Machu Picchu at dawn from the Sun Gate (Inti Punku).

Hike in a small group with expert bilingual guides who bring history to life. Expect steady climbs, breathtaking views, wild orchids, and that unique rush of arriving on foot. It's a true adventure blending culture, nature, and challenge—the most rewarding way to reach a Wonder of the World.

With TreXperience, you get a premium, all-inclusive experience: permits secured, personal porter, high-quality camping gear, buffet meals, satellite phones, portable toilets, and the panoramic Vistadome train back to Cusco. Daily departures and fair, local teams mean you travel responsibly and stress-free. Book early—permits are limited.

Why Inca Trail?

- Travel with the best Inca Trail Tour Operator
- Stay in the best and least crowded campsites
- Personal porter included for 7 kg (15 lb) of your gear
- Arrive at Inca sites at off-peak hours
- Enjoy panoramic trains on your return Vistadome





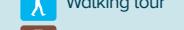
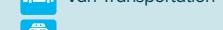
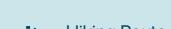
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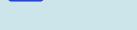


Legend

Transportation



Accommodation



1 Day 1

Cusco – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

- Duration **6 hours**
- Distance **14 km / 8.7 mi**
- Difficulty **Moderate**



2 Day 2

Ayapata – Warmiwañuska – Chaquecocha

- Duration **10 hours**
- Distance **16 km / 10 mi**
- Difficulty **Challenging**



3 Day 3

Chaquecocha – Intipata – Wiñaywayna

- Duration **5 hours**
- Distance **10 km / 6.2 mi**
- Difficulty **Moderate**



4 Day 4

Wiñay Wayna – Machu Picchu – Cusco

- Duration **2 - 3 hours**
- Distance **6 km / 3.7 mi**
- Difficulty **Easy**





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	4 days / 3 nights
Distance	42 km / 26 mi
Difficulty	Moderate to challenging
Accommodation	Camping
Group size	Up to 16
Activities	Trekking, camping
Languages	English, spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco — Km 82 — Patallacta — Ayapata

→ Day 02

Ayapata — Warmiwañuska — Chacuicocha

→ Day 03

Chacuicocha — Phuyupatamarca —
Wiñaywayna

→ Day 04

Wiñaywayna — Machu Picchu — Cusco



Day 01

Cusco — Km 82 — Pataclata — Ayapata

Our trekking team will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco (Historic Center only) at 4:30 a.m. If you're staying in the Sacred Valley, like Urubamba or Ollantaytambo, we'll collect you after 6:30 a.m. The drive takes about 2.5 hours to reach Km 82, the village of Piscacucho, starting point of our 4-day Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. On the way, we'll stop in Ollantaytambo for breakfast and any last-minute essentials.

We'll arrive at the trailhead around 8:00 a.m. and meet our amazing team of chefs and porters. After a short briefing, we'll pass the checkpoint—show your passport—and begin the adventure to the Lost City of the Incas.

The first day is a gentle 3-hour hike past small





villages to the Llactapata archaeological site, with beautiful views of Patallacta and Willkaraqay. Then, a 1-hour walk brings us to Hatunchaca, where our chefs will serve a fresh, delicious lunch.

Afterward, we'll continue for about 2 hours to Ayapata, our first campsite. We'll arrive around 5:00 p.m., with tents already set up. Enjoy tea time with popcorn, coffee, and cookies before dinner, while admiring the Andean scenery. Spend the night in cozy tents, ready for the next day's adventure.

Distance

14 km / 8.7 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

3,300 m /10,826 ft

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
tea time, dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate



View of Llactapata

Day 02

Ayapata — Dead Woman's Pass — Chaquicocha

Today is the most challenging day of the 4-day hike to Machu Picchu! We'll start early, bringing you a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee or coca tea right to your tent. After breakfast, we're off for a 4-hour hike up to Dead Woman's Pass (4,215 m / 13,829 ft), the highest point of the Inca Trail Trek. At the summit, we'll pause to soak in the serenity of this magical place while your guide performs a traditional offering to the mountain spirits, the Apus. After enjoying the stunning views, we'll descend for 2 hours to the Pacaymayo Alto





Valley for a well-earned lunch and a rest before the afternoon section.

After lunch, the second mountain is an easier two-hour hike to Runkuraqay Pass (4,000 m / 13,123 ft), followed by another 2 hours downhill to the second campsite; along the way, you will explore two Inca sites: Runkuraqay and Sayacmarca. The second campsite will be Chaquicocha (“Dry Lake,” 3,600 m / 11,811 ft), where you can admire a beautiful sunset over the Vilcabamba range before dinner. As night falls, a crystal-clear sky invites you to stargaze and marvel at the constellations.

Distance

16 km / 10 miles

Duration

10 hours

Max. hightness

4,215 m / 13,829 ft

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
tea time, dinner**

Difficulty

Challenging



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Runkurakay

Day 03

Chaquicocha — Intipata — Wiñaywayna

With the hardest part of the 4-day Inca Trail tour behind you, you can relax and enjoy the most leisurely and exciting day of the Inca Trail hike. Today's route is highly varied; it is only a 5-hour hike to the final campsite. Along the way, you will pass through different ecosystems, wander through the atmospheric cloud forest, and take in panoramic views of Salkantay Mountain (the second-highest peak in Cusco). We will visit 2 Inca sites: Phuyupatamarca (City in the Clouds), with spectacular views of the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu Mountain, and Intipata (Terraces of the Sun).





At Intipata, you will have time to rest and take in the magical surroundings. We will reach the campsite at approximately 1:00 p.m. to have lunch, and then you can enjoy free time to relax, unwind at camp, chase llamas, or take a refreshing shower. Later in the afternoon, we will visit the Inca site of Wiñaywayna, where your guide will bring the history of this fantastic location to life. We will then return to the campsite for tea, dinner, and a special farewell surprise!

Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Duration

5 hours

Max. hightness

3,600 m / 11,811 ft

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
tea time, dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate

Phuyupatamarca



View of Intipata



Intipata

Wiñay Wayna

Day 04

Machu Picchu (Lost City of the Incas)

On our final day of the Classic Inca Trail, we'll rise early for the highlight of your TreXperience—visiting Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. We'll head straight to the checkpoint, opening at 5:30 a.m. As dawn breaks, we'll hike one hour to the Sun Gate (Intipunku), enjoying breathtaking views. On clear mornings, the sunrise over Machu Picchu is unforgettable.

Afterward, we'll descend gently for about an hour toward Machu Picchu, taking the scenic upper path of Circuit 1—perfect for panoramic photos. Then we'll continue to the main entrance, where restrooms, a café, and the official checkpoint await.





Once checked in, we'll explore Machu Picchu through Circuit 3, visiting temples, palaces, fountains, and observatories with our expert guides. For extra adventure, you may hike Huayna Picchu (tickets required in advance). After the tour, take the bus to Aguas Calientes for lunch and board the panoramic Vistadome train. Our team will meet you off the train and drive you back to Cusco or the Sacred Valley. Approximate arrival: 7:30 p.m.

Distance

6 km / 3.7 miles

Duration

2 - 3 hours

Max. hightness

2,720 m / 8,923 ft

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks**

Difficulty

Easy to moderate



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Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Complimentary luggage storage
- Hotel pickup and drop-off
- All transportation during the tour
- Professional tour guide
- Return on the panoramic Vistadome train
- Bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- Entry tickets to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- All camping equipment (carried by the porters)
- Personal porter to carry up to 7 kg / 15 lb
- Experienced chefs and porters

- 3-night camping in top-end, comfortable tents
- 4-person tents for every 2 trekkers
- All meals prepared with fresh local ingredients
- Drinking water and daily snacks
- Courtesy polo shirt for the Inca Trail
- First-aid kit, satellite phones, oxygen supply
- Portable toilets
- Pillow, sleeping pad, rain poncho, hand towels
- All taxes included

Not included

- Sleeping bag, air mattress, or trekking poles (you can rent them from us)
- Last-day lunch after the Machu Picchu Tour
- Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain (optional)
- Travel insurance



Essential Gear

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



Backpack (25- 40L)

Durable backpack for essentials and hydration.



Upper warm clothes

Warm layers: thermals, fleece, hat, gloves, scarf.



Gloves

Warm gloves against wind, moisture, and cold.



Waterproof jacket

Protection against rain and snow.



Insulated or fleece jacket

Insulated jacket for colder mountain nights.



Trekking pants (2 pairs)

Lightweight convertible pants for all weather.



Sandals or lightweight shoes

Comfortable, lightweight shoes to rest at camp.



Trekking socks (4-5 pairs)

Thermal socks, wool or synthetic.



Hiking boots

Hiking boots that fit, with strong, grippy soles.



Wool hat or Beanie

Warm hat to protect head and ears from cold wind.

What TreXperience provides?

During the trek, we take care of your comfort: You'll have a duffle bag carried by our team. We also include a rain poncho, backpack rain cover, company t-shirt, and a foam mat for your rest.



Rain Poncho

Protects you from unexpected rain.



Backpack Cover

Keeps your backpack dry in the rain.



Duffle Bag

Carried by our team, up to 8 kg.



TreXperience T-shirt

A comfortable souvenir of your trek.



Foam Sleeping Pad

Extra comfort for your rest at camp.

Gear you can rent from us

If you prefer, you can rent additional gear with us to make your experience more comfortable: trekking poles for better support, a sleeping bag for your camping nights, and an inflatable mat for a restorative rest.



Trekking Poles (1 pair)

Extra support and balance on the trail.



Sleeping Bag

Warmth and comfort on cold mountain nights.



Inflatable Sleeping Pad

Extra cushioning for a restorative sleep.

About our camping equipment

On every trek, we never compromise on quality or safety: spacious and durable sleeping tents, a dining tent, and a restroom tent from certified brands. We also carry oxygen and satellite phones for your peace of mind at all times.



Private Sleeping Tents

Warmth and comfort on cold mountain nights.



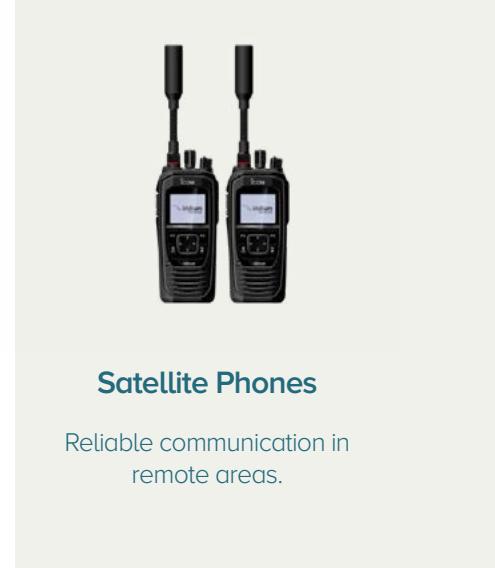
Dining Tent

Comfortable space to share meals.



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.

The Best Equipment

Our high-quality camping gear includes spacious two-person tents, a cozy dining tent for shared meals, and clean portable toilet tents—ensuring comfort, hygiene, and relaxation throughout your Inca Trail adventure to Machu Picchu.





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
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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*“Your journey is more than a trek
it’s a cultural connection that
stays with you forever”*

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