







Hiking the classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu privately means no fixed group schedule, no pressure, just you, your people, and the trail. We know how important it is to take your time and enjoy every moment, so we've designed a four-day itinerary that will take you to some of the most iconic sites along the route, taking in every view at your speed and on your terms.

Starting in the city of Cusco, you'll make your way through the Andes, visiting places like Runkurakay, Wiñaywayna, and the Sun Gate, all while enjoying great food along the way. On the final day, you'll experience the moment when Machu Picchu comes into view, which is a highlight of the experience.

If you're looking for a more personal and flexible way to experience Peru's most famous trek, this private Inca Trail is perfect for couples, families with children, or groups of friends.



Why Inca Trail?

- → Embark on an all-inclusive private Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.
- → Hike one of the best and most acclaimed treks in the world.
- → Be accompanied by an expert team of porters and guides.
- → Enjoy on-site meals prepared by a talented chef.
- → Travel in the panoramic Vistadome trains on your way back from Machu Picchu.





Private Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

4 days / 3 nights





1 Day 1

Cusco - Km 82 - Hatunchaca - Auapata





3 Day 3

Chaquicocha - Intipata - Wiñaywayna

4 Day 4

Wiñay Wayna - Machu Picchu - Cusco

2 Day 2

Ayapata – Warmiwañuska – Chaquicocha





Starts / Ends Cusco / Cusco

Duration 4 days / 3 nights

Distance 42 km / 26 mi

Difficulty Moderate to

challenging

Accomodation 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 — Chaquicocha

→ Day 03

Chaquicocha — Phuyupatamarca — Wiñaywayna

→ Day 04

Wiñaywayna — Machu Picchu — Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

We'll start with an early pick-up from your hotel in Cusco around 4:30 am, followed by a scenic drive to Ollantaytambo for a quiet breakfast at a local restaurant. From there, it's a one-hour ride to Km 82 (Piscacucho), the official gateway to your private trek to Machu Picchu.

At the trailhead, we'll check in at the control point, where you'll need to show your original passport. Once cleared, your journey to the Lost City of the Incas begins.

The first stretch is of the Inca Trail a gentle 4-hour hike past flowing streams, remote villages, archaeological sites, and open views of the Andes, until we reach Hatunchaca for lunch. Our trekking chef will treat you to a





delicious buffet-style meal made with fresh local ingredients and a variety of options to choose from.

In the afternoon, we continue with a 2-hour ascent to Ayapata, our first campsite. Your tent will be set up and waiting, complete with a warm bed and time to relax. Before dinner, enjoy a traditional tea service and take a moment to unwind. Later, your guide will share the plan for tomorrow and a few stories to close the day.

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





Day 02

Ayapata — Warmiwañusca — Runkuraqay — Chaquicocha

You'll wake up to a warm cup of coffee or coca tea delivered to your tent, followed by a nourishing breakfast to fuel the day ahead. The morning begins with a 4-hour hike to Warmiwañusca, or Dead Woman's Pass—the highest point of the trek at 4,215 m (13,828 ft). Once at the top, we'll take a moment to soak in the views and enjoy some coca tea prepared by your team.

From there, the trail continues with a 2-hour descent into Pacaymayu Valley, where we'll enjoy lunch right in the mountains. In





the afternoon, you'll hike for another two hours up to Runkuraqay Pass at 4,000 m (13,123 ft), passing through ever-changing landscapes and two Inca sites: Runkuragay and Sayacmarca.

Tonight's campsite is Chaquicocha, at 3,600 m (11,811 ft). If the skies are clear, it's a beautiful place to relax and enjoy a bit of stargazing before dinner.

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





Chaquicocha – Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna

With the two mountain passes over, day three of the Private Inca Trail begins with a gentle descent from the Andes into the Cloud Forest. Along the way, you'll enjoy sweeping views of the Vilcanota and Salkantay Mountain ranges as we make our way to the final campsite—Wiñaywayna—located at 2,600 m (8,530 ft)

The first part is relatively easy, taking about 2 hours to reach Phuyupatamarca Site, the "City in the Clouds" (3,650 m / 11,972 ft), where we'll take a break and catch a glimpse of Machu







Picchu Mountain in the distance. From there, the trail drops more steeply into the cloud forest.

On the way down, we'll stop at Intipata (Terraces of the Sun) to enjoy panoramic and fantastic views before continuing to the lunch spot. In the afternoon, you'll have free time to visit the Wiñaywayna ruins, snap photos with llamas, or enjoy a refreshing shower before dinner.

Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

3,650 m / 11,972 ft

Meals

Breakfast, snacks, lunch, tea time, dinner

Difficulty

Moderate









Wiñaywayna - Sun Gate - Machu Picchu

On the final day, the goal is to reach the Sun Gate (Intipunku) before sunrise and take in that first unforgettable view of Machu Picchu. We'll wake you up around 4:00 am, serve breakfast, and then wait at the checkpoint until it opens at 5:30 am. At his hour, we'll begins the visit of Sun Gate through Circuit 1 to enjoy of full panoramic views. This visit takes about an hour, followed by another hour to reach Machu Picchu itself.

Once we arrive at the Lost City of the Incas, we'll take a short break for coffee, drop off any hiking gear in the lockers, and begin a new guided visit to the most exclusive areas of the site, temples, palaces, water fountains, and astronomical observatories, through Circuit 3.







From these spots, your guide will share the history and significance of Machu Picchu, offering context and insight while you enjoy of the experience.

After the tour, you'll take the bus down to Aguas Calientes for lunch (not included), then board the panoramic train (Vistadome or 360°) to Ollantaytambo, followed by a private transfer back to your hotel in Cusco, arriving around 7:30 pm.

If you'd rather spend the night in Aguas Calientes, you can do it and also have the option to return to Machu Picchu on your own the next day.

Distance

6 km / 3.7 miles

Duration

3 hours

Machu Picchu Site Hightness

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Meals

Breakfast

Difficulty

Easy to moderate





Included

- → Safety briefing the day before the tour
- → Complimentary luggage storage
- → Hotel pickup and drop off (door to door)
- → Professional Tour Guide (2 guides for groups of 9+)
- → All transportation during the tour
- → Return on the panoramic Vistadome Train or 360°
- → 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) of your gear
- \rightarrow 3-night camping with the best equipment

- → Eureka tents for every 2 trekkers
- → Eureka single tent (if requested)
- → Dining tent with tables and chairs
- → All meals on the trail, except the lastday lunch
- → Drinkable water and daily snacks
- → Satellite phones, first-aid kit, oxygen supply
- → Private portable toilets
- → Pillow, rain poncho, hand towels



Not included

- → Last day lunch after the Machu Picchu tour
- → Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain (optional)
- → Sleeping bag, air sleeping pad, trekking poles
- → 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.



Duffle Bag

Carried by our team, up to 8 kg.



Backpack Cover

Keeps your backpack dry in the rain.



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.



Private Toilet Tents

Clean and practical during the route.



Satellite Phones

Reliable communication in remote areas.

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.





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.





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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.



TreXperience

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



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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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