

SACRED VALLEY & SHORT INCA TRAIL

to Machu Picchu

3 Days / 2 Nights



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Discover the Sacred Valley & Short Inca Trail in three Days



Go on a three-day Sacred Valley + Short Inca Trail adventure—the easiest way to see the best of Cusco without a long trek. Start with vibrant markets and impressive Inca sites across the Sacred Valley, a region rich in history and framed by big Andean views. This trip helps you connect with Peru’s cultural roots while you enjoy the mountain scenery.

On day two—perfect if you’re short on time—the Short Inca Trail drops you straight into the magic of the Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, passing Wiñay Wayna and entering through the famous Sun Gate. See the Lost City of the Incas near sunset, when it’s quieter and even more special. After a night in Aguas Calientes, return the next morning to explore Machu Picchu with a knowledgeable guide, then enjoy panoramic views on the train ride back.

Whether it’s your first visit or a long-awaited return, this itinerary blends history, easy adventure, and stunning scenery into one memorable journey.

¿Why to hike Sacred Valley & Short Inca Trail?

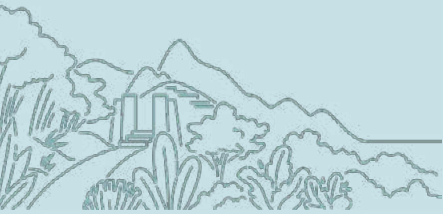
- Explore the best of Sacred Valley with Maras & Moray.
- Hike the Short Inca Trail and visit the Sun Gate.
- Visit Machu Picchu twice (at sunset and sunrise).
- Board the Panoramic Vistadome trains.





Sacred Valley and Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

3 days / 2 nights



Legend

Transportation

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

Accommodation

- Camping
- Hotel

Experiences

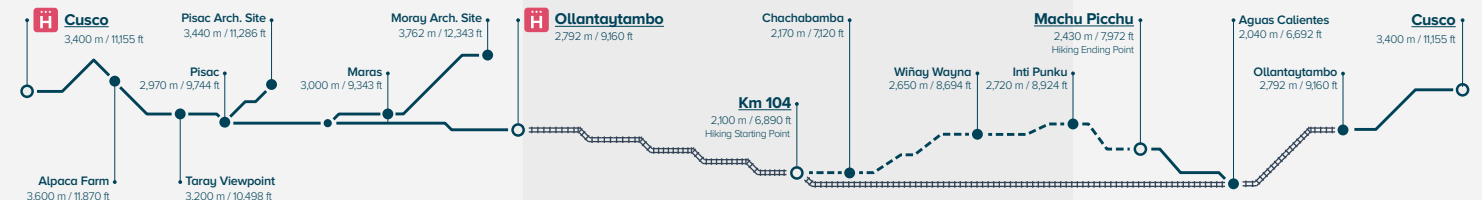
- Archeological Site
- Tourist Sights
- Handcrafts
- Alpaca Farm



1 Day 1

Sacred Valley Tour: Cusco – Alpaca Farm – Taray Viewpoint – Pisac – Maras Salt Mines – Moray – Ollantaytambo

Van Transportation among Touristic Sites (Full Day)



2 Day 2

Cusco – Km 104 – Chachabamba – Wiñay Wayna – Inti Punku – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

- 1.5 hours (Ollantaytambo - Km 104)
- 6 hours - 15 km / 8 mi

3 Day 3

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu – Cusco

- 30 minutes (Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu)
- 2 - 3 hours exploring Machu Picchu
- Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo (return)



Tour Details

Duration	3 days / 2 nights
Activities	Trekking, Culture, Adventure
Group Size	Around 15 people
Difficulty	Easy to moderate
Accommodation	Hotels
Languages	English, Spanish
Destinations	Sacred Valley, Inca Trail, Machu Picchu



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Sacred Valley Tour

→ Day 02

Ollantaytambo - Km 104 - Sun Gate -
Machu Picchu

→ Day 03

Explore Machu Picchu - Return to
Cusco



Day 01

Sacred Valley Tour

Our tour guide will meet you at your hotel in Cusco at 7:00 am for a full-day exploration of the Sacred Valley, including Maras and Moray. The journey begins with a 30-minute drive to the Alpaca Center, where we will interact with llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicuñas while learning about their importance to Andean culture.

Next, we'll drive to the Mirador of Taray, which offers breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley, the Urubamba River, and the Andes Mountains. We'll then visit the Pisac Inca site, known for its stunning agricultural terraces and ancient constructions. We will continue the tour to the lower village of Pisac, where we'll explore





the bustling handicraft market. After bargaining at the market, we'll travel and enjoy a buffet lunch at an Andean restaurant in Urubamba.

After lunch, our tour continues to the agricultural laboratory of Moray and the Salineras of Maras, where locals have been harvesting salt using traditional techniques since Incan times. The tour will conclude with a visit to the town of Ollantaytambo, a living testament to Inca culture, where we can explore ancient streets still used by locals. We'll spend the night in a hotel near the town.

Duration

Full Day

Meals

Buffet Lunch

Difficulty

Easy

Entry tickets

Included

Accommodation

Tunupa Lodge or similar



Alpaca Farm



Sacred Valley View from taray Viewpoint



Pisac Archeological Site



Pisac Market



Moray Archeological Sites



Maras Salt Mines



Ollantaytambo

Day 02

Ollantaytambo - Km 104 - Sun Gate - Machu Picchu

We will pick you up from your hotel at 5:30 AM and board an early train to the Inca Trail at Km 104 (Chachabamba). The train ride, about 1.2 hours, descends from the highlands into the cloud forest. Upon arrival, we will disembark, cross a hanging bridge, and reach the first checkpoint, where you must present your original passport. Then we will have breakfast and prepare for the trek.

The Short Inca Trail begins with a guided tour of the Chachabamba Inca site, followed by a 3 to 4-hour gradual ascent to Wiñay Wayna, the most famous site on the Classic Inca Trail. Your guide will lead you through the most important buildings, including temples, waterfalls, storehouses, and agricultural terraces. We will enjoy a freshly prepared lunch from our expert





trekking chefs at the nearby campsite.

The second part is a leisurely 1-hour hike to the Sun Gate (Intipunku), where we will enjoy our first spectacular views of Machu Picchu, Huayna Picchu, the Urubamba River, and the Andes Mountains. We will watch the sunset over Machu Picchu, then continue to the upper part of the citadel for another hour to capture magnificent photographs with fewer afternoon visitors

Lastly, a 30-minute bus ride brings us to the town of Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Pueblo). Dinner is served in a local restaurant, and we will spend the night in a 3-star hotel.

Distance

15 km / 8 mi

Duration

6 to 7 hours

Highest Altitude

2,720 m / 8,923 ft

Meals

**Breakfast, Lunch,
snacks, and dinner**

Difficulty

Moderate



Km 104 (Hiking Starting Point)

Chachabamba



Intipata views



Winay Wayna Waterfalls

Wiñay Wayna



Machu Picchu view from Inti Punku (Sun gate)

Machu Picchu



Aguas Calientes

Day 03

Explore Machu Picchu - Return to Cusco

On the last day of the tour, we will explore the 'Lost City of the Incas,' Machu Picchu. After breakfast at the hotel, we will board one of the first buses and arrive at Machu Picchu before sunrise. During the guided tour, we will spend about 2 to 3 hours exploring Machu Picchu, visiting the main temples, palaces, farming terraces, and most important buildings. We will also have time to participate in an additional mountain hike, such as Huayna Picchu Mountain or Machu Picchu Mountain (not included - permits need to be booked in advance).





After visiting Machu Picchu, we will return by bus to Aguas Calientes, enjoy lunch (not included), and then board the afternoon Vistadome Panoramic trains back to Ollantaytambo. Our team will wait for you there and take you back to your hotel in Cusco by private vehicle. The expected arrival time is around 7:30 PM.

Duration

3 to 4 hours

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)

Highest Altitude

2,400 m / 7,874 ft

Difficulty

Easy



Machu Picchu

Included

- All transportation is included for 3 days
- Super Sacred Valley tour with Maras Moray
- Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu tour
- Admission tickets to the Sacred Valley
- Inca Trail and Machu Picchu entrance ticket - Circuit 1 (day 2)
- Machu Picchu entrance ticket - Circuit 3 (day 3)
- Professional tour guide for 3 days
- 1-night 2-star hotel in Ollantaytambo
- 1 night 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Expedition train from Ollantaytambo to Km 104
- Vistadome Panoramic train back to Ollantaytambo
- 2 lunches, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- 3 bus tickets in Machu Picchu



Not included

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Huayna Picchu Tickets
- Machu Picchu Mountain
- Travel Insurance
- Tips



Essential Gear

When preparing for the Sacred Valley & Short Inca Trail Hike 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.

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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