

ULTIMATE INCA TRAIL

to Machu Picchu

5 days / 4 nights



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GROUP
TOUR





Push beyond the classic route and claim your Inca Trail summit



The Ultimate Inca Trail Tour 5 Days is for travelers wanting more than the classic route. This small-group trek reaches Machu Picchu through quieter sections and lesser-known sites.

During this 5 day Inca Trail tour, you'll cross Andean landscapes, valleys, cloud forest, stone paths, and sites such as Salapunku, K'anabamba, Machu Q'ente, Q'oriwayrachina, Wayna Q'ente, Patallacta, Runkuraqay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca, Intipata, Wiñay Wayna, and the Sun Gate.

You arrive through the Sun Gate on Day 4, visit the upper panoramic area, sleep in Aguas Calientes, and return for a guided tour. With expert guides, fresh food, quality equipment, fair porter treatment, and sustainable practices, this is among Peru's best Inca Trail experiences.

Why hike the Ultimate Inca Trail to Machu Picchu?

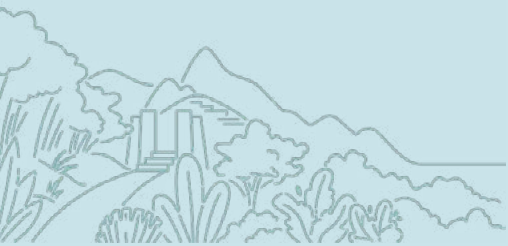
- Explore quieter trails and lesser-known Inca sites.
- Visit Machu Picchu twice, including the Sun Gate.
- Enjoy small-group service with expert local guides.
- Travel with a Cusco-based team of Andean experts.
- Enjoy fresh meals prepared by skilled mountain chefs.
- Hike lighter with 7 kg porter support.
- Camp comfortably with quality gear and private toilets.
- Return on the scenic Vistadome panoramic train.
- Support fair porter treatment and sustainable trekking practices.





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Legend

Transportation

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

Accommodation

- Campsite
- Hotel

Meals

- Lunch

Experiences

- Archeological Site
- Viewpoint / Highlight

1 Day 1

Cusco – Ollantaytambo – Km 88 – Chamana

- Cusco - Ollantaytambo (130 hrs)
- Ollantaytambo - Km 82
- Km 82 - Wayllabamba 13 km / 8 mi - 7 hours

2 Day 2

Chamana – Patallacta – Wayllabamba – Lulluchapampa

- Chamana - Lulluchapampa 12 km / 7.4 mi - 8 hours

3 Day 3

Lulluchapampa – Runkuraqay – Phuyupatamarca

- Lulluchapampa - Phuyupatamarca 12 km / 7.4 mi - 10 hours

4 Day 4

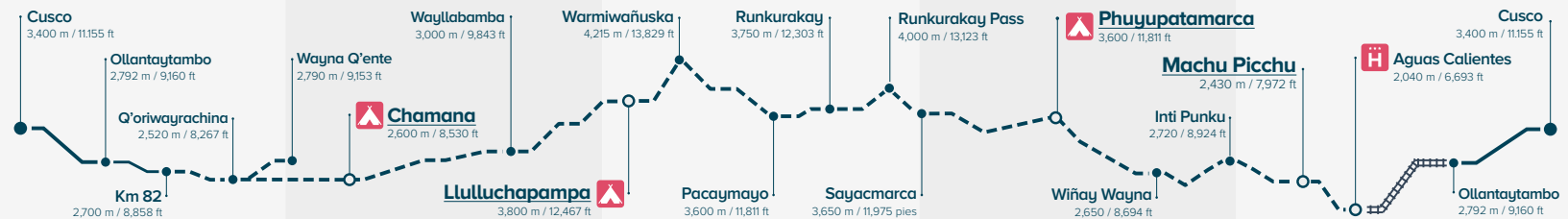
Phuyupatamarca – Inti Punku – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

- Phuyupatamarca - Machu Picchu 11 km / 6.8 mi - 7 hours
- Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes (30 min.)
- Circuit 1
- Circuit 2 - 2-3 hrs. exploring Machu Picchu

5 Day 5

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu – Ollantaytambo – Cusco

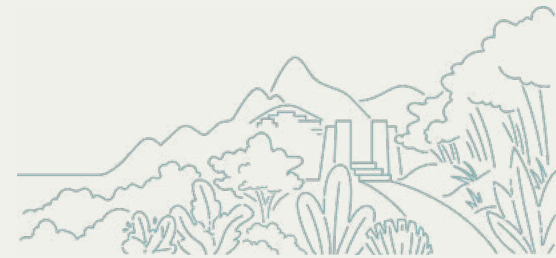
- Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes Round Trip (30 min.)
- Circuit 3
- 2-3 hrs. exploring Machu Picchu





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	5 days / 4 nights
Distance	48 km / 30 mi
Difficulty	Moderate to challenging
Accommodation	Camping
Group size	Around 12 persons
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology
Languages	English, Spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Ollantaytambo – Km 88 – Chamana

→ Day 02

Chamana – Patallacta – Wayllabamba –
Llulluchapampa

→ Day 03

Llulluchapampa – Runkuraqay – Phuyupatamarca

→ Day 04

Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna – Sun Gate –
Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 05

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu – Cusco





Day 01

Cusco – Ollantaytambo – Km 88 – Chamana

Get ready for a special start to your Ultimate Inca Trail Tour 5 Days. At 5:00 a.m., we'll pick you up from your hotel in Cusco or the Sacred Valley and drive toward Ollantaytambo, where we'll stop for breakfast with beautiful mountain views. From there, we continue toward the Inca Trail area and begin the trek along a quieter section of the route.

While most groups cross the Urubamba River to the left bank, this tour begins along the river's right bank, allowing you to visit rarely seen Inca sites such as Salapunku, K'anabamba, and Machu Q'ente. After about 3 hours of hiking, we'll reach the control point at Km





88 – Q’oriwayrachina, where you’ll show your original passport and cross the river using a hanging bridge with Inca foundations.

Lunch will be served in Chamana, where our first campsite is located. In the afternoon, your guide will take you to the impressive Inca site of Wayna Q’ente, set in the middle of the mountain with beautiful views of the valley and surrounding peaks. Tonight, you’ll camp in the peaceful village of Chamana, near the remarkable Inca site of Patallacta.

Distance

13 km / 8 mi

Duration

7 Hours

Max. hightness

2,790 m / 9,153 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Salapunku



Wayna Q'ente

Day 02

Chamana – Patallacta – Wayllabamba –
Llulluchapampa

After a fresh breakfast prepared by your trekking chef, you'll start the day by visiting the impressive Inca site of Patallacta. While most hikers only see this area from a distance, this route gives you the chance to spend more time here and enjoy the site with fewer people around.

We then continue through the beautiful Cusichaca Valley toward Wayllabamba, visiting important Inca remains along the way, including Patawasi. Lunch will be served in the valley, with time to rest before the afternoon climb.





In the afternoon, the trail becomes more demanding as we hike toward our second campsite at Lulluchapampa. This section passes through changing ecosystems, including cloud forest filled with flowers, birds, and native vegetation. At camp, you'll enjoy beautiful views of Huayanay Mountain and the Queuña forest before dinner and rest.

Distance

12 km / 7.4 miles

Duration

8 hours

Max. hightness

3,800 / 12,467 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Llactapata

Day 03

Llulluchapampa – Runkuraqay – Phuyupatamarca

Today is one of the most challenging and rewarding days of the Ultimate Inca Trail Tour 5 Days. We begin with a steady climb to Warmiwañusca, also known as Dead Woman's Pass, the highest point of the Inca Trail at 4,215 m / 13,829 ft. At the top, we'll take time to rest, celebrate the moment, and enjoy the wide views over the Andes.

After the pass, we descend for about 2 hours to Pacaymayo Alto, where lunch will be waiting. In the afternoon, we climb again toward Runkuraqay Pass at 4,000 m / 13,123





ft, then continue through a beautiful section of the trail with views of Salkantay and the Vilcabamba mountain range.

During the day, you'll explore important Inca sites including Runkuraqay, Sayacmarca, and Conchamarca. Our final campsite is Phuyupatamarca, one of the most beautiful campsites on the route, located at 3,680 m / 12,073 ft.

Distance

12 km / 7.4 miles

Duration

10 hours

Max. hightness

4,215 m / 13,829 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Warmiwañuska Pass



Runkurakay



Day 04

**Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna – Sun Gate
– Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes**

Wake up at one of the most beautiful campsites on the Inca Trail and enjoy sunrise over the Andes with a hot cup of coffee or tea. Today's route is mostly downhill along original Inca stone steps, passing through some of the most scenic and historic sections of the trail.

You'll visit Phuyupatamarca, Intipata, and Wiñay Wayna before lunch. These sites are among the most impressive archaeological complexes on the Inca Trail, with terraces, temples, water channels, and wide views over the Urubamba Valley.

After lunch at Wiñay Wayna, you'll say goodbye to the porter team that supported your journey. Then we continue for about 1





hour to the Sun Gate, also known as Intipunku. From here, you will enjoy your first view of Machu Picchu, a powerful moment that makes the entire journey worth it.

We then descend toward the citadel and enter through Circuit 1, visiting the upper panoramic area with fewer crowds and excellent photo opportunities. After this first visit, we'll take the bus down to Aguas Calientes, where you'll spend the night in a 3-star hotel and enjoy dinner in town.

Distance

11 km / 6.8 miles

Duration

7 hours

Max. hightness

3,680 m / 12,073 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

**3-star hotel
(Hotel Ferre
Machu Picchu or
similar)**

Meals

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



Phuyupatamarca



View of Intipata



Intipata



Wiñay Wayna



Machu Picchu Views from Intipunku



Machu Picchu

Day 05

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu –
Ollantaytambo – Return to Cusco

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll take one of the first buses back to Machu Picchu. Today, you'll explore the citadel through Circuit 3, visiting important areas such as terraces, temples, palaces, water fountains, and ceremonial spaces with your expert guide.

This second visit gives you a deeper understanding of Machu Picchu after seeing it from above the previous afternoon. If you booked in advance, you may also hike





Huayna Picchu Mountain or Machu Picchu Mountain after the guided tour, depending on ticket availability.

After the visit, return by bus to Aguas Calientes, enjoy lunch on your own, and board the panoramic Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo. From there, our private transportation will take you back to your hotel in Cusco or the Sacred Valley. The estimated arrival time in Cusco is around 7:30 p.m.



Duration

2 - 3 hours

Machu Picchu Altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Difficulty

Easy

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)



Machu Picchu

Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Hotel pickup and drop-off (door-to-door service)
- All transportation during the experience
- Panoramic Vistadome train return
- Professional bilingual tour guide (2 guides for groups of 9+)
- Entry ticket to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu - Circuit 1
- Entry ticket to Machu Picchu - Circuit 3 for the second visit
- Personal porter to carry up to 7 kg / 15 lb of your gear
- Dining tent with tables and chairs
- Private portable toilets
- Spacious tent for every two trekkers
- Pillow, sleeping pad, rain poncho, and hand towels
- 3 nights of camping with high-quality equipment
- 1 night in a 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Experienced mountain chef to prepare your meals
- All meals included except lunch on the last day
- Drinking water after the first lunch and daily snacks
- Satellite phones, first-aid kit, and oxygen supply
- Porter team with responsible welfare standards



Not included

- Sleeping bag, Trekking poles, Air mattress
- Lunch on the last day in Aguas Calientes
- Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain
- Entry to Machu Picchu Mountain
- Travel insurance



Travel Essentials

This section covers the basics you'll want for a smooth start. Think documentation, personal needs, and simple preparation for the trail. Pack only what truly supports comfort and safety, and avoid adding weight you won't use.



Original Passport



Peruvian soles cash



Good-quality daypack



Water bottle



Personal Medication



Sunscreen



Lip balm



Hand sanitizer



Insect repellent



Toiletries

What to wear

Trekking days can bring sun, wind, rain, and noticeable temperature shifts. That's why dressing in layers and choosing comfortable hiking clothing matters. The goal is to adjust easily as conditions change, staying dry and warm when needed.



High-top hiking boots



Hiking crew sock



Comfortable underwear



Thermal base layers



Moisture-wicking shirts



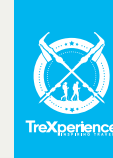
Hiking pants/ trousers



Fleece



Waterproof and windproof jacket





What to put in the Daypack?

Your daypack should hold only what you'll use while hiking. Focus on hydration, weather protection, and personal items you want within reach. Keep it light and easy to access, so you can walk comfortably without stopping to dig for things.



Sun hat or cap with neck cover



Sunglasses



Beanie or chullo



Gloves



Buff or bandana



Snacks



Camera + extra batteries



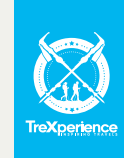
Power bank



Gaiters (optional)



Earplugs



What to put in your duffle bag?



Light footwear
or sandals



Quick-dry towel



Warm down jacket



Sport pants



Shorts



Sleeping bag



Sleeping Foam pad



Swimwear
(optional)

Your duffle bag holds your main gear and is carried during the route by our porters. Pack neatly within the stated weight limit and group items by type. This protects your belongings and makes it easier to find what you need at camp.

What TreXperience provides you

Our tours includes an agency T-shirt, a backpack cover, and a rain poncho. In addition, our hiking programs include a duffel bag (up to 7 kg), carried by our porters. Check here to see if your itinerary includes it.



Duffel Bag 7kg / 15lb



Trexpereience T-shirt



Backpack Rain cover



Foam mattres



Plastic Rain Coat



Equipment for Rent

We offer rental equipment to make your hiking experience more comfortable, including a sleeping bag, inflatable sleeping pad, and trekking poles. You can add these items based on your needs to enjoy a more comfortable rest and a better-prepared trek.



Sleeping Bag



Air Sleeping Pad



Hiking poles



About our camping equipment



Private Sleeping Tents



Private Dining Tents



Private Toilet Tents



Oxygen Tank



Satellite Phones

Our camping equipment is selected with your comfort and safety in mind. It includes sleeping tents and dining tents, portable toilets, plus support equipment such as oxygen tanks and satellite phones, depending on the route and itinerary.

Our service

Our service is designed to make your journey smooth, comfortable, and well organized from start to finish. From quality transportation and carefully arranged accommodation to reliable camping equipment, every element is selected to give you a higher level of comfort and peace of mind along the way.



Transportation

We manage your transfers in comfortable private vans, and your return journey includes a train ride back to Ollantaytambo. It's a smooth mix of comfort and scenery, with everything arranged to keep travel simple and stress-free.

The best equipment and accommodation

Our tour combines high-quality camping equipment on the trail—tents for sleeping, a dining tent, portable toilet tents, tables, chairs, and key comfort essentials—with a comfortable hotel stay. You'll enjoy better camp conditions outdoors, then recharge in quality lodging with comfortable rooms, clean bathrooms, hot showers, and Wi-Fi.





Vistadome Train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo

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

Our on-trail team helps make your journey safe, comfortable, enriching, and unforgettable. They're highly trained local professionals, committed to delivering attentive service and a smooth experience from start to finish.



Our Tour Guides

Our guides are local professionals from Cusco who take great pride in their cultural heritage. University-trained and fluent in English, they bring deep knowledge of Andean history, culture, geography, and nature—and share it in a clear, engaging way through stories, traditions, and everyday life. Responsible, approachable, and always ready to help, they focus on your safety and comfort while giving their best at every step. With ongoing training and a strong service mindset, they turn each day on the trail into a meaningful, enriching experience.





Our Porters

They are the quiet strength behind every trek. From Andean communities, they carry essential equipment with care, stamina, and a warm smile. Always ready to help and encourage the group, their teamwork keeps the trail moving—making every day feel lighter and more human.



Our Trail Chefs

Our cooks are local professionals who bring Peru's culinary traditions to the mountains. They use fresh, organic ingredients sourced locally, combining Andean and Peruvian dishes with select international options, while following high hygiene standards. With care and flexibility, they adapt meals to dietary requirements and keep you fueled on the trek.



Our drivers

Our drivers are the first to welcome you and make every transfer smooth, safe, and on time. With deep experience on Andean roads and a service-first mindset, they drive with care so you can travel with confidence. Our vehicles are modern, comfortable, and well maintained, meeting high safety standards so your journey starts and ends with peace of mind.





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 to 2026



Best of the Best
Tripadvisor
2022 to 2026



Peru Quality Award
2023 to 2025



Empresa Peruana del año
2024



Premios LuxLife
2025



LTG Global Awards
2025



Travel & Hospitality Awards
2025



Internacional Travel Awards
2023



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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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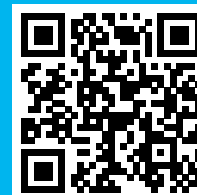
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