

SHORT INCA TRAIL to Machu Picchu

(Hotel)

2 days / 1 night



TreXperience
INSPIRING TRAVELS

GROUP
TOUR





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 hike the Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu?

- Arrive at Machu Picchu twice during exclusive hours.
- Enjoy the best view of Machu Picchu from the Sun Gate (Intipunku).
- Visit Chachabamba and the stunning Wiñay Wayna Inca site
- Savor freshly prepared picnic meals crafted by expert chefs.
- Return on panoramic trains Vistadome
- Travel in a premium small group for a more personal experience
- Operated by a 100% Peruvian local tour operator





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Legend

Transportation

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

Accommodation



Experiences



1 Day 1

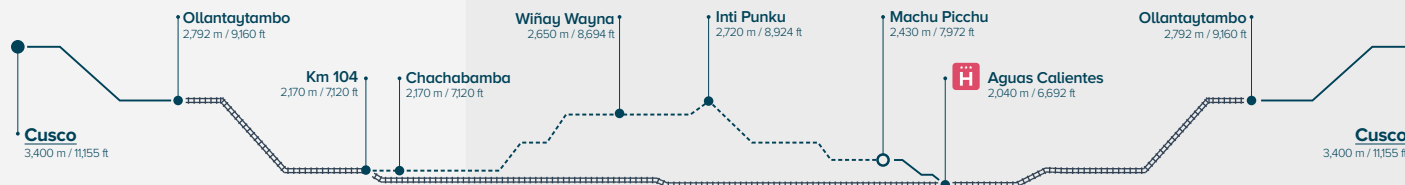
Cusco – Km 104 – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

- Cusco - Ollantaytambo (1:30 hrs.)
- Ollantaytambo - Km 104
- Km 104 - Machu Picchu 13 km / 8 mi - 7 hours
- Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes (30 minutes)

2 Day 2

Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Return to Cusco

- Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes (30 minutes) Round trip
- 2 - 3 hrs exploring Machu Picchu





Tour Details

Starts / Ends **Cusco / Cusco**

Duration **2 days / 1 night**

Distance **13 km / 8 mi**

Difficulty **Moderate**

Accommodation **3-Stars hotel**

Group size **Around 12 persons**

Activities **Hiking, Archeology**

Languages **English, Spanish**



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Km 104 – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 02

Machu Picchu Guided Tour – Return to Cusco



Day 01

**Cusco – Ollantaytambo – Km 104 –
Machu Picchu**

You begin your journey early with a scenic train ride to Km 104 (Chachabamba). Then, you'll enjoy a fresh picnic breakfast prepared on-site by our experienced trekking chefs before starting your hike.

The trail leads you through cloud forest scenery and past remarkable Inca sites, including Wiñay Wayna, one of the most beautiful archaeological sites on the Inca Trail. Along the way, you'll stop for a delicious gourmet picnic lunch freshly prepared by our talented chefs.





After lunch, continue for about 1 hour to reach the Sun Gate and take in your first breathtaking view of Machu Picchu. You'll visit the citadel through Circuit 1, then continue to Aguas Calientes, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant, and rest in a comfortable 3-star hotel.

Distance

13 km / 8 miles

Duration

7 Hours

Max. height

2,700 m / 8,858 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

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

Meals

**Picnic breakfast
and lunch,
snacks, dinner**



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 wake up early and prepare for the highlight of the journey: visiting Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Breakfast will be served at the hotel, and then we board one of the first buses to Machu Picchu. As the sky brightens, you'll enjoy the peaceful morning atmosphere and, on a clear day, the beautiful sunrise over the citadel.

Your guide will take you on a 2 to 3-hour comprehensive tour through Circuit 3, exploring Machu Picchu's most important areas, including temples, palaces, farming terraces, plazas, and sacred spaces. This is where the story of Machu Picchu becomes deeper, more personal, and more meaningful.

After the guided tour, you may have extra time to take photos or enjoy an optional hike to either Huayna Picchu Mountain or Machu Picchu





Mountain on your own. These tickets are limited and must be booked well in advance.

Optional: After the Machu Picchu tour, you can hike down to Aguas Calientes using the original Hiram Bingham trail. On the way, you can visit the Machu Picchu Museum and the butterfly station, while enjoying beautiful views of the surrounding mountains.

After the tour of Machu Picchu, we take the bus back to Aguas Calientes for lunch. You will have time to explore the town, choose a restaurant of your preference, and visit the local market. Later in the afternoon, you board the Panoramic Vistadome train and continue by private transfer back to Cusco. The TreXperience team will meet you after 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

Machu Picchu Altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)

Difficulty

Easy



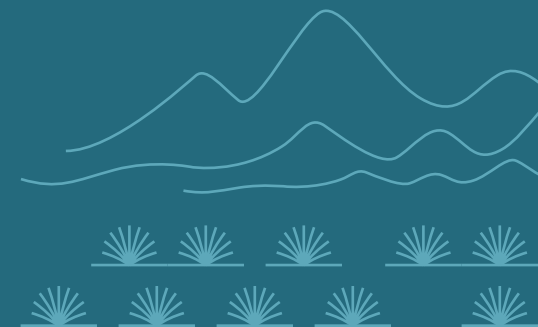
Machu Picchu

Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Hotel pickup and drop-off
- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- All transportation during the tour
- Train to Km 104 (Expedition or Voyager)
- Return on the panoramic Vistadome Train
- 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 in a comfortable 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Fresh picnic breakfast and gourmet picnic lunch on Day 1, prepared by our expert trekking chefs
- 1 dinner at a local restaurant on Day 1
- 1 breakfast at the hotel on Day 2
- Satellite phones, first-aid kit, and oxygen tank
- Complimentary luggage storage

Not included

- Lunch on Day 2
- Dinner on Day 2
- Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain and Machu Picchu Mountain (optional)
- Travel insurance



Travel Essentials



Original Passport



Peruvian soles cash



Good-quality daypack



Water bottle



Personal Medication



Sunscreen



Lip balm



Hand sanitizer



Insect repellent



Toiletries

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.

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)



Rain poncho

What TreXperience provide you

Our tour includes an official TreXperience T-shirt, lightweight, comfortable for the hike, and quick-drying — perfect to wear during the adventure and take home as a special souvenir.



Trexpereience T-shirt

About our camping equipment

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.



Private Dining Tents



Private Toilet Tents



Oxygen Tank



Satellite Phones

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.

Comfortable Accommodation

Our tour focuses on carefully chosen lodging for travelers who prefer maximum comfort. Expect comfortable rooms, clean private bathrooms with hot showers, reliable Wi-Fi, and a restful atmosphere, plus the essentials you need to recover and enjoy the experience with ease.





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
- 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 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 2026



Empresa Peruana del año
2026



Premios LuxLife
2025



LTG Global Awards
2025



Travel & Hospitality Awards
2025



Internacional Travel Awards
2025





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it's a cultural connection that
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