

INCA TRAIL to MACHU PICCHU Slow-version

5 days / 4 nights



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GROUP
TOUR





Trace the Inca path slowly, feeling every step



Enjoy the Inca Trail 5 Days to Machu Picchu with our Slow Version, designed for travelers who want the Classic Inca Trail at a relaxed pace. Follow the same legendary route as the traditional 4-day trek, with shorter hiking days, more rest, and more time to explore Inca sites.

This 5-day Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is ideal for families, couples, active older travelers, photographers, and anyone who prefers less rush and more comfort. Hike through the Andes, cross high passes, walk through cloud forest, visit Inca sites, and experience Machu Picchu twice: first in the afternoon with fewer crowds, then the next morning with your guide.

Travel with TreXperience, a 100% Peruvian local operator, in a small group led by expert guides. We handle permits, transportation, camping logistics, fresh meals, porter support, safety, and key details for a smoother trek, always with fair porter treatment, responsible practices, and sustainable tourism.

Why hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu Slow-version?

- Inca Trail 5 Days to Machu Picchu offers a slower and more relaxed journey.
- Visit Machu Picchu twice through the Sun Gate and the next morning.
- Travel with a 100% Peruvian team based in Cusco.
- Enjoy shorter hiking days and more time at Inca sites.
- Savor fresh meals prepared by our trekking chefs.
- Hike lighter with a personal porter carrying 7 kg.
- Camp comfortably with quality gear and private toilets.
- Trek with a team that treats porters fairly.
- Travel responsibly while supporting local communities.
- Return through the Sacred Valley on the Vistadome train.





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Legend

Transportation

- Train Route
- Driving Route
- Hiking Route

- Van Transportation
- Train Transportation
- Hiking
- Walking tour
- Mountain Pass

Accommodation

- Camping
- Hotel

Meals

- Meals

Experiences

- Archeological Site
- Viewpoint

1 Day 1

Cusco – Km 82 – Wayllabamba

- Cusco - Ollantaytambo (1:30 hrs.)
- Ollantaytambo - Km 82
- Km 82 - Wayllabamba (13 km / 8 miles - 6 hours)

2 Day 2

Wayllabamba – Warmiwañuska – Pacayamayo

- Wayllabamba - Pacayamayo (10 km / 6.2 miles - 6 hours)

3 Day 3

Pacayamayo – Runkuraqay – Phuyupatamarca

- Pacayamayo - Phuyupatamarca (14 km / 8.7 miles - 8 hours)

4 Day 4

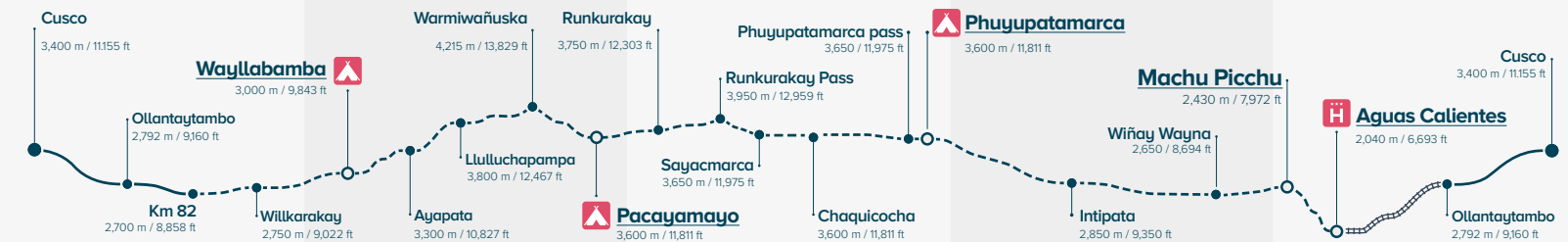
Phuyupatamarca – Sun Gate – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

- Phuyupatamarca - Machu Picchu (12 km / 7.4 miles - 8 hours)
- Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes (30 min.)

5 Day 5

Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

- Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes Round Trip (30 min.)
- 2 - 3 Exploring Machu Picchu





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	5 days / 4 nights
Distance	49 km / 30 mi
Difficulty	Moderate to challenging
Accommodation	Camping, Hotel
Group size	Around 12 persons
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology
Languages	English, Spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – KM 82 – Wayllabamba

→ Day 02

Wayllabamba – Warmiwañuska Pass – Pacaymayo

→ Day 03

Pacaymayo – Runkuraqay – Phuyupatamarca

→ Day 04

Phuyupatamarca – Wiñay Wayna – Sun Gate –
Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

→ Day 05

Explore Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – KM 82 – Wayllabamba

We'll pick you up at your hotel in Cusco at 5:00 a.m. and drive to Km 82, the official starting point of the Inca Trail 5 Days to Machu Picchu. On the way, we'll stop in Ollantaytambo for breakfast and any last-minute items you may need before the trek.

At the trailhead, you'll meet your TreXperience trekking team, including your expert guide, chefs, and porters. As a 100% Peruvian local tour operator, we work with a carefully selected local team and follow responsible porter welfare standards throughout the route. At the checkpoint, you'll need to show your original passport before beginning the hike.

The first day is a gentle start to the 5-day Inca Trail hike. You'll walk along the Urubamba River, pass local villages, and visit archaeological





sites such as Llactapata, an important administrative, political, and economic Inca site located at the foot of the mountains.

After exploring the area, we'll stop for lunch in Tarayoc, where our chef will prepare fresh buffet-style meals using local ingredients. In the afternoon, we continue along the left bank of the Cusichaca River until we reach Wayllabamba. Your tents will be ready when you arrive, with warm water for washing, time to rest, tea service, dinner, and a comfortable night in camp.

Distance

13 km / 8 mi

Duration

6 hours

Max. heightness

3,000 m / 9,843 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



View of Llaqta Patá

Day 02

Wayllabamba – Dead Woman's Pass – Pacaymayo

Wake up in your tent with a hot cup of coffee or coca tea, enjoy a nutritious breakfast, and get ready for the most challenging day of the Inca Trail 5 Days Slow Version: the climb to Warmiwañusca, also known as Dead Woman's Pass, at 4,215 m / 13,829 ft.

The day begins with a steady hike to Llulluchapampa at 3,800 m / 12,467 ft. Along the way, you'll pass through different microclimates, including cloud forest, lush vegetation, flowers, and hummingbirds, while following original Inca stone paths built more than 500 years ago.

After lunch, we begin the final climb to Dead Woman's Pass, the highest point of the Inca Trail. At the summit, we'll take time to rest, enjoy the





views, and celebrate this important moment. Your guide will share the meaning of these sacred mountains and lead a simple Andean ritual of gratitude to the Apus, the mountain spirits.

The last section of the day is a 2-hour descent to Pacaymayo Alto campsite at 3,650 m / 11,975 ft. Because this is the 5-day relaxed pace itinerary, you'll have more time to manage the effort, rest, and enjoy the mountain setting before dinner.

Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. hightness

4,215 m / 13,829 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Warmiwañuska Pass

Day 03

Pacaymayo – Runkuraqay – Phuyupatamarca

After breakfast, we begin the ascent to the second mountain pass, Runkuraqay, located at 4,000 m / 13,123 ft. On the way, you'll visit the archaeological site of the same name and enjoy beautiful views of mountains, waterfalls, lakes, and the Vilcabamba mountain range.

Once you reach the pass, we'll take time to rest and enjoy the surroundings before descending into the cloud forest. Along the way, you'll visit Sayacmarca and Conchamarca, two fascinating Inca sites surrounded by lush vegetation and dramatic mountain scenery.





Tonight's campsite is Phuyupatamarca, located at 3,680 m / 12,073 ft. This is one of the most spectacular campsites on the Inca Trail, with wide views over the Andes and, on clear nights, a beautiful sky for stargazing. The slower rhythm of this Relaxed Pace Inca Trail gives you more time to enjoy this special place.

Distance

14 km / 8.7 miles

Duration

8 Hours

Max. heightness

4,000 m / 13,123 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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

Runkurakay



Phuyupatamarca



Sayacmarca

Day 04

**Phuyupatamarca – Wiñay Wayna – Sun Gate –
Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes**

Waking up at Phuyupatamarca is a highlight of the Inca Trail 5 Days to Machu Picchu. After breakfast, your guide will show you Phuyupatamarca, the “City in the Clouds.”

We descend original Inca steps to Intipata, the Terraces of the Sun, with views of the Urubamba River and mountains. After a break, we continue to Wiñay Wayna, one of the trail’s most beautiful sites.

Your guide leads you through Wiñay Wayna’s terraces, temples, and urban areas, explaining its history and meaning. After lunch, we say goodbye to the porter team; tipping is optional.





In the afternoon, we hike to the Sun Gate for your first view of Machu Picchu, then descend to the citadel and enter through Circuit 1, visiting the quieter upper panoramic area, a key advantage of the 5-day slow version.

Afterward, we take the bus to Aguas Calientes, have dinner, and stay in a comfortable 3-star hotel such as Hotel Ferre Machu Picchu or similar.

Distance

12 km / 7,4 miles

Duration

8 hours

Max. hightness

3,680 m / 12,073 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Camping

**3-Stars Hotel
(Hotel Ferre
Machu Picchu or
similar)**

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks, lunch,
dinner**



View of Intipata



Intipata

Wiñay Wayna

Machu Picchu Views from Intipunku

Machu Picchu

Day 05

Explore Machu Picchu — Return to Cusco

After an early breakfast at your hotel, we'll take one of the first buses back to Machu Picchu. At the checkpoint, you'll show your original passport and enter the citadel for your second visit, this time through Circuit 3.

During the guided tour, you'll explore some of the most important areas of Machu Picchu, including temples, palaces, water fountains, terraces, and ceremonial spaces. This second visit allows you to understand the citadel more deeply 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 your visit, return by bus to Aguas Calientes, enjoy lunch on your own, and board the panoramic Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo.

From Ollantaytambo, our private van will take you back to your hotel in Cusco or the Sacred Valley, arriving around 7:30 p.m. This completes your Inca Trail 5 Days to Machu Picchu experience.

Duration

2 - 3 Hours

Machu Picchu Altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Difficulty

Easy

Meals

Breakfast (hotel)



Machu Picchu

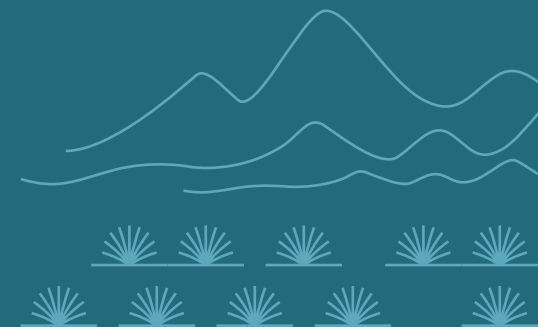
Included

- Safety briefing the day before the Inca Trail tour
- Cusco hotel pickup and drop-off (door-to-door service)
- Professional bilingual tour guide (2 guides for groups of 9+)
- All transportation during the tour
- Panoramic Vistadome train return
- Entry tickets 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
- Experienced chefs and porter team with responsible welfare standards
- 3 nights of camping with quality equipment
- Comfortable tents for every 2 people
- 1 night in a 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- All meals included, except lunch on the last day
- Drinking water and daily snacks
- Satellite phones, first-aid kit, and oxygen supply
- Private portable toilets
- Pillow, sleeping pad, rain poncho, and hand towels



Not Included

- Sleeping bag
- Air mattress
- Trekking poles
- Lunch on the last day after the Machu Picchu tour
- Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain (optional)
- Entry to 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)



Earplugs

What to put in your duffle bag?

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.



Light footwear
or sandals



Quick-dry towel



Warm down jacket



Sport pants



Shorts



Sleeping bag



Sleeping Foam pad

What TreXperience provide you

All our tours include 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



Trexperience T-shirt



Backpack Rain cover



Foam mattresses



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

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 Sleeping Tents



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.

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
- 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 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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*"Your journey is more than a trek
it's a cultural connection that
stays with you forever"*

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