

CLASSIC INCA TRAIL

to Machu Picchu

4 days / 3 nights



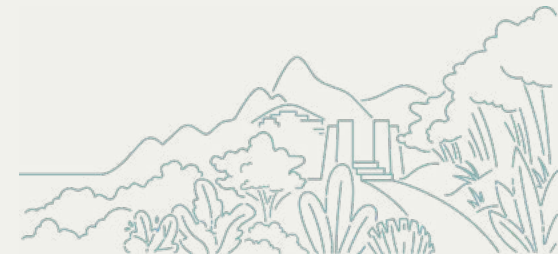
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GROUP
TOUR





Follow ancient footsteps to the inca lost city



The Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is one of South America's most iconic treks. Over four unforgettable days, you'll follow ancient stone paths from KM 82 through cloud forests and high Andean passes, stopping at renowned Llactapata, Runkurakay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca, Intipata, and Wiñay Wayna before greeting Machu Picchu at dawn from the Sun Gate (Inti Punku).

Hike in a small group with expert bilingual guides who bring history to life. Expect steady climbs, breathtaking views, wild orchids, and that unique rush of arriving on foot. It's a true adventure blending culture, nature, and challenge—the most rewarding way to reach a Wonder of the World.

With TreXperience, you get a premium, all-inclusive experience: permits secured, personal porter, high-quality camping gear, buffet meals, satellite phones, portable toilets, and the panoramic Vistadome train back to Cusco. Daily departures and fair, local teams mean you travel responsibly and stress-free. Book early—permits are limited.

Why hike the Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu?

- Enjoy premium small-group trekking with expert care.
- Travel with a 100% local Peruvian operator.
- Hike lighter with up to 7 kg carried by our porters team.
- Taste Peruvian meals prepared by our trail chefs.
- Camp comfortably with quality gear and service.
- Return on the Vistadome through Sacred Valley.
- Support responsible trekking and fair porter treatment.





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Legend

Transportation

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

Accommodation

- Camping

Meals

- Meals

Experiences

- Archeological Site
- Viewpoint

1 Day 1

Cusco – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

- Cusco - Ollantaytambo (1:30 hrs)
- Ollantaytambo - Km 82
- Km 82 - Ayapata
14 km / 8.7 mi - 6 hours

2 Day 2

Ayapata – Warmiwañuska – Chaquicocha

- Ayapata - Chaquicocha
16 km / 10 mi - 10 hours

3 Day 3

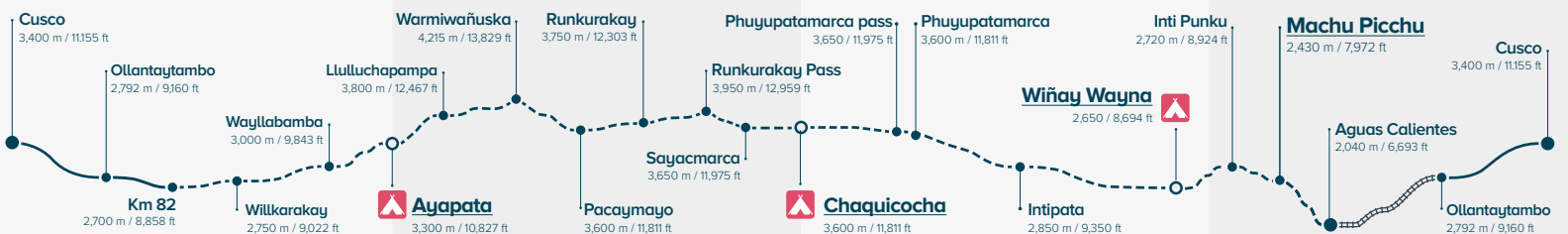
Chaquicocha – Intipata – Wiñay Wayna

- Chaquicocha - Wiñay Wayna
10 km / 6.2 mi - 5 hours

4 Day 4

Wiñay Wayna - Machu Picchu - Cusco

- Wiñay Wayna - Machu Picchu
2 - 3 hours.
- Guided Tour in Machu Picchu
2 - 3 hours





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	4 days / 3 nights
Distance	42 km / 26 mi
Difficulty	Moderate to challenging
Accommodation	Camping
Group size	Around 12 persons
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology
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

Our trekking team will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco (Historic Center hotels only) at 4:30 a.m. If you're staying in the Sacred Valley (Urubamba or Ollantaytambo), we'll collect you after 6:30 a.m. The drive takes about 1 hour to reach Km 82 (Piscacucho), where our 4-day trek to Machu Picchu begins, with a stop in Ollantaytambo for breakfast and last-minute essentials.

We'll arrive at the Km 82 trailhead by 8:00 a.m. to meet our chefs and porters. After a briefing, we'll go to the checkpoint and show your passport at the entrance.

Day 1 is a gentle 3-hour hike past villages to the Llactapata Inca site. You'll visit the Inca





complex of Willkaraqay and enjoy views of Patallacta from the lookout point, then walk 1 hour to Hatunchaca for lunch prepared with local ingredients.

After lunch, we'll hike 2 hours to Ayapata for our first campsite, arriving around 5:00 p.m. Tents will be ready, with time for hot drinks and views. Before dinner, we'll have tea time with popcorn, coffee, and cookies, then sleep in tents for the night.

Distance

14 km / 8.7 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. height

3,300 m / 10,826 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



View of Lactapata

Day 02

Ayapata — Dead Woman's Pass — Chaquicocha

Today is the most challenging day of the 4-day hike to Machu Picchu, and also one of the most rewarding. We'll start early by bringing a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee or coca tea to your tent. After breakfast, we begin a steady 4-hour hike to Dead Woman's Pass (4,215 m / 13,829 ft), the highest point on the Inca Trail. At the summit, we'll stop to rest, take in the views, and enjoy this special moment while your guide shares local traditions and performs a traditional offering to the mountain spirits, the Apus. We then descend for about 2 hours into the Pacaymayo Alto Valley, where a well-earned lunch will be waiting.





After lunch, the second pass feels more manageable: a 2-hour hike to Runkuraqay Pass (4,000 m / 13,123 ft), followed by another 2 hours downhill to our second campsite. Along the way, you'll explore three important Inca sites: Runkuraqay, Sayacmarca, and Conchamarca. Tonight's campsite is Chaquicocha ("Dry Lake," 3,600 m / 11,811 ft), a beautiful setting with sunset views over the Vilcabamba mountain range. On clear nights, the sky is perfect for stargazing before dinner and rest.

Distance

16 km / 10 miles

Duration

10 hours

Max. height

4,215 m / 13,829 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Warmiwañuska Pass



Runkurakay

Day 03

Chaquicocha — Intipata — Wiñaywayna

With the hardest part of the trek now behind you, today feels more relaxed and scenic. The route to our final campsite takes around 5 hours and passes through some of the most beautiful sections of the Inca Trail. You'll walk through changing ecosystems, cross atmospheric cloud forest, and enjoy panoramic views of Salkantay Mountain, one of the highest peaks in the Cusco region. Along the way, we'll visit two remarkable Inca sites: Phuyupatamarca (City in the Clouds), with sweeping views over the Urubamba Valley, and Intipata (Terraces of the Sun).





At Intipata, you'll have time to pause and enjoy the surroundings before we continue to camp, arriving at approximately 1:00 p.m. for lunch. The afternoon is yours to rest, enjoy the campsite, spot llamas nearby, or take a refreshing shower. Later, we'll visit the Inca site of Wiñaywayna, where your guide will bring its history to life before we return to camp for tea time, dinner, and a special farewell moment with the trekking team.

Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Duration

5 hours

Max. heightness

3,600 m / 11,811 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

**Breakfast, snack,
lunch, tea time,
dinner**



Phuyupatamarca



View of Intipata



Intipata



Wiñay Wayna

Day 04

Wiñay Wayna – Inti Punku – Explore Machu Picchu — Return to Cusco

On the final day of the Classic Inca Trail, we'll rise very early for the most anticipated moment of the trek: your arrival at Machu Picchu. We'll head straight to the checkpoint and wait for it to open at 5:30 a.m. As the sky begins to brighten, we'll hike for about 1 hour to the Sun Gate (Intipunku), where the first panoramic view of Machu Picchu comes into sight. On a clear morning, this is one of the most iconic views of the entire route.

After taking in the views from the Sun Gate, we'll continue on a gentle 1-hour descent toward Machu Picchu, following the scenic upper section of Circuit 1, the best spot for classic panoramic photos of the citadel. After enjoying these views, we continue down to the main





entrance, where you'll find restrooms, a coffee bar, and the official checkpoint.

Once inside, we'll explore Machu Picchu through Circuit 3, visiting some of its most important temples, palaces, water fountains, and ceremonial spaces with one of our expert guides. If you'd like an extra challenge, you can also hike Huayna Picchu Mountain (tickets must be booked well in advance). After the guided tour, you'll take the bus down to Aguas Calientes for lunch before boarding the panoramic Vistadome train. A member of the team will meet you on arrival and take you safely back to your hotel in Cusco or the Sacred Valley. The approximate arrival time back in Cusco is 7:30 p.m.

Distance

6 km / 3.7 miles

Duration

2 - 3 hours

Max. hightness

2,720 m / 8,923 ft

Difficulty

Easy to moderate

Meals

**Breakfast,
snacks**



Machu Picchu Views from Intipunku



Machu Picchu

Included

- Safety briefing the day before departure with your guide (around 6:00 pm)
- Complimentary luggage storage
- Hotel pickup and drop-off (Cusco or Sacred Valley)
- All transportation during the Inca Trail tour
- Professional bilingual tour guide (English and Spanish)
- Return on the panoramic Vistadome train
- Bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- Entry tickets to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- All camping equipment carried by our porter team
- 1 duffel bag up to 7 kg (15 lb) for your personal belongings
- Experienced chefs and porters with responsible welfare standards
- 3 nights of camping in comfortable top-end tents
- 4-person tents for every 2 trekkers
- All meals prepared with fresh local ingredients
- Drinking water and daily snacks
- Complimentary Inca Trail polo shirt
- First-aid kit, satellite phones, and oxygen supply
- Private portable toilets
- Pillow, sleeping pad, rain poncho, and hand towels
- All taxes included



Not included

- Sleeping bag, air mattress, or trekking poles (available to rent from us)
- Lunch on the last day after the Machu Picchu tour
- Entry to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (optional)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)



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?

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 / 15 lb), carried by our porters. Check here to see if your itinerary includes it.



Duffel Bag 7kg / 15lb



Trexperience 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

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



Satelital 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

Our tour includes a premium camping setup selected for comfort, cleanliness, and reliability on the trail. It features tents for sleeping, a dining tent for meals, portable toilet tents, plus tables, chairs, and other camp essentials that make each night more comfortable and well organized.





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



International Travel Awards
2025





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it's a cultural connection that
stays with you forever"*

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