

PRIVATE INCA TRAIL

to Machu Picchu

4 days / 3 nights



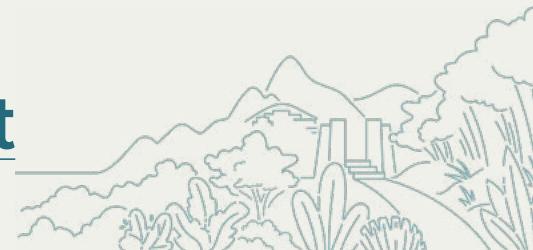
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TOUR





Your own private Inca Trail to the Lost City of the Incas.



Hiking the classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu privately means no fixed group schedule, no pressure, just you, your people, and the trail. We know how important it is to take your time and enjoy every moment, so we've designed a four-day itinerary that will take you to some of the most iconic sites along the route, taking in every view at your speed and on your terms.

Starting in the city of Cusco, you'll make your way through the Andes, visiting places like Runkurakay, Wiñaywayna, and the Sun Gate, all while enjoying great food along the way. On the final day, you'll experience the moment when Machu Picchu comes into view, which is a highlight of the experience.

If you're looking for a more personal and flexible way to experience Peru's most famous trek, this private Inca Trail is perfect for couples, families with children, or groups of friends.

Why hike the Private Inca Trail to Machu Picchu?

- Hike privately to Machu Picchu via Inca Trail.
- Travel with a 100% local Peruvian operator.
- Premium private service with your own guide, trekking team, flexible pace, and personal attention.
- Personal porter service with 7 kg carried, spacious tents, quality gear, and private toilets.
- Savor chef-prepared meals and scenic Vistadome views.
- Support sustainable 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

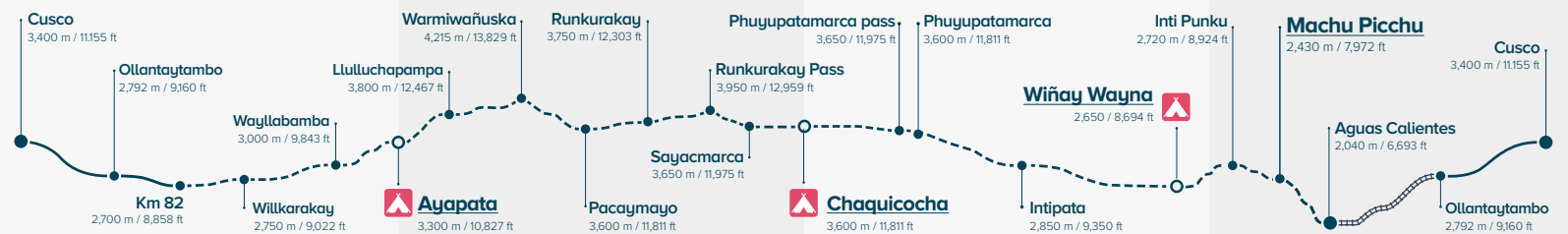
Chaquicocha – Intipata – Wiñay Wayna

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

4 Day 4

Wiñay Wayna - Machu Picchu - Cusco

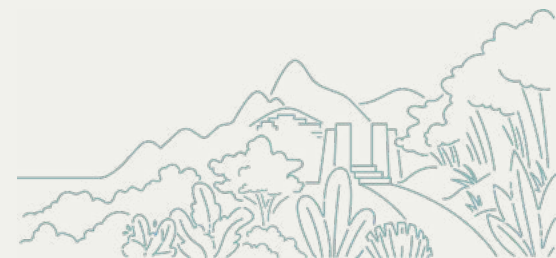
- Wiñay Wayna - Machu Picchu
2 - 3 hours.
- Guided Tour in Machu Picchu
2 - 3 hours





Tour Details

Starts / Ends	Cusco / Cusco
Duration	4 days / 3 nights
Distance	42 km / 26 mi
Difficulty	Moderate to challenging
Accommodation	Camping
Activities	Hiking & Camping, Archeology
Languages	English, Spanish



Full Itinerary

→ Day 01

Cusco – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

→ Day 02

Ayapata – Warmiwañuska – Chaquicocha

→ Day 03

Chaquicocha – Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna

→ Day 04

Wiñaywayna – Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco



Day 01

Cusco – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

We'll start with an early pickup from your hotel in Cusco around 4:30 a.m., followed by a scenic drive to Ollantaytambo for breakfast at a local restaurant. From there, it's about a one-hour ride to Km 82, also known as Piscacucho, the official gateway to your private trek to Machu Picchu.

At the trailhead, we'll check in at the control point, where you'll need to show your original passport. Here, you'll also meet your private trekking team: guide, chefs, and porters. As a 100% Peruvian local tour operator, we work with a carefully selected team and follow responsible porter welfare standards throughout the route.

The first stretch of the Inca Trail is a gentle introduction to the journey, with around 4 hours of hiking past flowing streams, remote villages,





archaeological sites, and open views of the Andes until we reach Hatunchaca for lunch. Your private trekking chef will prepare a fresh buffet-style meal using local ingredients and a variety of options.

In the afternoon, we continue with a 2-hour ascent to Ayapata, our first campsite. Your tent will be set up and ready when you arrive, giving you time to rest, enjoy the views, and settle into camp. Before dinner, enjoy tea time with hot drinks and snacks, followed by a warm meal and a short briefing from your guide about the next day.

Distance

14 km / 8.7 mi

Duration

6 Hours

Max. hightness

3,300 m / 10,826 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



View of Lactapata

Day 02

Ayapata – Warmiwañusca – Runkuraqay – Chaquicocha

You'll wake up to a warm cup of coffee or coca tea delivered to your tent, followed by a nourishing breakfast to fuel the most challenging day of the trek. The morning begins with a steady 4-hour hike to Warmiwañusca, or 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, enjoy the views, and celebrate this important moment with your private guide and trekking team. Because this is a private tour, you can move at your own pace, take breaks when needed, and enjoy the experience without feeling rushed.

From Dead Woman's Pass, we descend for about 2 hours into Pacaymayu Valley,





where lunch will be waiting in the mountains. In the afternoon, you'll hike for another 2 hours up to Runkuraqay Pass at 4,000 m / 13,123 ft, passing through changing landscapes and important Inca sites such as Runkuraqay and Sayacmarca.

Tonight's campsite is Chaquicocha, located at 3,600 m / 11,811 ft. If the skies are clear, this is a beautiful place to relax, enjoy the sunset, and spend a quiet evening under the stars before dinner.

Distance

16 km / 10 miles

Duration

10 hours

Max. heightness

4,215 m / 13,829 ft

Difficulty

Challenging

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Warmiwañuska Pass



Runkurakay

Day 03

Chaquicocha – Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna

With the two mountain passes behind you, Day 3 of the Private Inca Trail feels more relaxed and beautifully scenic. The route begins with a gentle descent from the Andes into the cloud forest, with sweeping views of the Vilcanota and Salkantay mountain ranges as we make our way toward the final campsite.

The first part of the hike takes around 2 hours to reach Phuyupatamarca, the “City in the Clouds,” located at 3,650 m / 11,972 ft. Here, we’ll take time to explore the site, enjoy the views, and appreciate one of the most impressive archaeological complexes on the Inca Trail.

From there, the trail descends into the cloud forest. On the way, we’ll stop at Intipata, also





known as the Terraces of the Sun, where you can enjoy panoramic views before continuing to our lunch spot. Because this is a private experience, your guide can adapt the rhythm so you have time for photos, interpretation, and rest.

In the afternoon, you'll have free time to visit the Wiñay Wayna ruins, take photos with llamas nearby, or simply relax at camp. Later, we'll enjoy tea time, dinner, and a special farewell moment with the trekking team that has supported your private journey.

Distance

10 km / 6.2 miles

Duration

6 hours

Max. heightness

3,650 m / 11,811 ft

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Camping

Meals

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



Phuyupatamarca



View of Intipata



Intipata



Wiñay Wayna

Day 04

Wiñaywayna – Sun Gate - Machu Picchu – Return to Cusco

On the final day, the goal is to reach the Sun Gate, also known as Intipunku, for your first unforgettable view of Machu Picchu. We'll wake you up around 4:00 a.m., serve breakfast, and wait at the checkpoint until it opens at 5:30 a.m. From there, we begin the hike toward the Sun Gate through Circuit 1.

After reaching the Sun Gate, you'll enjoy full panoramic views of Machu Picchu and the surrounding mountains. This is one of the most emotional moments of the entire Inca Trail. Then, we continue for about 1 hour down toward the citadel, following the upper route where you can take classic photos of Machu Picchu from above.

Once we arrive at the main entrance, you'll have time for a short break, coffee, restrooms, and





lockers if needed. Then, we begin a private guided visit through Circuit 3, exploring some of the most important areas of Machu Picchu, including temples, palaces, water fountains, terraces, and ceremonial spaces. Your private guide will share the history, meaning, and context of the site at a comfortable pace.

After the tour, you'll take the bus down to Aguas Calientes for lunch (not included), then board the panoramic train, Vistadome or 360°, to Ollantaytambo. From there, a private transfer will take you back to your hotel in Cusco or the Sacred Valley, arriving around 7:30 p.m.

Distance

6 km / 3.7 miles

Duration

2 - 3 hours

Machu Picchu Altitude

2,430 m / 7,972 ft

Difficulty

Easy to moderate

Meals

Breakfast



Machu Picchu Views from Intipunku



Machu Picchu

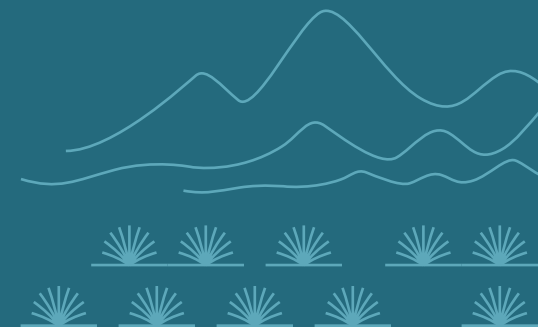
Included

- Safety briefing the day before the tour
- Complimentary luggage storage
- Hotel pickup and drop-off (door-to-door service)
- Private professional tour guide (2 guides for groups of 9+)
- All transportation during the tour
- Return on the panoramic Vistadome Train or 360° train
- Entry tickets to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- All camping equipment carried by our porter team
- Personal porter to carry up to 7 kg / 15 lb of your gear
- 3 nights of camping with high-quality equipment
- Spacious tents for every 2 trekkers
- Single tent available upon request
- Dining tent with tables and chairs
- All meals on the trail, except lunch on the last day
- Drinking water and daily snacks
- Satellite phones, first-aid kit, and oxygen supply
- Private portable toilets
- Pillow, rain poncho, and hand towels



Not included

- Lunch on the last day after the Machu Picchu tour
- Entry to Huayna Picchu Mountain or Machu Picchu Mountain (optional)
- Sleeping bag, air sleeping pad, and trekking poles
- 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?

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



Trexpérience 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

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 a 2026



Best of the Best
Tripadvisor
2022 a 2026



Peru Quality Award
2023 a 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
stays with you forever"*

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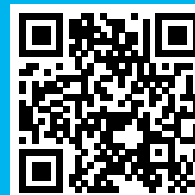
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