Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu : 4D

from : USD 2142.00

SEASON	March to January
DURATION	4 days /3 nights (Cusco - Cusco)
FITNESS LEVEL	Very active (high altitude, long distances, occasional narrow paths with sheer drops)
DEPARTURE DATES	Daily & according to availability
ACTIVITIES	Hiking, camping, nature exploration & history

Known as one of the world's ten best hikes, the Inca Trail is unparalleled for its ecological diversity and wealth of archaeological treasures. The Machu Picchu Historical Sanctuary covers 32,952 hectares, and it is home to a network of Inca highways, scores of archaeological sites, ten ecological zones (from glacial peaks to tropical forests), over 450 species of birds and 350 hundred species of orchids, as well as the legendary city of Machu Picchu.

Day 1: Cusco - Km 82 - Huayllabamba

An early morning scenic bus ride will take us to the starting point of our hike at Km 82. From here we will follow an easy path along the Urubamba River towards the first archaeological site at Llaqtapata (2650 meters / 8,750 feet). After a short rest, we will continue to the Cusichaca valley, where we will enjoy a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, we will follow the course of the Cusichaca creek on a gentle climb to the village of Huayllabamba.

Camp at Huayllambamba (3000 meters / 9,900 feet)

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Day 2: Inca Trail: Huayllabamba - Pacasmayo

After an early breakfast, we will start the long and steep climb up to Warmiwañusca Pass (4200 meters / 13,900 feet), which is the highest point of the Inca Trail. The ascent takes us through different ecological zones and a variety of flora and fauna, including endemic bird species. From this pass there is a fine view of the second pass and the ruins of Runcuracay. We will reach our next camp in the valley in the afternoon, after a descent of approximately two hours. On a clear day, the camp offers fantastic views of the glaciers of Mount Veronica.

Camp at Pacasmayo (3600 meters / 11,811 feet)

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Day 3: Inca Trail: Pacasmayo -Wi?aywayna

Today's hike offers many fascinating attractions. In the early morning, we will start the day with a climb to the second pass at Runcuracay (3900 meters /12,900 feet). In good weather the views of the Vilcabamba range from the high pass are stunning. After a two-hour descent, we will arrive at the fascinating archaeological site of Sayacmarca. After exploring this beautiful Inca settlement, we will continue along stone Inca pathways, passing through the lush vegetation of high cloud forests, and glimpsing waterfalls, deep valleys, canyons and glacial peaks, including Mount Salkantay. In the afternoon we will arrive at the last high pass of our trip: Phuyupatamarca (3600 meters / 11,900 feet). From here, we will get our first glimpse of Machu Picchu. In clear weather, there are spectacular panoramic views of the surrounding snow peaks and it is possible to see far down into the Urubamba Valley. The hike continues with a long and steep descent along an Inca stairway to the archaeological site of Wiñaywayna, considered one of the most beautiful sets of ruins on the Inca Trail, due to its location and architecture.

Camp at Wiñaywayna (2800 meters / 9186 feet)

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Day 4: Inca Trail: Wi?aywayna - Machu Picchu - Cusco

After breakfast, we will say goodbye to our Quechua porters and continue our hike through the high cloud forest with its diverse flora and fauna towards the famous Sun Gate, or Intipunku. From here we will have a fine view of the Lost City of the Incas: legendary Machu Picchu (2400 meters / 8,000 feet). Sunrise from here is a magical experience, with Machu Picchu in the foreground. Arriving at the ruins, we will explore the site in the company of a knowledgeable guide, before descending to the small

town of Aguas Calientes in the afternoon for the train ride to Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley, from where we will board a bus for the drive to our hotel in Cusco.

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Included

TRANSPORT	Private transport from Cusco to Km 82, bus and train tickets..
HOTEL	Hotel ***/ Camping 3 Total Nights 3
TOURS	According to program, including each day's activities + camping gear.
ENTRANCE FEE / PERMITS	To national park and Machu Picchu ruins
MEALS	Bx3 Lx3 Dx3
STAFF	Bilingual Guide / Cook / Porters

Not included

EXTRAS	Travel insurance, sleeping bags, tips, tours & meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Please note: Campsites may change, according to national park authority arrangements

Rates 2024

2024 cost per person in US dollars

Service	1 Pax	2 Pax		
PRIVATE SERVICE	US 4,016	US 2,436		
GROUP SERVICE	US 1,200			

Double accommodation

Departure dates 2024

Departure

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
8,22		6,20	3,17	8,22	3, 17
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1,15	5, 19	4,18	2,16	6,20	4,18

Inca Trail availability

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