



Inca Trail to Machu Picchu : 5D

from : USD 1220.00

SEASON	March to January
DURATION	5 Days / 4 Nights (Cusco - Cusco)
FITNESS LEVEL	Very active (high altitude, long distances, occasional narrow paths with sheer drops)
DEPARTURE DATES	Daily & according to availability-Except February
ACTIVITIES	Hiking, camping, nature exploration & history

Short overview

The **5-day Inca Trail to Machu Picchu** is the most classic way to reach the Lost City of the Incas, following original stone pathways through the heart of the Andes. Starting and ending in Cusco, this demanding yet rewarding trek combines breathtaking mountain scenery, cloud forest rich in orchids and hummingbirds, and some of the most impressive Inca archaeological sites in Peru. With one extra day compared to the standard 4-day itinerary, you walk at a more relaxed pace and enjoy quieter campsites. Our local guides, support crew and porters take care of every detail, so you can focus on the experience as you make your way to the Sun Gate and your first unforgettable view of **Machu Picchu**.

Highlights

- Follow the most iconic section of the ancient Inca road network to Machu Picchu.
- Cross three high mountain passes with spectacular views of the Vilcabamba range and snow-capped Salkantay.
- Explore little-visited Inca sites such as Llaqtapata, Runcuracay, Sayacmarca and Wiñay Wayna along the trail.
- Walk through diverse ecosystems from highland puna grasslands to lush cloud forest rich in orchids and birdlife.
- Arrive at Machu Picchu through the Sun Gate at sunrise and enjoy a guided visit of the citadel.
- Travel with a local Cusco-based team, experienced guides and well-cared-for porters, with high-quality camping gear included.

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 our first camp.

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



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 on the Inca Trail. The ascent takes us through different ecological zones and a variety of flora and fauna, including endemic bird species. From the 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)



Day 3: Inca Trail: Pacasmayo - Phuyupatamarca

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. 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.

Camp at Phuyupatamarca (3600 meters / 11.811 feet).



Day 4: Inca Trail: Phuyupatamarca - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes

After breakfast we will say goodbye to our Quechua porters and continue our hike with a long and steep descent along ancient Inca pathways to the archaeological site of Wiñaywayna, often described as one of the most beautiful sets of ruins on the entire Inca Trail, due to its spectacular location and fine architecture. After visiting the site and enjoying an excellent lunch, we will rest briefly before continuing 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). A short walk will take us down to the main entrance, from where we will board a bus to the town of Aguas Calientes. Here we will have time to relax and visit the nearby natural hot springs.

Overnight stay in a comfortable hotel



Day 5: Machu Picchu - Cusco

After an early breakfast, we will take one of the first buses up to Machu Picchu to enjoy the morning at this magical place. Arriving at the ruins, we will explore the site in the company of a knowledgeable guide. Following our tour, we will descend to Aguas Calientes for the train ride back to Cusco, where you will be escorted to your hotel.



Included

TRANSPORT	Private transport from Cusco to Km 82, bus and train tickets
OVERNIGHT	Hotel ***1 / Camping 3 / Total Nights 4
TOURS	According to program, & camping gear
ENTRANCE FEE / PERMITS	To national park and Machu Picchu ruins
MEALS	BLx1 Bx4 Lx3 Dx3
STAFF	Bilingual guide / Cook / Porters

Please note, campsites may be subject to changes by the park authorities

Not included

EXTRAS	Travel insurance, sleeping bags, tips, tours & meals not mentioned in the itinerary
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Rates 2026

Cost per person in USD dollars

Service	1 Pax	2 Paxs		
Private	USD 4,370	USD 2,750		

Group	USD 1,650			
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Prices are subject to change.

Departures on request—contact us for current availability.

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JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
19		2-16	13	18	15-25
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
13	10-25	14	12	23	14-25

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