

# Inca Trail Machupicchu

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The trek is rated moderate and any reasonably fit person should be able to cover the route. It is fairly challenging nevertheless, and altitudes of 4200m are reached, so ensuring that you are well acclimatized is important. If arriving from sea level, plan to spend at least 2 full days in Cusco ( **3 days is better** ) prior to commencing the trek. This should allow plenty of time for acclimatization and give you sufficient opportunity to visit the **City of Cusco** and nearby Inca ruins at Sacsayhuaman, Quenqo, PucaPucara & Tambomachay, as well as spending a day or two exploring the **Sacred Valley of The Incas**, visiting the tradition market town of **Pisac**, and the fascinating Inca fortress at **Ollantaytambo**.

If the Inca Trail is already fully booked on the departure date that you require you can always consider one of the Alternative Inca Trails Trek ( **Salkantay & Machupicchu 05 Days / 04 Nights** )

### **Day 01: Cusco - km 82 – Huayllabamba ( 12km )**

At approximately 6:30 am, our guide will pick you up from your hotel to transfer you by bus to the km 82 where you will arrive at approx. 10:30 am. Here you will meet the team that will join you during the trek, such as the porters, camp assistants and cooks. You will begin the walk, the first day is quite easy and during the first kilometres you will have a beautiful view of the snow peaked Veronica Mountain, walking alongside the Vilcanota River until you arrive at the Archaeological Complex of Patallacta, where you will have lunch and gain energy to reach Huayllabamba, where the first camp is set up.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



### **Day 02: Huayllabamba – Pacaymayo ( 11km )**

After breakfast, the hardest part of the trail begins, with a steep ascent, followed by 3 hours walking until reaching the first step, called Warmiwañusca (Dead Woman), up to 4200 m.a.s.l. approximately. You will not only enjoy incredible panoramic views from here but you will also have the satisfaction to have reached the top. After lunch in Vizcachayoc we will descend towards Pacaymayo (3500 m.a.s.l.) for dinner and camp.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



**Day 03: Pacaymayo – Wiñayhuayna ( 16km )**

After breakfast the ascent will begin until the second most important step of the route, up to 3900 m.a.s.l., where you will enjoy a guided visit to the Archaeological Complex **Runkurakay** and the Inca Citadel of **Sayacmarca** (3,600 m.a.s.l.). Lunch in Chaquicocha. Then, you will continue walking towards **Phuya Patamarca** (Town in Clouds), another important archaeological monument. After a brief rest, we will continue walking until arriving at Wiñay Huayna (Always Young), for a guided visit to this spectacularly located Archaeological Complex . Dinner and overnight in the camp. Note: The above are the regular camp sites according to the circuit operated by Enjoy Peru, however, these can vary according to disposition levied by the Machu Picchu Management Unit without previous warning, but which will not affect the itinerary.

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



**Day 04: Sun Gate / Machupicchu Ruins / Wayna Picchu / Cusco**

After breakfast (05:00 approx.), start walking for one hour by the forest until the Inti Punku (Door of the Sun), known like the front door to Machu Picchu, from where we will be able to have an impressive panoramic view of the Inca Citadel.

**The Sun Gates of Machu Picchu** boast a picture-perfect vantage point overlooking Peru's most famous ruins. Tourists flock to this outcrop high in the Andes Mountains to enjoy the same view featured on virtually every postcard depicting the Machu Picchu citadel. Also known as Intipunku, the Sun Gates consist of two stones perched at a narrow passage in the crevice of the mountain just above Machu Picchu. The sun shines brilliantly through this portal each day when it rises -- hence the name



**Machupicchu** Every morning before sunrise and after Climbed Huaynapicchu, the high priest with a small group would walk to Machu Picchu to signal the coming of

the new day. The **Temple of the Moon** , one of the three major temples in the Machu Picchu area, is nestled on the side of the mountain and is situated at an elevation lower than Machu Picchu. Adjacent to the Temple of the Moon is the Great Cavern, another sacred temple with fine masonry. The other major local temples in Machu Picchu are the Temple of the Condor, Temple of Three Windows, Principal Temple, " Unfinished Temple ", and the Temple of the Sun, also called the Torreón. Then we'll participate in a guided tour of the Citadel, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, **The Sacred Sun Dial** the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.



**Huayna Picchu** also known as **Wayna Picchu** ( Quechua " **Young Peak** " ) The number of daily visitors allowed to enter Huayna Picchu is restricted to 200 is a mountain in Peru around which the Urubamba River bends. It rises over Machupicchu, the so-called lost city of the Incas, and divides it into sections. The Incas built a trail up the side of the Huayna Picchu and built temples and terraces on its top. The peak of Huayna Picchu is about 2,720 metres ( 8,920 ft ) above sea level, or about 360 metres ( 1,180 ft ) higher than Machu Picchu. According to local guides, the top of the mountain was the residence for the high priest and the local virgins.

**Meals Included:** **Breakfast**



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