

INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU

Duration: 4 days / 3 nights

Fitness level: Moderate

Includes:

- English speaking professional guide
- Camping equipment including a sleeping mat.
- All meals (any dietary requirements) and entry into the ruins
- All transfers

Not included:

- Sleeping bag
- Tips for the guide
- Bring your passport

Itinerary:

DAY ONE:

This morning at about 5am, we will pick you up from your hotel and travel to Km 82. At Km 82 you can buy things that you may have forgotten such as a walking cane, rain-ponchos, water and chocolates.

We start walking from Km 82 to Huallabamba; a flat and beautiful walk along the Urubamba River with a view of Mt. Veronica's snowcapped peak AT 5750 metres above sea level (masl). We pass a few local villages, where people still build their houses with the traditional Ichu grass roofs. Here we can see the famous tuna-cactus, some with the cuchinilla louse, famous for its amazingly powerful clothes-dye. We spend a little while resting on the hill with a view over Llactapata – an important agricultural place for the Incas.

After Llactapata, we turn away from the Urubamba river going up the valley along the Kusichaca River. Here we have a good chance to see hummingbirds around in the flower bushes.

We arrive to the village of Huayllabamba in the afternoon and continue upwards to our camp a little further in the direction of Warmi Wañusca – known in English as Dead Woman's Pass. From the camp we have a beautiful view of the valley and the surrounding mountains.

Meals included: Lunch and dinner



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DAY TWO:

Today is an early start in order to being the steep climb stepping uphill to the first pass, Warmi Wañusca, at 4200 masl. We pass though the amazing forest covered with green and grey mosses.

After this, we come to the open area of the Puna. Here we might see some llamas grazing just below the pass.

Arriving at the pass, we all take a well deserved break and enjoy the view on both sides before we start down the stairs on the other side. After 1-2 hours walking, we touch the valley floor at Paqaymayu, where there are washrooms available.

Then we continue towards Runkurakay - another Inca ruin - and from here we walk on 100% genuine Inca Trails. Head out towards the second pass at 3900 masl. Here, on sunny days, we have a breathtaking view of the Vilcabamba Mountains, where the Incas retreated after fighting the Spaniards.

Now we walk the beautiful track down to the big ruin of Sayaqmarka. After an informative explanation of the site, we continue through a small cloud forest towards our camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY THREE:

In good weather wake up to a breathtaking view over the Vilcabamba Mountains. After breakfast we continue towards the third pass. This part of the trail is very beautiful with cloud forest, orchids, ferns and colorful birdlife. The Inca Trail is quite extraordinary with semi-carved tunnels and perfectly placed stones.

Today we have lunch at the third pass near Phuyupatamarca before starting the long descent to Wiñay Wayna, the place of our last camp site. Those who have more energy can take a longer descent to see the site of Intipata and we all go in the late afternoon to visit the extraordinarily well made site just behind the camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY FOUR:

Very early we leave camp to reach Inti Punku in time for sunrise. From here we get the first glance of Machu Picchu between the mountains on its saddle high over the Urubamba River. We all meet at Machu Picchu at a decided hour to make the tour of Machu Picchu.

We will learn about the importance – religiously and historically – of the place, and we will be able to appreciate the fine architecture of the Incas.

After the guided tour you can go to the top of Wayna Picchu, from where one has a good overview of the whole area and the full site of Machu Picchu. Another possibility is to visit the beautiful temple of the moon.

In the afternoon we meet in Aguas Calientes to take the train back to Cuzco arriving at approximately 8pm. You will then be transferred to your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

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