

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu 5D/4N (Start Trek on Day 2)

Hiking & Trekking

5 Days / 1 Country

Peru

Departure city: **Cuzco, Peru**

End city: **Cuzco, Peru**

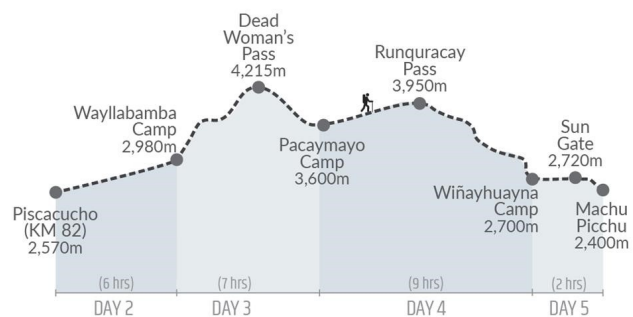
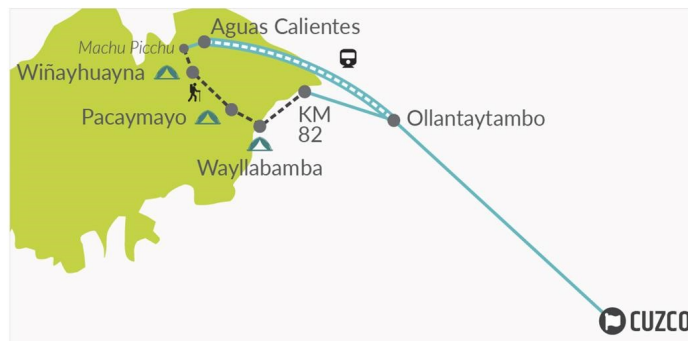


HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the original & legendary Inca Trail
- See hidden Inca ruins along the trek
- Cross the Sun Gate in the early morning
- A once-in-a-lifetime experience!

A spectacularly rich experience in the Andean Mountains awaits you! Immerse yourself in the Inca culture as you hike 43 kilometers through the heart of the beautiful Andes. This is the only trek that takes you along the legendary Inca Trail, arriving in the early morning light to Machu Picchu.

MAP



*This map shows trek altitudes, but is not geographically to scale.

What is included



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Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 4

- 1 Cuzco Junior suite

Included in [Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu 4D/3N \(Start Trek on Day 1\)](#)

- 3N Camping during trek (including tent for 2 people and basic sleeping pad)
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Meals: 10

- 4 Breakfast(s), 3 Lunch(es), 3 Dinner(s),
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Experiences: 1

- Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu 4D/3N (Start Trek on Day 1)
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What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Accommodation pick-up/drop-off from Bus Stations

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Experiences Included

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INCLUDED

- 3N Camping during trek (including tent for 2 people and basic sleeping pad)
- Mixed transport
- Accommodation pick-up
- Roundtrip bus to/from start & end point of tour
- Train Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo
- 3B / 3L / 3D with typical menus (veggie option available)
- 4-day trek to Machu Picchu
- Inca Trail Trek
- Machu Picchu Visit
- Professional bilingual guide on trek and Machu Picchu tour
- Fees and extra support
- Pre-departure briefing
- Inca Trail and Machu Picchu entrance fees
- Porters and cook to carry all shared camping equipment
- Snacks
- Emergency oxygen bottle
- First Aid Kit
- The COMPLETE service INCLUDES a thermal sleeping bag, foam sleeping mat, duffel bag & porter to carry a total of 7kgs of personal gear for each trekker (3kgs sleeping bag & mat + 4kgs personal items).
- The reduced BASIC (LIGHT) service ONLY INCLUDES a basic foam sleeping mat and EXCLUDES the thermal sleeping bag, duffel bag & porter to carry personal gear. You will carry your own backpack, sleeping bag, mattress and personal gear

NOT INCLUDED

- Airport pick-up/drop-off
- Accommodation in Cuzco

- Day 1 breakfast, Day 4 lunch and dinner, bottled water
- Guide for bus and train transfers
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Personal expenses

Itinerary

Day 1: Cuzco, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



Check-In Milhouse Hostel Cusco

Day 2: Wayllabamba Camp, Peru



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Departure Times: **05:30 - 06:00**

Cuzco, Trek to Wayllabamba Camp via Ollantaytambo (L/D)

Accommodation pick-up is between 5:00-6:00 am. Please make all of the necessary preparations one day prior to the trek. You will be taken by bus to the town of Ollantaytambo, where you will have an hour to eat breakfast on your own and purchase last-minute snacks, water and walking sticks. Then you will hop back on the bus to Piscacucho (KM 82) where the famous Inca Trail journey will begin. Bring your original passport, student card (if applicable) for the first Inca Trail checkpoint. Your guide will have your tickets for you. Hike along rolling hills in the Vilcanota River Valley passing by several small archaeological sites along the way. Lunch will be prepared half-way and you will have time to relax before reaching Wayllabamba camp (2,980m)

Trekking: 10 kilometers / 6 hours

Difficulty: Moderate trek along a rolling path gradually ascending from Piscacucho KM 82 (2,570m) through the Urubamba river valley for 10 KM to reach Wayllabamba Camp (2,980m).

Day 3: Pacaymayo Camp, Peru



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Departure Times: **05:30 - 06:00**

Trek to Pacaymayo Camp via Dead Woman's Pass (B/L/D)

After an early breakfast around 6:00 am you will start off on the most challenging day along the trail, with a vertical hike of 6 km (approx. 5 hours) to reach Dead Woman's Pass at 4,215m followed by a 3 km hike down stone steps to reach Pacaymayo camp at 3,600m (approx. 2 hours). Take your time and rest as much as you need, as you will ascend more than 1,200 meters over the course of the morning. Just after you cross Dead Woman's Pass you will be rewarded with spectacular views of nearby snow-capped mountain peaks and roaring waterfalls. Stroll slowly down to Pacaymayo Camp (3,600m) to enjoy the scenery. Arrive in time for lunch and a well-deserved nap. Then you will have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the camp before dinner and an early bedtime.

Trekking: 10 kilometers / 7 hours.

Difficulty: Difficult trekking day starting at Wayllabamba Camp (2,980m) with a constant and demanding ascent of 6.4 KM to Dead Woman's Pass (4,215m), an elevation gain of 1,200 vertical meters. Descend another 2.4 KM along a stone staircase to reach Pacaymayo Camp (3,600m), a decrease in elevation of 800 vertical meters.

Day 4: Wiñayhuayna Camp, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:30 - 06:00

Trek to Wiñayhuayna Camp via Runquracay Pass (B/L/D)

Start with a one-hour hike uphill to visit the Pacaymayo archaeological site. Continue one hour to Runquracay Pass (3,950m) where you can summit the mountain for incredible views of surrounding peaks. Visit 2 more archaeological sites called Sayacmarca & Phuyupatamarca with your guide and have lunch along the way. By late afternoon you will reach Wiñayhuayna High Jungle camp (2,650m) set above a river valley in a high jungle climate. After dinner, say a big THANK YOU to your porters and guides.

Trekking: 15 kilometers / 9 hours

Difficulty: Moderate ups and downs along ancient Inca stairways for 15 KM from Pacaymayo Camp (3,600m) crossing over Runquracay Pass (3,950m) ending at Wiñayhuayna High Jungle Camp (2,650m) with breaks at scenic archaeological sites along the way.

Day 5: Cuzco, Peru



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Departure Times: 05:30 - 06:00

Trek to Sun Gate, Explore Machu Picchu, Return to Cuzco (B)

Wake up between 3:30 and 4:30 am and have breakfast. Get on the trail early and head to the Wiñaywayna checkpoint, joining the lineup to wait for the gate to open at 5:30 am. Once the gate opens, hike about an hour to reach the Sun Gate. We'll keep our fingers crossed for a clear day! Catch the first glimpses of light over the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu, a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Then continue down the final length of the trail for 40 minutes to reach the Machu Picchu archaeological complex.

Visit this magical site on a 2-hour guided tour and learn about the history of this incredible Inca citadel. Afterwards, you will have free time to explore on your own and take pictures at your leisure. If you're feeling adventurous, take an optional trek to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (must be booked in advance). Return to Aguas Calientes from where you will catch a train to Ollantaytambo. From Ollantaytambo, you will take a bus back to Cuzco, arriving back around 20:00. You will be dropped off late in the day at the Plaza San Francisco. Please make your own way back to the accommodation of your choice. We wish you the best for your onward travels!

Trekking: 7 kilometers / 2 hours

Difficulty: Follow an easy, flat and narrow 7 KM path from Wiñayhuayna High Jungle Camp (2,650m) to the Sun Gate (2,720m) and finally descend into the archaeological site of Machu Picchu (2,400m)

