

TOUR INCA TRAIL

2 Days



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WELCOME TO CUSCO!

Cusco is the most visited tourist destination in Peru and one of the best in all of South America. There you can find attractions as famous as the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Humantay lagoon, the mountain of 7 colors and, of course, Machu Picchu, a destination considered one of the 7 wonders

In Cusco there are Andean and tropical landscapes of great beauty. Most visitors stay in the city of Cusco because there is the airport to the city. Also in the 'capital of the Inca empire' there are important tourist attractions such as Sacsayhuaman, the Cathedral, the Coricancha and more. Currently the best hotel and restaurant services are there.

100 kilometers from the city of Cusco is the best tourist destination in South America: the Inca city of Machu Picchu. The wonder of the world is the goal of almost all tourists who come to Cusco. Machupicchu was a citadel for agricultural, urban and religious purposes. It has a history that goes back more than five centuries. In addition, the lush landscape that surrounds it, make it one of the most photographed places in the world.

However, Cusco is not just Machu Picchu. In the high mountains of Cusco, near the imposing snow-capped Ausangate, is Vinicunca, the famous mountain of 7 colors. This summit is more than 5 thousand meters above sea level. Thousands of visitors arrive there every day. This amount has made the rainbow mountain the second most visited tourist destination in Cusco, only after Machu Picchu.

And Cusco offers even much more. There you can find beautiful landscapes, archaeological sites, thermal baths, memorable walks and a long etcetera. Some of the little known but worth visiting destinations are: the Palcoyo mountain, the South Valley of Cusco, the Waqrapukara fortress, the Tres Cruces de Oro viewpoint, the abode of the gods, the Cocalmayo thermal baths and more. . Meet them!

All tourist destinations can be visited on your own or with a tour organized by a tourism agency. Of course, the safest and most reliable option is to do it through a tourist agency in Cusco. Most tourist agencies offer a well-organized and complete service to enjoy the best of Cusco.

The most popular tours in Cusco are: the City Tour (for the city of Cusco), the Sacred Valley of the Incas tour (Full Day), the tour to the mountain of the 7 colors (Full Day), the tour to the lagoon Humantay (Full Day), the tour to Maras and Moray (half day), the tour to Machu Picchu (Full Day), the 2-day tour to Machu Picchu, the 4-day Inca Trail and the 5-day Salkantay trek.

All these services are performed with the best organization. For this we have a team of tourism experts who organize every detail of our services. All our tours include: pick up of the tourist, full round trip transportation, entrance to each tourist attraction and professional tour guide service. They will not have to buy anything else!

The tourist attractions of Cusco are exceptional. However, there are many other tourist destinations in Peru that are worth visiting. Soon we will be able to offer tours to all destinations in the Inca country: the Colca Canyon, Paracas, the city of Lima, Huacachina, the Amazon jungle and more.

Here you can learn about the tours offered by 'Machupicchu Terra', one of the leading tourism agencies in Cusco. You will know what it includes, the itinerary, the prices and more. Get to know Cusco with the best! Welcome!

ABOUT US?

Welcome to Machupicchu Terra! We are a tourism agency recognized for the quality of its tours to all destinations in Cusco such as the Sacred Valley, the 7 Colors Mountain, Machu Picchu and much more. Since 2013 and until today we have been offering quality services to tourists from all over the world.

We have our own premises in the historic center of the city of Cusco at Calle Recoleta Angosta 604. To operate our different services we have authorization from the Ministry of Culture of Peru with code AUT00115. In other words, we are a professional tourism agency that offers all the security and good organization of a legal service.

To contact our travelers we have different well-designed web pages that offer all the information about Cusco and Machu Picchu. They stand out: www.boletomachupicchu.com, www.machupicchuterra.com, www.imachupicchu.com and more.

To carry out our operations we have a team of professionals in the tourism sector as well as collaborators in web system programming, content writers, video editors and more. All our services organized in detail to meet the expectations of our customers.

Mission

Our main mission is to offer tourists a quality service that meets their high expectations in the different tourist attractions of Cusco and Peru.

For this we propose to create a website with easy navigation and complete information about the trip to Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Machu Picchu. Our goal is to provide a safe and easy interface for booking our tours. Likewise, we seek to assist tourists on prices, times, information, documents and everything related to the trip to Machu Picchu.

Vision

We seek to offer the best tourist services in Cusco and the rest of Peru. For this we constantly update ourselves looking for new tourist proposals. In addition, we use the latest web technologies to reach more and more customers. This is how we have a YouTube channel 'Imachupicchu' with educational videos that help the traveler to decide the best experience for him in Cusco.

Every day we seek to improve to offer the best tourist service to our customers. We have constant communication through various digital channels. Our goal is to become the most serious and best organized tourism agency in all of Cusco and Peru.

Reliability

We are a legal tourism agency of Cusco authorized by the Ministry of Culture of Peru and the Regional Directorate of Culture Cusco. Our authorization code is AUT00115. All our operations and services are legitimate. We have good reviews on online forums like TripAdvisor, Google Business and more.

All our payment methods have internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of all tourist information during the purchase. With us you can be sure to choose a legal and reliable tourism agency!

INCA TRAIL TOUR 2 DAYS – HISTORICAL ROUTE TO MACHU PICCHU!

RESUME

More than five centuries ago, the Incas built a network of royal roads that covered part of the current territories of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Chile, and Argentina. This network of roads was called qhapac ñan ('royal roads' in Quechua) and covered more than 30 thousand kilometers. Today a part of these roads, especially in the Andes Mountains, are still in force. The 39-kilometer section that connects the Sacred Valley of the Incas with Machu Picchu is the most famous and touristic qhapac ñan route. It is called the '4-day Classic Inca Trail'.

For tourists who do not have four free days to complete the Classic Inca Trail, the Short Inca Trail of only 2 days was created. This route covers only 11 kilometers, from km 104 of the train track to Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu passing through the archaeological sites of Chachabamba, Wiñayhuayna and the Puerta del Sol (the Intipunku). From there you have a first panoramic view of the Inca citadel. The tour includes everything you need: pick up, transportation, permits, guide, tickets, food, hotel and more.

IT INCLUDES:

- ✓ Briefing one day before the tour.
- ✓ Pick up from the tourist's hotel and transport by minivan to the train station.
- ✓ Expedition train (round trip with Vistadome train option).
- ✓ Entry permits for the Inca Trail.
- ✓ Professional tour guide (Spanish or English).
- ✓ Box lunch and dinner on day 1. Breakfast at the hotel on day 2.
- ✓ 1 night in a standard hotel in Aguas Calientes (with the option of a 3 or 4 star hotel).
- ✓ Entrance to Machu Picchu.
- ✓ Bus route Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu (round trip) day 2.

IT DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- × Return bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes day 1.
- × Lunch in Aguas Calientes.
- × Snacks and drinks.
- × Trekking poles.
- × Tips.



INCA TRAIL TOUR 2 DAYS – DETAILED ITINERARY

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1:

- We will pick you up at around 4 am from the door of your hotel to transport us in our minivan to the Ollantaytambo train station in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.
- On board the 'Expedition' train we will travel through beautiful landscapes until we reach kilometer 104 of the railway, the starting point of the short Inca Trail.
- After registering at the control point of the Inca Trail, we will start a short journey until we reach the archaeological site of Chachabamba.
- We will continue our way uphill through impressive tropical landscapes until we reach the archaeological site of Wiñayhuayna. There we will enjoy a repairing lunch (box lunch).
- Then we will continue going up steep paths until we finally reach the Intipunku (Puerta del Sol), from where all the beauty of Machu Picchu can be appreciated. We finally arrived!
- From the Intipunku we will descend to Machu Picchu and from there we will descend on foot towards the famous town of Aguas Calientes (optional bus ticket not included in the tour) where we will rest in the hotel destined for that night.
- Before resting, we will enjoy a dinner made with Peruvian ingredients in Aguas Calientes.

DAY 2:

- We will get up early to have breakfast and take an arduous walk to the Inca city of Machu Picchu (tourists who wish to get on the bus can do so at the same place).
- For approximately 2 hours we will dedicate ourselves to visit Machu Picchu in the company of our tour guide. We will also have time to get the postcard photos with the Inca city in the background.
- We will descend from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes on foot through beautiful landscapes. Tourists who wish can do so by bus (the purchase of the ticket on the same site).
- In the town of Aguas Calientes we will have free time to have lunch (not included in the tour) and do the last shopping before returning to Cusco.
- At the scheduled time, we will board the 'Expedition' train to Ollantaytambo (Vistadome train option). From there a minivan will take us back to the city of Cusco where the tour ends.



INCA TRAIL TOUR 2 DAYS – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

HOW TO GET AVAILABILITY OF THE INCA TRAIL 2 DAYS?

The tour has limited availability. However, unlike the 4-day Inca Trail tour (whose purchase must be made 5 or 6 months in advance), here the purchase is made only weeks in advance.

CAN I CANCEL THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

No. The 4-day Inca Trail tour, by rules of the Ministry of Culture of Peru, cannot be canceled (or request a refund) once purchased.

CAN I CHANGE THE DATE OF THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

No. The 2-day Inca Trail tour cannot be modified once purchased. By rules of the Ministry of Culture of Peru, the tour cannot be canceled or modified. For this reason, tourists are recommended to carefully organize the date of their trip.

IS THE WALK DIFFICULT?

The Short Inca Trail covers 11 kilometers in a day of walking. Then you rest in a hotel in Aguas Calientes to visit Machu Picchu on the second day. The route is of moderate difficulty. The first 6 kilometers are hard because they ascend through Andean sections. The last kilometers are for easier flat sections. It is recommended to be physically fit. However, in the end all the people manage to reach the goal: Machu Picchu.

WHAT TYPE OF TICKET TO MACHU PICCHU IS INCLUDED?

The tour includes the entrance 'Machu Picchu Solo'. This ticket allows you to visit the main constructions of the Inca citadel. It also allows you to get the classic postcard photo with Machu Picchu in the background.

AT WHAT ALTITUDE DOES THE HIKE TAKE PLACE?

The Intipunku (the Gate of the Sun) is the highest point of the walk as it is located at 2,720 meters above sea level. However, at that altitude the symptoms of altitude sickness are reduced.

DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE FOOD?

Yes. The tour includes 1 box lunch and a dinner in a tourist restaurant in Aguas Calientes for the first day of the tour. The second day includes buffet breakfast at the chosen tourist hotel. Does not include lunch or dinner on the second day.

HOW DO I PAY FOR THE TOUR?

You can make the payment for the tour online in our payment form. Payment is by any Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club or PayPal credit or debit card. The website has internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of tourist information. After payment you will receive a confirmation email. The reservation will already be confirmed.

IS THE TOUR SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE?

Yes. The tour is suitable for everyone. However, it is recommended that children be over 8 years old and like outdoor walks. Seniors must be in good physical condition. It is advised that you receive the approval of your doctor to perform this route.

IS IT DANGEROUS TO DO THE INCA TRAIL?

No. The Inca Trail follows safe paths built by the Incas on the slopes of imposing Andean mountains. There are signs and safety ropes along the route. The tour guide is in charge of ensuring the health of visitors. It is still recommended to follow all the safety recommendations: do not approach the abysses or move away from the group.

IS THE TOUR AVAILABLE EVERY DAY?

No. By rules of the Ministry of Culture of Peru, the Inca Trail route of 2 and 4 days only closes the entire month of February. During that month the rains are torrential, which can cause discomfort for visitors. The rest of the year the road is available to tourists. Likewise, it is always recommended to bring a poncho in case of rain as well as raincoats for backpacks.

INCA TRAIL TOUR 2 DAYS – THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS YOU WILL VISIT

INTIPUNKU, THE GATE OF THE SUN

The Intipunku is the entrance gate to Machu Picchu used by the Incas. Its name comes from the Quechua language and means 'Gate of the Sun'. It is located at 2,745 meters above sea level. You get there after 11 kilometers of walking along the 2-day Inca Trail route. From there tourists will get the first view of Machu Picchu. This first view, after the arduous walk, is an unforgettable moment on the trip to Cusco. The Intipunku is 2 kilometers from the urban area of Machu Picchu. It is a stone enclosure with windows, niches, walls and more.

CHACHABAMBA

At kilometer 104 of the railway that connects the towns of Ollantaytambo with Aguas Calientes is the archaeological site of Chachabamba, a small Inca city with high stone enclosures, roads, water channels, squares and agricultural terraces. The Inca archaeological site of Chachabamba is the first tourist attraction that visitors will appreciate when starting the 2-day Inca Trail route. Research there continues to reveal the Inca buildings hidden by the passage of time: a complex network of stone channels was recently found. Chachabamba can only be visited on the Short Inca Trail tour.

AGUAS CALIENTES

Aguas Calientes is also called Machupicchu town due to its proximity to the Inca citadel (they are only 30 minutes away by bus). This magical town is located at 2,040 meters above sea level. It is surrounded by high green mountains. Hundreds of tourists arrive there every day. That is why there are dozens of hotels, restaurants, bars, cafes and other tourist services. What stands out the most about the town are its thermal baths. It is also famous for its beautiful craft market. In Aguas Calientes is the station with the trains that arrive and leave for Cusco. It is a magical place, the perfect prelude to visiting Machu Picchu.

WIÑAYHUAYNA

Wiñayhuayna is one of the most beautiful archaeological sites that can be seen on the 2-day Inca Trail. It was built by Emperor Pachacutec in the 15th century, almost at the same time that Machupicchu was built. His name is a Quechua word meaning 'Forever Young' or 'Eternally Young'. The reason for this name is that orchids abound in this territory. One of the most famous is the 'Wiñayhuayna', an orchid of great beauty and color. It is made up of more than 40 agricultural terraces. It has enclosures for the common population and the Inca elite. It is 6 kilometers from the starting point of the trek (and only 5 kilometers from Machu Picchu).

MACHU PICCHU

Machu Picchu is the Inca city built around 1450 by order of Emperor Pachacutec. It had a religious, administrative and urban function. After being abandoned and forgotten, it was rediscovered in 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. Due to its scenic and architectural beauty, it was chosen as one of the 7 wonders of the modern world. It is the final destination of the Inca Trail of 2 and 4 days. The first view of the Inca city is from the Intipunku (Puerta del Sol). This first landscape view is an unforgettable experience.

NETWORK OF INCAS TRAILS QHAPAC ÑAN

The qhapac ñan were the network of Inca roads that the Incas built along more than 30 thousand kilometers. They covered coastal, mountainous and high jungle areas in the current regions of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Argentina and Chile. Due to its historical importance, it was declared by Unesco as a 'Cultural Heritage of Humanity'. A small part of its paths are traveled on the Inca Trail of 2 and 4 days. The only way to do this route is to hire a tour. It is not possible to do the walk on your own. It is considered the best hiking route in Peru!

SACRED VALLEY TOUR + MACHU PICCHU 2 DAYS – PHOTO GALLERY

