

TOUR GUIDE


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Machu Picchu Full day tour



Machu Picchu

DESCRIPTION

Named one of the New 7 wonders of the world, considered one of the most important energy centers in the world, and an iconic, world-renowned tourist destination, Machu Picchu, awaits to captivate you with its splendor! To reach the site, you have to cross the beautiful Urubamba Valley until you reach the Ollantaytambo or Poroy (Cusco) train station where you take the train to the town of Aguas Calientes. There you board a bus that will take you to the royal Incan citadel. The Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, named Mixed World Heritage Site - natural and cultural - by UNESCO, always shows its best side. Feel your energy peak as you explore the Intihuatana sundial, the Temple of the Sun, Inca Palace, and the agricultural and urban areas of the citadel. For the most adventurous, climb Huayna Picchu or the symbolic mountain of Machu Picchu, the highest behind the Incan city. You can access it by a steep stone path and appreciate from there a spectacular view (as long as you have bought extra tickets ahead of time).

Full day tour

OVERVIEWS

Duration: 19 Hours

Departure: Cusco (03:00 am)

Return: Cusco (10:30 pm)

Destination: Machu Picchu

Language: English / Spanish

Amount of Walking: Moderate



FULL DAY

CUSCO - OLLANTAYTAMBO - MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO

ITINERARY

We will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco 2 hours before the departure of your train and take you to the train station in the town of Ollantaytambo. We will board a train of one of the two companies operating in Peru – Peru Rail or Inca Rail. We will begin the journey from Ollantaytambo to the town of Aguas Calientes. The views out your train windows will be absolutely spectacular as we travel beside the roaring Urubamba River and the towering mountains surrounding it!

In Aguas Calientes, our guide will be waiting for us and will accompany us to the bus station where we will board the bus to take us to the amazing citadel of Machu Picchu! There we will have our 2-hour guided tour, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, cemeteries, the Intihuatana sundial, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Sun, the Temple of the Three Windows, etc. Be amazed at the engineering ingenuity of the Incas which was so far ahead of their time and still partially a mystery today! Without having modern tools or even steel and iron to work with, the people who built this city were genius in organizing this community in a sustainable and beautiful way on the side of a mountain, even bringing water in canals through its streets for the people to use. When a Peruvian guide showed this site to Hiram Bingham, it was almost unrecognizable, covered in thick vegetation and in a state of disrepair. It has since been cleaned and restored and is now protected and treasured by the world at large!

After this tour, you are free to climb up to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (Be sure to book in advance to get tickets for these!). Each mountain takes approximately 3 hours to hike up and down. Another lower-impact option for which you do not need an extra ticket is to trek to the Sun Gate, the main entrance from the Inca Trail (this takes about 2 or 2.5 hours round-trip). Another option is walking to see the Incan Bridge. Then we will descend to the town of Aguas Calientes by bus, where you can have lunch at one of the various restaurants in Aguas Calientes or at Sanctuary Lodge (lunch is on you).

At 18:30 PM, we will take the train back to Ollantaytambo. This trip takes about two hours. At 20:30 PM, we will board a private bus which will take us back to Cusco. We arrive in Cusco at approximately 22:30 PM.



INCLUDED

- Transportation from your Cusco Hotel - Train Station / Train Station – Cusco Hotel
- Round-trip train tickets from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes and back to Cusco
- Guiding by a professional, experienced guide licensed in Tourism (Spanish and English)
- Bus service round-trip from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu
- Entrance tickets to Machu Picchu

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals
- Drinks
- Phone calls
- Snacks
- Tips
- Transfer from airport - hotel - airport,

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Use sneakers or hiking shoes
- Drink plenty of fluids during your excursion
- Wear waterproof clothing during the rainy season
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Long pants
- Bring insect repellent
- Wear sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat for sunny days
- Don't forget medication and/or personal items you will need
- Bring a light backpack to carry your belongings
- You will want your camera!
- Have cash on hand in small denominations and coins in dollars, euros, or soles





MACHU PICCHU TOUR

THE SAVAGE MOUNTAIN TREK TO MACHU PICCHU



LEGEND	
	Start
	Sky Camp
	Andean Huts
	Jungle Domes
	Lunch & rest area
	Hotel
	Train
	Archaeological site
	Electric power
	Shower
	Hot springs
	Lake
	Pass
	Train
	Vehicle Transportation
	First day of trek
	Second day of trek
	Third day of trek
	Fourth day of trek
	Fifth day of trek

"PARADISE ON THE EARTH"
MACHU PICCHU
 2430 mt. | 7972 ft.

AGUAS CALIENTES (hotel)
 2050 mt. | 6725 ft.

CUSCO
 3350 mt. | 10990 ft.

Nevado Veronica
 5350 m

Nevado Halancoma
 5357 m

Nevado Palcay
 5422 m

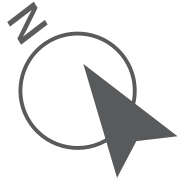
Nevado Huayanay
 5345 m

OLLANTAYTAMBO
 2750 mt. | 8950 ft.



TREKKING HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1: Machu Picchu - Tour Full Day



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