



TOUR

# EXCURSION TO MACHU PICCHU

*2 days / 1 night*



# DESCRIPTION

## *The Incredible Train Journey to the Inca Citadel*

Machu Picchu, a coveted tourist destination, has captivated the dreams of thousands of people. Recognized as one of the Wonders of the World, this architectural gem exudes an indescribable energy capable of renewing the spirit and transporting you to an ancient era full of mystery and grandeur.

If you prefer a more relaxed journey and the opportunity to enjoy an incredible train ride, then our two-day tour to Machu Picchu is perfect for you. This train journey will allow you to delight in the most beautiful and picturesque landscapes accompanying the course of the Urubamba River as you make your way to the charming town of Aguas Calientes, nestled at the foot of the sacred mountain. Our team will meticulously plan every detail of your exciting adventure. Additionally, you will have an expert guide accompanying you throughout the excursion, sharing this fascinating place's history, legends, and secrets. All you need to do is sit back, relax, and thoroughly enjoy the experience.

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**Cusco**  
3400 m. / 11155 ft.

**Poroy**  
3499 m. / 11480 ft.

**Machu Picchu**  
2430 m. / 7972 ft.

Day 2



URUBAMBA RIVER

**Ollantaytambo**  
2792 m. / 9160 ft.



**Aguas Calientes**  
2040 m. / 6693 ft.

Day 1



- DISTANCE / HOURS
- LUNCH & REST AREA
- PASS POINT
- RIVER
- FOOTPATH
- MAJOR ROAD
- MINOR ROAD

DAY 01: Cusco | Ollantaytambo Train Station - Aguas Calientes

DAY 02: Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

# FULL ITINERARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- » Embark on a train journey to Machu Picchu and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the landscape throughout the entire ride.
- » Explore the town of Aguas Calientes at your leisure and discover its hidden gems.
- » Indulge in a delicious dinner at a fine restaurant in the city.
- » Spend the night in a comfortable hotel, ensuring a restful stay.
- » Be one of the first to enter the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu and witness the sunrise in this sacred place.
- » Navigate the majestic archaeological site with your expert guide and learn all about its fascinating history.

# DAY 01

Cusco | Ollantaytambo Train Station -  
Aguas Calientes

## An Exciting Train Journey to the Enchanting Town of Aguas Calientes

You will begin your exciting two-day adventure when we pick you up from your hotel at the scheduled time to head to the train station in Ollantaytambo. You will board the train at 12:55 pm, so there's no need to wake up early or leave too soon. During the journey, you will traverse spectacular landscapes unique to the Sacred Valley of the Incas: mountains, rivers, agricultural terraces, and more.

After approximately an hour and a half train ride alongside the Urubamba River, also known as the Vilcanota River, you will arrive at Aguas Calientes, and your guide will accompany you to your hotel to drop off your belongings. No vehicles are in this area, so you must get around on foot.

Afterward, you will enjoy a delicious lunch at one of the city's best restaurants before exploring Aguas Calientes as you prefer. This place is in the middle of a deep valley, and you will find several cafes and restaurants where you can spend some time or stroll through its beautiful streets and discover its stone sculptures. We also recommend considering one of the following optional activities to enjoy your free time in Aguas Calientes:



- Allcamayo Waterfalls: If you want to enjoy an extra hike on this incredible itinerary, we recommend visiting the Allcamayo Waterfalls on a 30 to 45-minute tour from Aguas Calientes. You will walk surrounded by a typical Cusco jungle landscape until you reach the approximately 30-meter-high waterfall.
- Hot Springs: After an amazing train journey, you can have a moment of relaxation in the hot springs of the town. You will find small pools of natural hot water before your excursion to Machu Picchu.
- Butterfly House: Getting to the Butterfly House is easy. It is located 15 minutes from Aguas Calientes and is on the same route as buses go to Machu Picchu. It has over 100 endemic species and more than 400 known species.
- Artisan Market: It is located near the train station, and you can find various local products there, including sculptures, traditional clothing, paintings, jewelry, and more.

In the evening, you will enjoy a delicious dinner, and your guide will provide you with all the details for the big day. Rest early, as you will wake up before dawn the next day.



## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Lunch and Dinner**
- » ACCOMMODATION:  
**Comfortable Hotel**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Easy**
- » ACCOMMODATION ELEVATION:  
**2,040 m / 6,693 ft**

We offer a selection of well-located hotels in the town with very comfortable and tasteful decorated rooms. You'll find them impeccable with clean rooms and beds as well as adequate toilets and showers. It's a perfect place to rest before the most important day of your trip!

- » Single, Double, Matrimonial, and Triple rooms
- » Dining room and kitchen
- » Toilets and warm showers
- » Wi-Fi

1. Hot springs of Aguas Calientes
2. Train between the Andes Mountains
3. Interior of the train
4. Aguas Calientes
5. Comfortable hotel in Aguas Calientes
6. Comfortable rooms

# DAY 02

Aguas Calientes | Machu Picchu -  
Ollantaytambo - Cusco

## The Hidden Secrets of the Wonder of the World

The big day to visit the Wonder of the World has arrived! We like to be among the first to enter the citadel, so we ask you to leave your hotel early to board the bus to Machu Picchu.

After a 25-minute journey, you will arrive at the entrance gate and have an approximately two-hour guided tour with your expert guide, who will accompany you through the most significant sectors of Machu Picchu, including houses, temples, plazas, and more.

Machu Picchu was considered a legend for a long time since nobody had seen it. In 1911, explorer Hiram Bingham discovered its remains. Machu Picchu is 2,430 meters in a tropical forest, surrounded by extraordinary beauty.



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You will also have the opportunity to climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain if you book the tickets in advance. You can enjoy an incredible view of the entire citadel from either of these places. Afterwards, you will descend to Aguas Calientes.

Once in the town, you will have time to have lunch at a restaurant of your choice (not included) before boarding the train to Ollantaytambo, where our private transportation will be waiting to take you back to your hotel in Cusco. Finally, you can enjoy a well-deserved rest after this incredible journey.



## DAY FACTS

» MEALS:

**Breakfast**

» DIFFICULTY:

**Easy**

» ACTIVITY DURATION:

**2 hours exploring**

» MACHU PICCHU CITADEL

ELEVATION:

**2,430 m / 7,972 ft**

» OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

**Moderate to Challenging**

**(2 hours)**

» MACHU PICCHU MOUNTAIN

ELEVATION:

**3,000 m / 9,843 ft**

» HUAYNA PICCHU MOUNTAIN

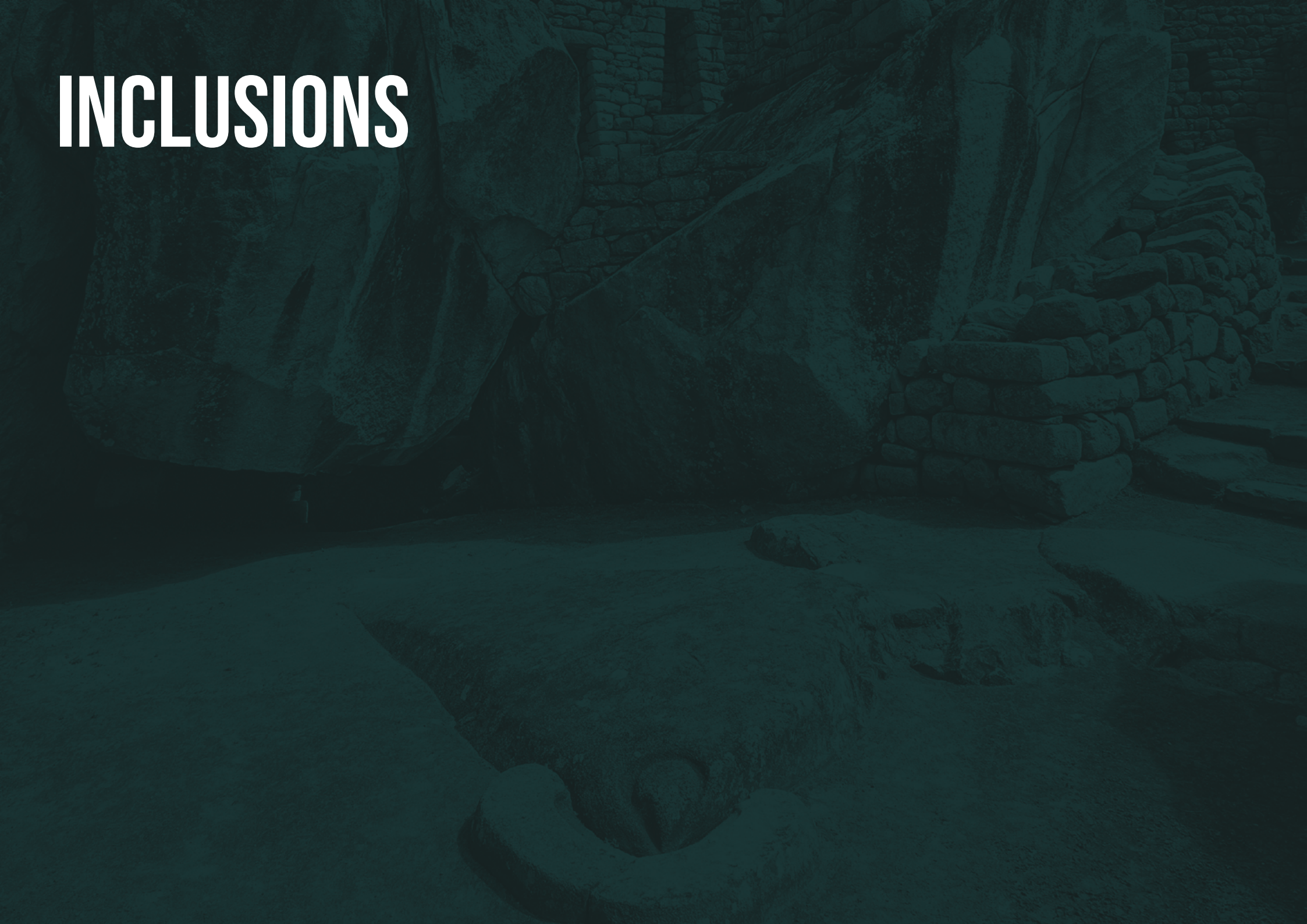
ELEVATION:

**2,720 m / 8,924 ft**

1. Machu Picchu, Inca wonder
2. Impressive Inca architecture at Machu Picchu complex
3. Temple of the condor
4. Terraces in Machu Picchu
5. Temple of the Sun
6. Detail of the Inca architecture



# INCLUSIONS



# ¿WHAT IS INCLUDED?

## » Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entrance Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site (Circuit 2)

## » High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing
- Experienced Tour Guide

Our official tour guides speak English and Spanish and are professionally trained and certified. We choose them for their experience, responsibility, unbridled passion for exploring, and pride in sharing our culture and history. In every experience, they will keep you safe and comfortable so you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have specialized first aid training and attend mandatory training sessions every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit and oxygen to handle basic emergencies (altitude sickness, diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.). If needed, we will evacuate you from the trail as quickly as possible and ensure you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your tour.

## » Accommodation

- Hotel in Aguas Calientes
- You will spend one night in a comfortable hotel in Aguas Calientes, including luggage storage while you visit Machu Picchu. Accommodation is in double, twin, and triple rooms.

## » Meals

- Day 1: Lunch and Dinner at a restaurant in Aguas Calientes
- Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel

## » Transportation

- Transfers
  - Day 1: Pick up from your hotel and transfer to Ollantaytambo train station



- Day 2: Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco
- Train Tickets
  - Day 1: From Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes (Expedition Train).
  - Day 2: From Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo (Expedition Train).
- Round-Trip Bus Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu

# WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

## » Huayna Picchu Mountain

You can climb the famous mountain you always see in the photos behind the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. It's 45 minutes uphill, and coming back down can be scary if you fear heights. You can take this excursion once your guided tour to Machu Picchu ends. The permit must be issued at least one month in advance due to high demand. Consider that there could be changes to protect your integrity, mainly due to weather conditions.

- The ticket for Huayna Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 60.00 per person.

## » Machu Picchu Mountain

Machu Picchu Mountain is another of the mountains that surround the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. It offers less steep, wider, and visually less frightening trails than Huayna Picchu, and it takes 1.5 hours to reach the top. This walk requires an entrance ticket which we can secure for you if we have time in advance.

- The ticket for Machu Picchu Mountain has an extra cost of US\$ 60.00 per person.

## » Day 1 Breakfast

## » Day 2: Lunch in Aguas Calientes and Dinner in Cusco

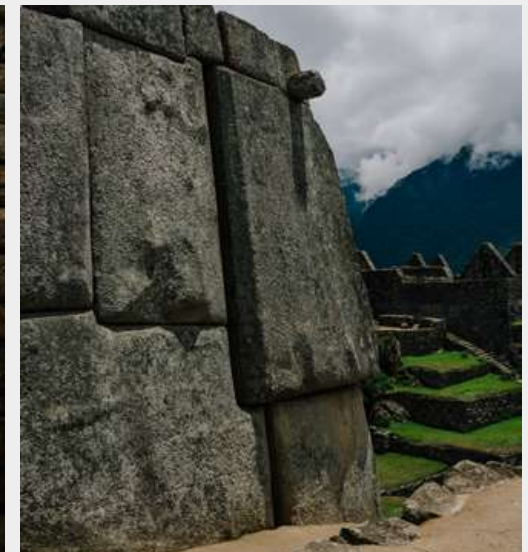
## » Travel Insurance

## » Tips for our staff

Tipping is usual on any excursion to Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our team, something extra is always welcome.

## » Additional costs or delays beyond our control

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemic, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, acts of God, etc.



# BEFORE YOU GO

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Salkantay Trekking in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

## » Pre-departure Briefing

"The evening before your trip, our staff will contact you to provide full instructions on the tour (between 6 to 8 p.m., by phone call and Whatsapp). Please make sure you are available at that time. If not, please contact us by email or phone to schedule a different time or visit the Salkantay Trekking Office."

## » Tour Balance Payment

The tour has to be paid in full at most 2 days before your departure. Otherwise, your reservation will not be confirmed.

It would be greatly appreciated if you pay the tour balance (US dollars or Peruvian soles) at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw money from several ATMs located in the historical center. We also accept payments by CARD or PAYPAL online, but please note this is subject to a 5% fee (charged by Niubiz and PayPal). We do not accept bank checks or traveler's checks as payment methods.

## » Can I store my luggage at your office?

**Of course!** During the trip, you can store your main luggage for free at our office (arrange it with us on the briefing day or by email).

You can also safely keep any equipment you won't need for the tour in your hotel. Almost every hotel offers this service. Please do not leave valuable items in your bags; put them in the hotel safe and ask for an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of theft, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt). For extra peace of mind, place items like credit cards inside a sealed and signed envelope.

## » Pick up of guests

Please note:

- All pickups are within Cusco City, but we recommend booking a hotel in the

historic center for its convenient location.

- Our guide or staff will confirm the pickup time the day before the tour.
- Due to traffic conditions, the pickup time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes.
- Cusco is an old city and has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs are located on streets without car access or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. For such reasons, we strongly advise you to book accommodation with good access.

## » Return to Cusco

Returning from Machu Picchu requires quite a bit of logistics, but don't worry. Everything is included in your tour!

- From Machu Picchu, you'll board a bus for 25 minutes to the town of Aguas Calientes. The buses are boarded according to arrival.
- In Aguas Calientes, you'll board a train to Ollantaytambo. Your guide will give you the train tickets with the boarding time. Make sure you're on the platform 30 minutes early. The train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo takes 1:45 hours.
- Once you arrive at the station, our representative, identified with the Salkantay Trekking clothing, will be waiting to transfer you to Cusco. The trip from Ollantaytambo to Cusco takes 1:30 hours.
- In Cusco, we'll drop you off directly at your hotel and, depending on your hotel's location, as close as possible.

## » Group Tours

Group tours are made up of different people with varying physical conditions and ages. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you acknowledge that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route.

In some cases, a group may want to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all participants, whether such changes are possible.

## » Strikes and Demonstrations

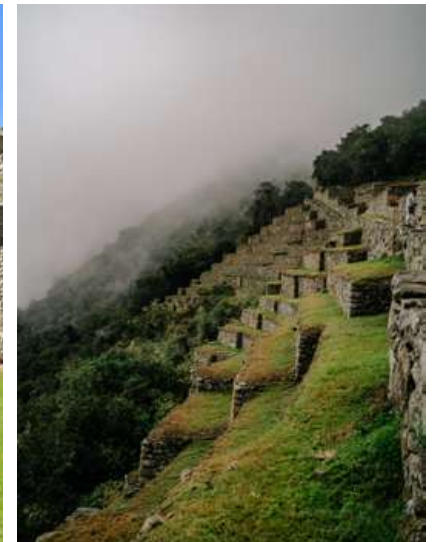
Strikes and demonstrations are usually common in Peru, which may interrupt some of

our tours. Roads and train tracks can be blocked or taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date.

In case of changes or cancellations, our operations department will coordinate everything with you. Your safety is our highest priority, and we will make our decisions to protect it.

### » **Lost objects**

Please pay attention to where you leave your belongings and remember to take everything once you leave a place or a transport. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.



# WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- » Valid Passport
- » Extra money (recommended soles)
- » Personal medication
- » Water bottle or CamelBak - (optional water purifying pills)aa
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Insect repellent
- » Hiking boots or shoes (preferably waterproof)
- » Light footwear or sandals
- » Trekking pants (\*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Shorts
- » Waterproof gaiter
- » Long sleeve t-shirts
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank
- » Snacks: Energy bars, chocolate, candies, dried fruits, etc.
- » Bathing suit
- » Towel



\*It is advisable to wear waterproof pants during the rainy season (September to March).



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