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Inka Trail

3 Days/2 Nights

An alternative to the classic 4 day Inka trail for people with less time. The tour is approximately 42 miles including a trip to the archaeological complex of Machu Picchu on the third day.

At dawn on the third day we will pass through Intipunku, the dramatic ridge top known as 'Gateway to the Sun'. The first glimpse of Machu Picchu is a stunning, dramatic overview of one of the world's greatest cultural treasures. Numerous other Inca cities along the route, now archaeological complexes, help us understand Machu Picchu in the economic, social and military context it had for it's citizens.



Easy Moderate Difficult

Itinerary

Day one

We will pick you up from your hotel at 5am and immediately afterwards go to the outskirts of a place called Piskacucho, 82km from the railroad. Here we will begin our trek which will take approximately 10 hours on average to our first campsite located in Llulluchapampa (3800 m.a.s.l). Initially the trek will be from the end of the sacred river called Wilkamayu or Vilcanota and we will follow a branch of the river called Kusichaca which should direct us to explore important places such as: Miskay, Llactapata, Inka Wasi, Willkaraway and the Huayllabamba community. From here on our trek will be more demanding however we will be rewarded with beautiful panoramic landscapes.



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The initial part of the tour will be across a forest of dense vegetation which will allow us to pass places such as 'Tres Piedras' (3300 m.a.s.l) and Llulluchapampa (3800 m.a.s.l). Once you have finished the trek our porter will have the camp ready, we will have dinner and stay in camp.

Day two

It is considered the most beautiful yet most difficult part of the trek as we cross the highest point (4200 m.a.s.l / 13,780ft) called Warmiwañuska or 'Dead Woman's Pass'. The trek will take approximately 12 hours. After breakfast we will restart the ascent towards the highest point of the Inca Trail before beginning a hard and intense descent towards the Pacaymayo Valley (3600 m.a.s.l). The second highest point is Runkuraqay at 3900 m.a.s.l. From that point we will be able to observe the snow-capped mountains Veronica and Pumasillo in their fullness. During the day we will explore important places and archaeological centres such as Runkuraqay, Sayacmarca, Qonchamarca, Chaquiyocho, Phuyupatamarca and Intipata.

This route takes us round the edge of the jungle with a variety of flora and fauna, a change from the previous days when we observed different types of forest. We will also pass through the famous Inca tunnel before going down the Inca steps which will lead us to the famous archaeological complex Wiñayhuayna (2700 m.a.s.l), the place of our last camp site.

Day three

This is the most anticipated day of our trip. We will start very early in the morning on the same original route to the Intipunku (Door of the Sun) as the Incas. This is a great place to see the city of Machu Picchu, in all its brilliance and majesty.

We will then descend into Machu Picchu and begin the tour which takes approximately 2 ½ hours. Our guide will lead us across the historical wonder giving us the necessary explanations of the principal remains and monuments such as the Principal Plaza, Temple of Three Windows, the Solar Clock, the Quarter of Mortars, the Temple of the Condor, the cemeteries and enclosures, sacred sources, urban and agricultural sector and others.

Then we will have free time to continue admiring the place to take the necessary photographs. The activities suggested for the day are to climb Wayna Picchu, to descend to the village of Aguas Calientes and enjoy its thermal baths. In the evening our train will be returning to Cusco.

Included in the price

- Pick up from the hotel and transportation to 82km
- Bilingual professional guides for the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- Entrance ticket to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- Cookers and porters to carry only the food and camping equipment
- Meals 02 breakfasts , 02 lunches , 02 dinners



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- Vegetarian food (optional)
- Camping equipment (tents, mattress, dining tent, tables, chairs, etc)
- First aid kit and oxygen bottle
- Train to Ollantaytambo – bus to Cusco

Not included in the price

- First breakfast
- Last lunch
- Sleeping bag
- Tips

We recommend

- Original passport
- Regular backpack
- Sleeping bag
- Bottle of water
- Flashlight and batteries
- Insect repellent
- Sun block
- Sun glasses
- Hat/cap
- Water purifying pills
- Appropriate clothing

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