

PREMIUM INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU

by APUMAYO EXPEDICIONES

5 Days / 4 Nights



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Tourism with a purpose



The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is rated among the best trekking trips in the world, because of the exquisite beauty of its natural surroundings. It includes different ecological areas from high Andean passes to deep valleys with tropical rain-forest. Following this ancient Inca Trail, We will be walking by mysterious archaeological sites, half covered by the forest overgrowth that looks like you are discovering them for the first time, and finally arriving to the lost city of the Incas: Machu Picchu.

THE REAL THING

As the offering of SHARED SERVICES that you can find by the web, are mostly competing in price and low budget services, We are introducing a high quality services option, that includes first class camping services called "PREMIUM INCA TRAIL", that means, emphasizes in comfort and innovation in camping services, getting you a combination of a spectacular journey with great facilities, using last generation camping gear, such back rest chairs, great innovations with a 4 inches inflatable mattress attached to its warm sleeping bag, toilet facilities, walking sticks and other camping details that you will enjoy during the trek. It also means that you don't need to bring extra weight/gear from home or to rent it separately of your budget.

APUMAYO SIGNATURE SERVICE

Every trip is conducted by professional adventure tour guides who, will make your trip pleasant, personalized and safe. Our service includes native "Quechua" porters, for your personal luggage and camping gear. Our Andean Chef will provide delicious and balance meals during the trip with gourmet features, using organic products and Andean super foods. Our campsite is a 100% environmental friendly and green powered, without use of disposable batteries and leave no trace philosophy.

The additional 5th day to the regular offering, allow us to walk the all journey in a different timing and avoid crowds, without any hurry to leave our lovely campsites or to reach the next, you can hike under our own pace plus, the chance to have an extra day just to visit and explore the city of Machu Picchu and why not to hike up to Wayna Picchu mountain.

KEY INFORMATION

As the Inca trail to Machu Picchu goes by the hearth of a National Sanctuary, are allowed only 500 visitors per day. It makes that the reservation system have big demands from May to August so, entrances are bought and block since December of previous year. We recommend to arrange and confirm it in advance.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: CUSCO - Km. 82 – HIKE TO HUAYLLABAMBA

Pick you up from your hotel and drive to the Inca trail check in at Km. 82, where we will meet our field staff loading the gear. Our guide will present the all team, including cooks, porters and guest aswell. After check in with park rangers, We start our trek going up and down through a gentle trail by a semi-arid terrain along the Urubamba River with magnificent views of snow-capped mountains. After an impressive view of Llactapata Inca remains, We will leave the Urubamba valley and keep walking by the Kuschaca River valley until reach our first camp site near of Huayllabamba village (around 3000 m.a.s.l – 9842 f.a.s.l.) (Snack/lunch/tea time/dinner included)

Km 82 to Huayllabamba: 11 km (6-7 miles) 6 hours approximately.

DAY 2: HIKE HUAYLLABAMBA TO PACAYMAYO

After a healthy breakfast. We will begin to walk uphill towards our first challenge of Warmihuañusca or death woman pass (4200 mts - 13860 ft. approximately). The trail cross by the last village called Huayllabamba and the second park rangers check point. According with our ascent will find different ecosystems such a primary Andean forest and Andean grassland. We reach the top of the pass, from where is possible to see, 360 degrees along the Urubamba and Huayllabamba valleys that We are leaving behind us. Also overview of the other side of the way, down to Pacaymayo valley, our next campsite, leading by Runkurakay ruins in the top. Now We have to descend hundreds of stairs, until the bottom of the valley. (Breakfast /snack/lunch/tea time/dinner)

Huayllabamba to Pacaymayo: 7km (4.5 miles) 7 hours approximately.

DAY 3: HIKE PACAYMAYO TO PHUYUPATAMARCA

We will depart from Pacaymayo and a while later a zigzagging but short ascent by an original ancient pathway that take us to the Runkurakay circular Inca site. There is no sign of human life, only great forests and abrupt hills. It is the beginning of mixt Andean and Amazon rich vegetation with high chances of sight bird and wild life.

After a rest and our guide explanation, we keep going up until reach the second pass at a place called Pacaymayo alto (3600 mts. – 11181 ft.) and start our way down and then we will clearly notice that the Inca Trail is well preserved from this point with an amazed constructions using the natural landscape and geography. In a short while, we will get the steps which go up to Sayacmarca site (3620 mts – 11946 ft approximately). From Sayacmarca the stone path keep going down, like suspended in the mountain side surrounded now by tropical forest and patches of grassland. Continuing our trek towards Phuyupatamarca site, with brief moments going up and down, the trail crosses the Chakiocha a dry lake and will cross "The Tunnel", a natural cavity produced by a landslide but adapted by the Incas. The trail well-traced borders continue on the hills full of moss and fern. After crossing a small pass, we will see some steep steps and under them the Ceremonial Center of Phuyupatamarca site (above the clouds) (3650 mts – 12045 ft approximately), where our third campsite will be set up. (Breakfast /snack/lunch/tea time/dinner)

Pacaymayo – Phuyupatamarca: 5 km (3.5 miles) 5 hours approximately.

DAY 4 PHUYUPATAMARCA TO WIÑAYWAYNA AND MACHU PICCHU

After an early wake up and a participative meeting with our trekking staff, to say good and thanks for their services and off course, to take some pictures in this spectacular sightseen point and start walking down to explore this Inca site, now more and more into the Amazon vegetation. The trail show us in all the way, the high engineering skills of the builders. Hiking downhill for the next 3 hours we reach Wiñaywayna (2700 mts – 8,856ft approximately), the main archaeological site before reach the lost city of Machupicchu. We will visit and explore the site, from where we can see the Urubamba valley and the river far below. The path continues towards Inti Punku (2740 mts - 9042 ft approximately), or the sun gate, our last pass from where we will have the first sight of the unique and impressive site of Machu Picchu. A boxed lunch will be provided. From this place, Machupicchu (2450 mts - 8085 ft approximately) looks unreal and beautiful. We will have an over view orientation of the citadel. Then we will head down Aguas Calientes town, where we will spend the night. (Hotel and dinner are not included) (Breakfast /snack/boxed lunch)

Pacaymayo – Machupicchu: 9 km (5.5 miles) 7 hours approximately.

DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO:

After an early breakfast, passengers will be met by their guide at the hotel's lobby to start our visit to the Sanctuary of Machupicchu. Exploring this magical Inca city and enjoy learning about how it was builded and discovered.

After this awesome visit, passengers will return to Machupicchu town (known before as Aguas Calientes), here passengers will enjoy lunch (not included). After lunch take the train back to Cusco. Upon arrival to Ollantaytambo train station, passengers will be transferred in a private vehicle back to their hotel in Cusco.(We can make arrangements or any itinerary for any guest for before or after the 5 days trip).

Price per person: US\$ 1360.00

Single supplement: US\$ 63.00

NOTE: Sales Tax (18%) must be added to the net prices for Peruvian based companies and Peruvian citizens.

- 20% commission with one to three persons
- 25% commission with four or more persons

Minimum: 02 persons

Minimum age is 10 years old.

Level: Moderate to difficult (from 1 to 10 as the max, it is 7-8)

Experience not needed.



Duration: 5 days ☀ / 4 nights 🌙

Location: Machu Picchu Sanctuary in Cusco

Meeting point: We pick up clients from any hotel in Cusco or Sacred Valley

Season: Recommended from March to January. Doesn't run in February

Departures: Every Monday and any other dates upon request and availability.

Highlights: All inclusive first class services, small groups, meet other guest with same appreciation of good standards in camping comfort.

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Service includes:

- Pre departure information and update e-mails about the trip plus 24/7 customer service and support, before, during and after the trip.
- Orientation meeting or phone call to your hotel a day before to departure date
- Pick you up in a private van to Km.82 from the hotel.
- Inca Trail entrance reservation fee
- All balanced meals during the trekking (from snack on day 1 to lunch on day 4), preparing by our expert cooking team, using organic and Andean super food products (optional diets for vegans, vegetarians and so on upon request), powered by Munay, organic products. <http://www.munayperu.com/organicos/4583928372>
- One cup of best Peruvian wine per night.
- Hi-tec common camping gear, such kitchen dishes, kitchen tent, state of the art dining tent set up with tables and back rest chairs, toilet tent with biodegradable treatment (when permitted),
- 3 people extra room. 4 season mountain tent for 2 people equipped by Big Agnes inflatable 4 inches sleeping mattress <https://www.bigagnes.com/Q-Core-Deluxe> and cozy sleeping bag system with independent pillow <https://www.bigagnes.com/Gear/Sleeping-Bags/Big-Agnes-Syst-em-Bags>
- Tent amenities, like 01 solar flash light per tent, inflatable pillow, hot water bottle bag and extra polar liner.
- Walking sticks with rubber protection <https://www.bigagnes.com/Gear/Trekking-Poles/All-Trekking-Poles>
- Facilities to our guest to recharge phones and cameras every night, using solar energy. Powered by <https://mpowerd.com/>
- Well treated staff of porters to transport 07 kilograms of passenger's personal luggage (duffle bag with clothes and personal items) and common camping gear.
- Complete first aid kit with oxygen bottle and evacuation/emergencies protocols.
- Professional trained and licensed bilingual guide/host (English – Spanish). Ratio of max 8 passengers per guide.
- Maximum of 12 guest's per group.
- Including a textile bag to be reuse for snacks as souvenir
- Short-wave radios
- Bus ticket OW from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes. (4th day)
- Bus tickets RT from Aguas Calientes to Machupicchu and Aguas Calientes (5th day)
- Vistadome of first class train tickets back to Sacred valley or Cusco
- Sanitation care during the trip (disinfected dishes, filtered water, hand sanitiser)
- Environmental care (classified garbage goes back to Cusco, portable bio toilet treatment)
- Solar powered campsites. 100% of our operation is without disposable batteries

Service does not include:

- Dinner in Aguas Calientes (4th day)
- Breakfast & Lunch in Aguas Calientes (5th day)
- Hotels in Aguas Calientes (4th night)
- Extra services not mentioned in the program
- Tips and extra expenses
- Single supplement (US\$63.00)



IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Minimum 2 persons to make a reservation for the Premium Inca Trail Service, private trips any day upon request.
- Requested single supplement US\$63.00 additional.
- Huaynapicchu ticket is not included (US\$ 77.00), it does not include guide.
- Student discount: US\$ 50.00 for students until 15 year and 11 months

Logistics details:

Briefing

If you are staying in Cusco city your briefing will be in your hotel at 7:00 pm but if you are at the sacred valley, the briefing will be by phone at 6:30 pm so in advanced you have to inform us when and what time you will arrive to Cusco, we need this information to give you the duffle bags.

