



The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu (Cusco to Cusco) Day by day description

Day 1 CUSCO/Q'ENTE

We transfer you from the hotel to Cusco train station (or includes the transfer from Urubamba Htl to Ollanta train station) in order to take the train that bring us to the Km 88. From here the small bridge brings us over to Qente where we will camp. A chance to visit the surrounding archaeological remains of Patallacta (also known as Qentamarca) and in the afternoon Qente and Machu Q'ente - located amidst Inca Terracing. (Time: 4-6 hours, Distance: 11 kms). (L,D)

Day 2 Q'ENTE/LLULLUCHAPAMPA

The trail winds slowly uphill through a small forest to reach the site of Patallacta. After a short visit we continue up the Cusichaca Valley passing houses of settlers to finally reach the andean community of Huayllabamba. From here the trail ascends steeply to a large pampa below the first pass, where we camp. Here we have a breathtaking view of Mt. Huayanay. Along the trail up this narrow hanging valley we begin to see a cloud forest that harbors the Queñua tree, a rare forest to be found in the Andes. Camp overnight at Llulluchapampa. (Time: 6 hours. Distance: 9Kms.) (B,L,D)

Day 3 LLULLUCHAPAMPA/PHUYUPATAMARCA

The trail ascends at a typical angle of 30 degrees towards the pass across the hillside of Puna grassland as we leave our campsite at the edge of the treeline behind, bringing us to Warmiwañusca pass (4,200 ma.s.l./13,776 ft.). The trail descends to the Pacaymayo River and then climbs slowly past Runkuraqay ruins. From here over a lower pass to Sayacmarca, (the waiting village) A clear Inca Trail across a causeway on a now dry lake past a cave, we continue our way along a ridge to finally reach Phuyupatamarca (the town at the edge of the clouds in quechua) were we camp. (Time:8 hrs. Distance 9 Kms)

Day 4 PHUYUPATAMARCA/MACHU PICCHU

After continuing along a buttress and passing Phuyupatamarca ruins, the flagstoned trail winds sharply down into the cloud forest to the ruins of Wiñay Wayna located below the ridge on the same water course as the previous site, it has well restored Inca Ruins. After a two hour walk through a cloud forest covered Inca Trail we arrive at Machu Picchu the way the Incas used to come, watching the magnificent citadel at our feet from Intipunku, the door of the sun. Overnight at hotel in aguas calientes included. (Optional overnight at el Pueblo or Sanctuary hotel available).

Day 5 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

The whole day can be dedicated to explore these extraordinary Inca remains. Including a visit to Wayna Picchu, the hill overlooking the site. The mid-afternoon train takes you back to Cusco, transfer to your hotel.

SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek to the city of departure, two-man tents including sleeping pads, porters, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included. Bilingual guide on the trek, who will handle the first aid kit, last night hotel at Aguas Calientes. Entrance fee to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Inca Trail (USD\$50.00 per passenger).

NOT INCLUDED: Meals in the cities, alcoholic beverages, extras, tips, taxes, laundry service, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets (where applicable), sleeping bags, hiking boots and other personal gear.