



Along the Urubamba River to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Day by day description

Day 1 CUSCO / OLLANTAYTAMBO / CACHICATA

We leave by train or vehicle to the Sacred Valley of the Incas arriving at the village of Ollantaytambo. A half – day immersion in the local archaeological site and visit to the museum —one of the nicest of its kind – we have lunch and in the afternoon walk across the footbridge over the Urubamba river along an old Inca Trail to the community of Cachicata where we visit homes of community members and camp.

Day 2 CACHICATA / PISCACUCHO

After breakfast, we continue our hike along the river passing plots of farmer's until reaching Chillca. From here the hike takes us through some arid canyonlands and scree slopes with beautiful views of Mt. Verónica (Waka Willke) and the surrounding patchwork countryside – amazing spectacle, until reaching our campsite at Piscacucho.

Day 3 PISCACUCHO / Q'ENTE

We cross the footbridge and now continue along the river passing some small Inca sites until reaching Qoriwayrachina - where a view unfolds of the terracing complex at Q'ente. We cross the footbridge at this point and arrive at Q'ente, an old farmhouse which is being refurbished as an Interpretation Center, where we will camp. After lunch we visit Llactapata, a strategic Inca village and if time permits Wayna Q'ente, which overlooks the Urubamba River and the whole valley returning to our campsite.

Day 4 Q'ENTE/ CHACHABAMBA (KM. 104) / MACHU PICCHU

Taking the morning train at km 88 , which winds its way along the gorge of the Urubamba, we slowly enter cloud forest environments and stop at km 104 where we cross the footbridge to visit the site at Chachabamba. From here we begin our hike to Wiñay Wayna which we reach around noon. Joining the classic Inca Trail, at this point we continue along a level Inca Trail with a last ascent to Intipunku, door of the sun. The trail traverses a steep slope below the crest with beautiful cloud-forest scenery to reach the spectacular view of Machu Picchu from this unique gateway, finally descending into the village by the Urubamba River.

Day 5 MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Morning guided visit to this famed citadel with a chance to visit the Wayna Picchu overlook for a different perspective of the surrounding landscape. Lunch on your own and return to Cusco (or Ollantaytambo) in the afternoon.

SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation at the beginning and end, all meals, overnight camp in two man tents, bilingual guide, entrance fees to ruins and luggage transport.

NOT INCLUDED: Breakfast on day 1, dinner on day 5, alcoholic beverages, extras, laundry, taxes, airline tickets and personal gear. Support crew will be at campsites.