



The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu Day by day description

Day 1 LIMA (Friday)

Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Upon early arrival optional tours available to visit modern and colonial Lima. There are also many museums and private collections. Lunch and dinner on your own, overnight at hotel.

Day 2 LIMA/CUSCO (Saturday)

Transfer to the airport to board your one hour flight to Cusco, center of the Inca world. Meet and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the morning free to acclimatize to the altitude (3,400 m.a.s.l./11,400 ft.). An afternoon tour of the city and nearby ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Kenko and Tambomachay will educate you on the history of this astonishing town. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Day 3 CUSCO/Q'ENTE (Sunday)

We transfer you from the hotel to the Cusco train station (or includes the transfer from a hotel in the Sacred Valley) to Ollanta train station in order to take the train that brings us to the Km 88. From here we cross the small bridge over to Q'ente where we will camp. Before lunch we will walk through the archaeological site of Patallacta (also known as Qentemarca) – a large Inca settlement for storage of grain and protected by a fortress type structure. In the afternoon we visit the surrounding archaeological remains of Qente and Machu Qente – located amidst Inca terracing (Time; 4 hours, Distance: 6kms)

Day 4 QENTE/LLULLUCHAPAMPA (Monday)

The trail winds slowly uphill up the Cusicacha 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 in the Andes. Camp overnight at Llulluchapampa. (Time: 6 hours, Distance 9kms.)

Day 5 LLULLUCHAPAMPA/PHUYUPATAMARCA (Tuesday)

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./13,280 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) where we camp. (Time: 8-9hrs. Distance 10 kms)



Day 6 PHUYUPATAMARCA/MACHU PICCHU(Wednesday)

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. There recently restored Inca Ruins are 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 a hotel in Machu Picchu Pueblo (Optional overnight at a luxury hotel available).

Day 7 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO (Thursday)

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 with your guide train takes you back to Cusco, transfer to your hotel, lunch and dinner on your own.

Day 8 CUSCO/LIMA(Friday)

Transfer to airport for your ongoing flight to Lima or elsewhere and assistance with any connections anywhere in Peru.

SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek to the city of departure, hotel night at the beginning and end, 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. Entrance fee to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Inca Trail (USD\$50.00 per passenger).

SERVICES 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.