

TOUR: INCA TRAIL 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

PERU: CUSCO

04 DAYS ITINERARY

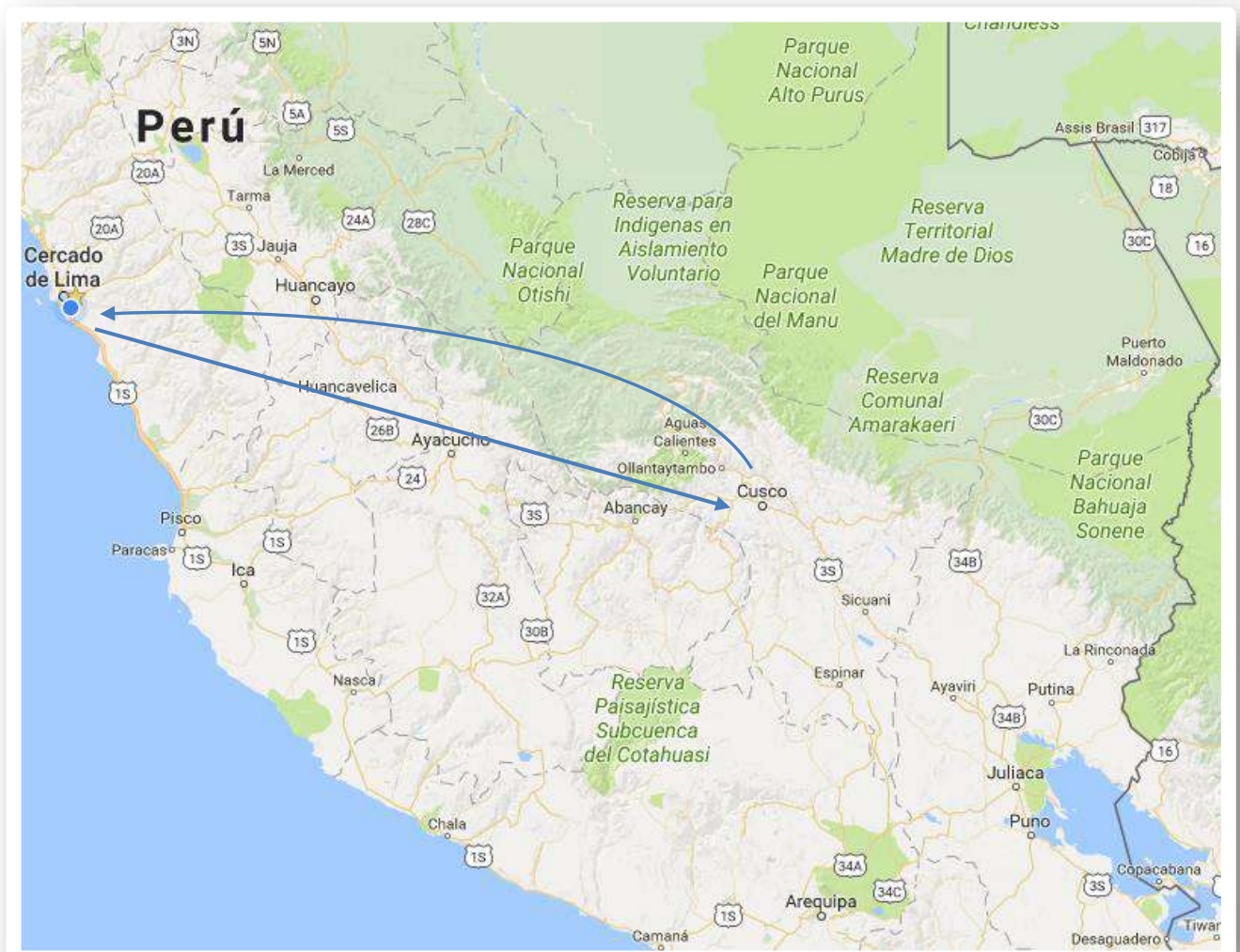
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Itinerary Details

The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu 4 days is beyond a doubt one of the most beautiful trails in the Americas. This is the classic experience, hiking through ecosystems and flora from high desert to rainforests and visiting amazing Inca constructions. You will also encounter incredible views of the Andes Mountains, its valleys and rushing rivers. The Incas used this itinerary for their pilgrimage to the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu, so you will walk the same historical path as the Incas from ancient times.

Altitude: 2050 – 4200 meters

High Season: March - January

Duration: 04 days - 03 nights

Route: Closed in February

Level of Difficulty: Normal

Day 1. Cusco – KM 82 – Wayllabamba – Yuncachimpa

We will leave Cusco (3350m/10990f) at 5:30 am in a tourist bus heading for the Sacred Valley. We will have a short break in Ollantaytambo for breakfast before arriving at km 82, the official beginning of the trek. We will meet the trek team at km 82 and register for the hike. After crossing the Rio Urubamba (2200m/4850f), we will begin the legendary Inca Trail. The first day is easy and a good warm-up for the following days. We will have lunch in Miskay by a small riverbank and learn about the nearby archeological complex Llactapata. Next, we will hike to Wayllabamba (3100m/10170f) and ascend to Yuncachimpa (3300m/10826f), our camping site for the night. This campsite has a great view of the snow-capped Veronica Mountain.

Hiking time: 06 hours approximately.

Lunch and dinner included.

Day 2. Yuncachimpa – Llulluchapampa – Warmihuañusca - Pacaymayu – Chaquicocha

The second day has an early start, and everybody should walk at his/her own pace. We will meet up during short breaks or while ascending the stone stairs. The first 3km/2m are steep, with humid woodlands and the sounds of water to accompany you. The trail first leads through the Valley of Llulluchapampa (3850m/12631f) and ascends for 2-3 hours until you reach the highest point: Warmihuañusca Pass (also called Dead Woman Pass due to its silhouette, 4200m/13780f). This climb is the most difficult part of the Inca Trail. After a short break at the summit, you continue your hike with a steep descent to Pacaymayo River (Sunrise River) towards Runkurakay Pass (3050m/10007f) until we reach our camping site, Chaquicocha at (3650m/11975f). Here you get a well-deserved rest from the strenuous day while enjoying an amazing view of the mountains.

Hiking time: 07 hours approximately.

Lunch and dinner included.

Day 3. Chaquicocha – Wiñayhuayna

The third day is the most beautiful; you will see changes in the ecosystems while you walk to the tropical forest of Wiñaywayna. We will pass two small lakes at the top of the second pass (3950m/12960f). It is a gentle climb through beautiful cloud forests and a small Inca tunnel before the third pass (3700m/12140f) offers a lovely view over the Urubamba Valley. The nearest settlement is Phuyupatamarca (Town Above the Clouds) (3600m/11811f). There is a well-preserved site with a series of Inca baths that are testimony to the excellence of Inca engineering. We pass another Inca tunnel before visiting the ruins of Wiñaywayna (Forever Young) (2650m/8694f). The Inca stairs change into a zigzag trail until we reach a red-roofed white building, our last camping site, where there are hot showers (cost 5 soles) and bottled drinks.

Hiking time: 05 hours approximately.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.

Day 4. Wiñayhuayna – Machu Picchu – Cusco

After breakfast at 4:30 am, we will head – equipped with our flashlights – to Inti Punku (the Sun Gate) for our first spectacular glimpse of Machu Picchu at sunrise. The last descent takes almost one hour before we arrive hiking at Machu Picchu (2400m//7874f) around 8:00 am. For about two hours, you will have a guided tour to better understand the meaning and use of the ancient buildings. After the tour, you will have time to explore the archeological site on your own (e.g. go to the Inca Bridge, revisit intriguing structures, or climb Wayna Picchu if you have a reservation). Afterwards, a bus takes you down to Aguas Calientes, where you can soak in the natural springs (cost 10 soles). We will leave Aguas Calientes by train to return to Cusco in the afternoon. You will have completed the 04-day Machu Picchu Inca Trail.

Hiking time: 02 hours approximately.

Breakfast included.

End of services



NOTES

- The tours can be given in private or shared service (with other tourists), this depends on the choice of each client. The price is different for the private option and group service, request your quote.
- Tour hours are subject to change without prior notice, as they may be affected by different circumstances.
- It is recommended to arrive in Cusco two or three days before starting the Inca Trail, to acclimatize to the altitude. If you need a hotel or other additional services, please let us know.
- Domestic flights are not included in the program, but we can include them at the request of each client.
- Lunches or dinners that are not specified in the program or itinerary are not included.
- For the visit to the mountain of Huayna Picchu, it is required to make a reservation long time in advance, in addition, the additional amount of \$ 70.00 USD is required, which is the cost of entering this place, only then can we guarantee the visit to Huayna Picchu. This cost for entering Huayna Picchu began in accordance with a new State law since July 18, 2011.
- Extra porter: According to the porter law (26702) and supervised by the Ministry of Labor. The collaboration of an extra porter is given under the conditions that the client requires. Therefore, the customer's suitcase must have a weight of 15 kilos and the personal belongings of the porter 5 kilos, which both make a total weight of 20 kilos, as the law stipulates. The porter service has a cost of 130.00 USD. Transportation, entrance to the Inca trail, food and camping equipment are included.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Backpack with rain cover (30- or 40-liter capacity is sufficient), clothing for both warm and cold climates, trekking shoes/boots, slippers or sandals (for showers and hot springs), woolen/synthetic socks and a sweater, long- and short-sleeved T-shirts, rain poncho/waterproof jacket and a hat, bathing suit (for the hot springs in Aguas Calientes), sunscreen, insect repellent, toilet paper, hand cleaner/disinfecting alcohol gel, camera (with rain protection), a flash light/headlamp and extra batteries, snacks (e.g. chocolate bars and dried fruit), original passport, original ISIC student card (to receive the student discount) and extra money in soles, since the weather can be very cold and rainy, your clothes – once wet – won't dry at night. It is best to take some clothes to change.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INCLUDE?

- Private transfer from your hotel in Cusco to km 82.
- Tourist train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco/Poroy or Ollantaytambo and bus to Cusco.
- One-way bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes.
- Transfer from the train station in Cusco/Poroy to your hotel in Cusco.
- Entrance fees to the Inca trail and Machu Picchu.
- Professional bilingual guide (Spanish and English).
- Camping equipment (professional two-person tents: Doite, model Cima 4, extra light/4kg, Doite, model Kailas 3, extra light/4.5kg and Doite, model Himalaya, extra light/4.5kg; sleeping mats, dining tent equipped with table and chairs, a sanitary tent).
- Chef, cooking equipment, meals (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners). Our delicious meals include pancakes, omelets, fresh fruit for breakfast, and spaghetti, chicken, fish, meat and rice for lunch and dinner. All meals are rich in carbohydrates suitable for trekking. Hot drinks are included, especially coca-leaf tea, used for strength and adapting to high-altitude.
- Daily snack time: tea, coffee, wafers, popcorn, and crackers.
- Porters to carry the trek and cooking equipment, plus your sleeping mat and bag.
- First-aid kit and oxygen bottle.
- Unlimited cold, boiled water available during the trek.

Not included

- Breakfast on the first day and last lunch in Aguas Calientes Town.
- Sleeping bag (if you do not have a sleeping bag, we can offer you one for rent)

CONDITIONS

- The participant must carry their own backpack during the Inca trail (including the sleeping bag and mat).
- The agency will not make any refund, if the participant decides to cancel the trip or desists to continue on the Inca Trail (Except the entrance to Machu Picchu and the train ticket, from Aguas Calientes to Cusco, which will be delivered to the passenger in physical form; no money refund).
- The participant must declare if he / she has any illness or personal treatment, and he / she must bring his / her own medicine.
- The agency will not be responsible for natural problems (Landslides) or other problems, in case of strikes and delayed train departures.
- All participants must bring their original passport and if applicable, their "ISIC" student card.

RESERVATIONS

If you want a quotation or a reservation please send us an email to hola@andean-tours.com and provide us with the following information:

- ✓ Number of adults who are going to make the trip / trek:
- ✓ Number of children (specify age) who are going to make the trip / trek:
- ✓ Type of service of your preference for the tours: Private or Shared:
- ✓ Category of hotel of your preference in Cusco before and after the trek: 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars:
- ✓ Type of rooms: single, double matrimonial, double with two beds, triple:
- ✓ Tentative date of arrival in Cusco:
- ✓ Tentative date of return to your country:
- ✓ Special request:

Take into consideration that hotels, trains, and some services, are subject to availability.

PAYMENTS

- Once we send you a quotation and we finish any modification at your request, we will proceed to make the reservations, this process takes about 24 to 48 hours.
- In order to reserve the Inca Trail, we need a prepayment of \$ 300 per person. The balance can be canceled 30 days before the service
- We accept bank transfers (they must cover interbank charges) and PayPal.

A background image showing a stone wall, likely part of an Inca site, in a landscape with green grass and a cloudy sky. The wall is made of large, rectangular stone blocks.

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