

# Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

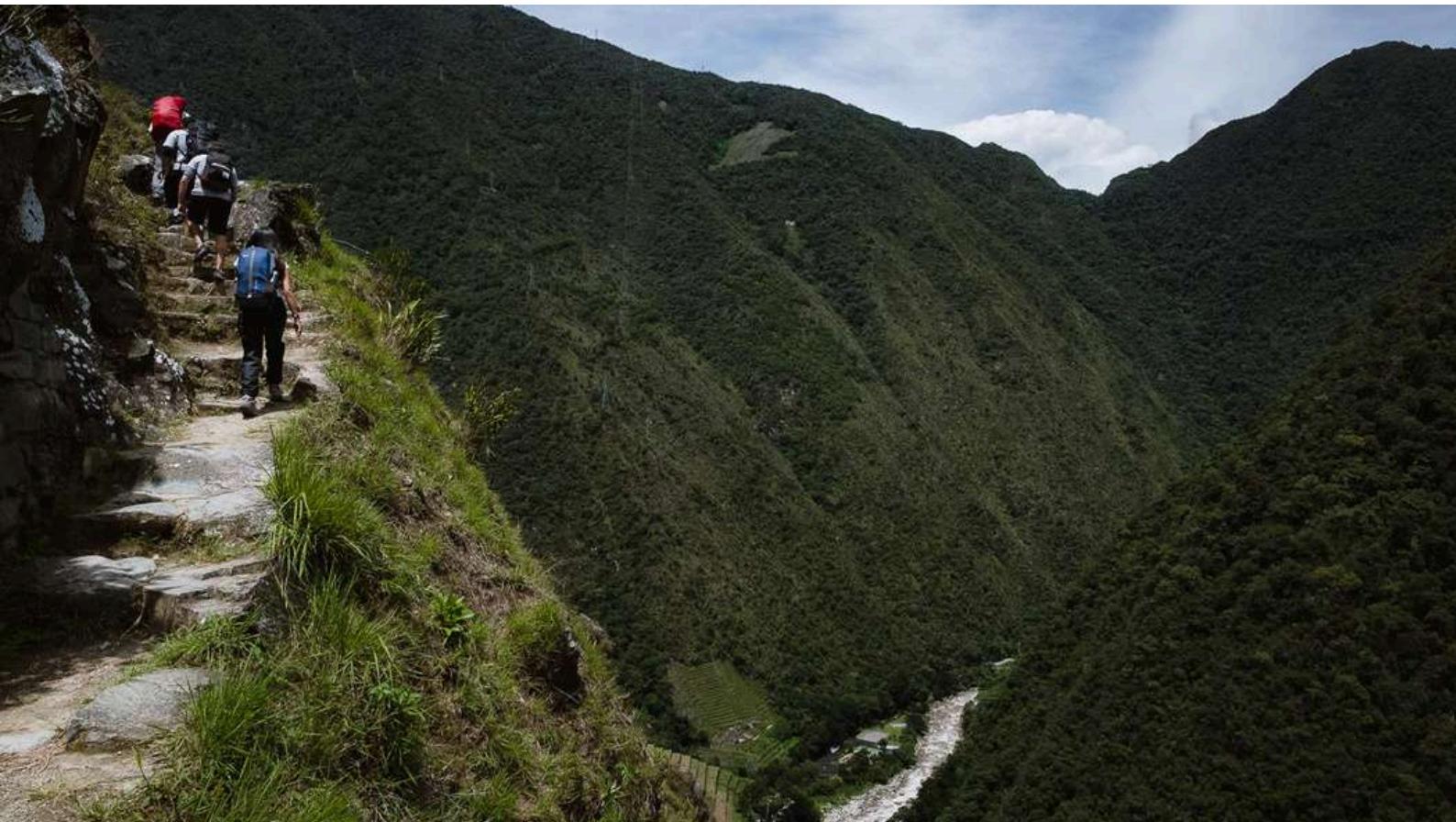
2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT



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# Short Inca Trail

## 2days / 1night



Your departure from your Cusco hotel will be between 4:00 AM and 4:10 AM , heading to Ollantaytambo. The Short 2-day Inca Trail hike to Machu Picchu is a unique opportunity for those who enjoy the adventure but are constrained by time, the Short Inca Trail 2 Days and 1 Night is the ideal option.

**Duration**  
2 days / 1 night  
**Activities**

This unique experience offers a glimpse into one of the modern wonders, Machupicchu, through its intricate network of roads in the midst of exuberant vegetation o f the Urubamba Valley and its diverse fauna. Despite the shorter duration, this trek still delivers a remarkable journey!

**Hiking,**  
**Adventure**  
**Group Size**  
Aprox. 12  
**Difficulty**

### Highlights

- Visit to Machu Picchu twice and the next day early moorning.
- Enjoy the best view of Machu Picchu from the Sun Gate
- (Intipunku) Return on the Expeditions train. Small-group
- tours for a personalized service.

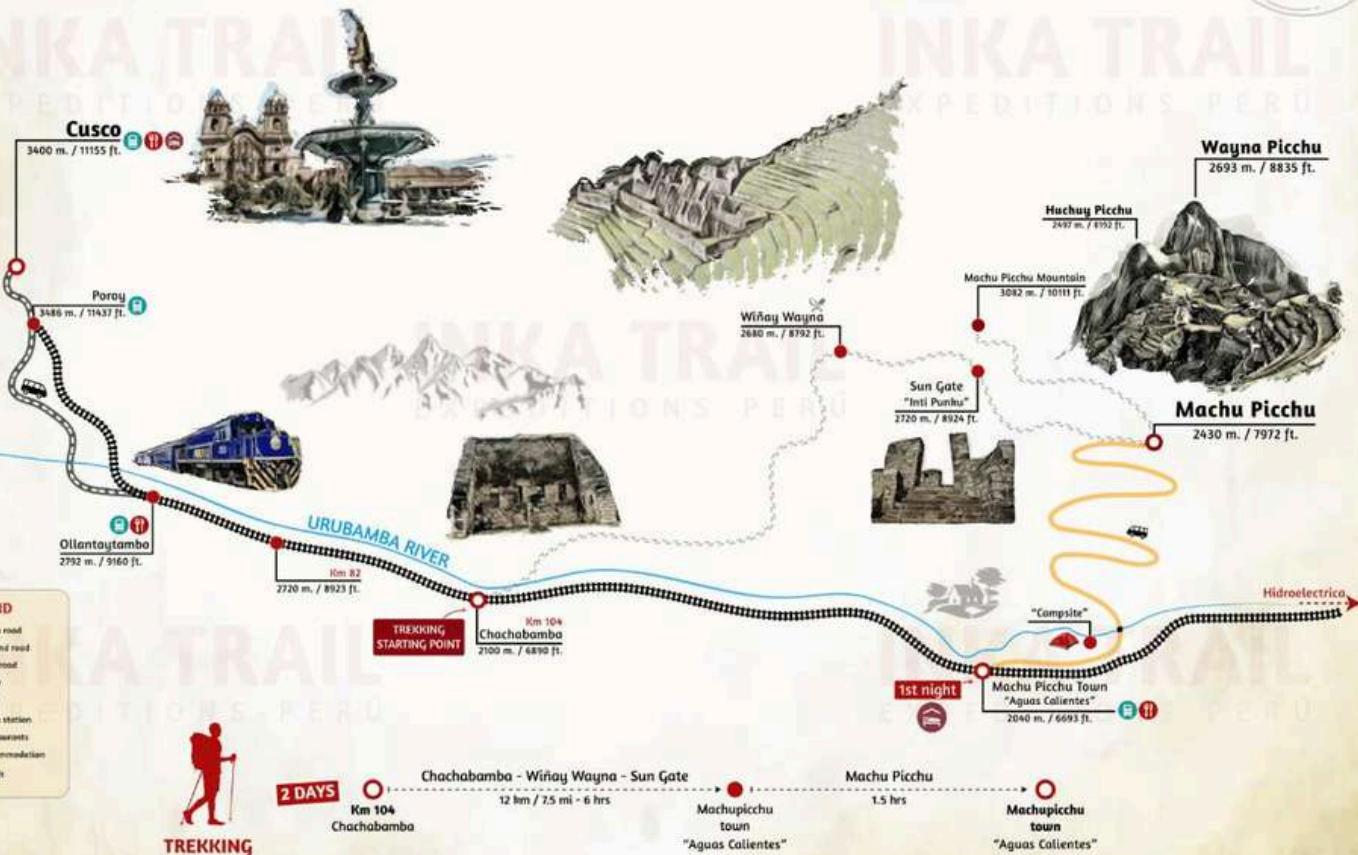
**Moderate**  
**Accommodation**  
**Comfortable hotel 2\***  
**Languages**  
**English, Spanish**  
**Hiking Distance**  
13 km / 8 mi  
**Starts / Ends**



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# Full Itinerary



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# › Day 1

Cusco—Km104 — Wiñay Wayna — Machu Picchu — Aguas Calientes



**HighestAltitude**  
2,700 m /  
8,858 ft

**HikingDistance**  
13 km / 8 mi

**Duration**  
7 hours

**Meals**  
Box lunch  
**Accommodation**

Free hosting  
**Difficulty**

Moderate

We will pick you up from your accommodation between 4:00 and 4:10 a.m. Our journey begins in Cusco, heading to the Ollantaytambo train station, where we will board the tourist train bound for KM 104—the starting point of our adventure. During the hike, we will visit the impressive archaeological sites of Chachabamba (2,150 m) and Wiñaywayna (2,650 m).

Our path takes us through a lush cloud forest that blankets the mountains, where we'll encounter a variety of flora, birds, and captivating wildlife. Before reaching the SUN GATE, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch to regain energy for the final leg of the trek. We then continue to the Sun Gate, from where we will get our first breathtaking views of the magnificent Machu Picchu Citadel. After a 1.5-hour walk, we'll enter the archaeological center of Machu Picchu (**Circuit 1B**) for a brief visit—this spot is ideal for taking the classic photo with the iconic view of Machu Picchu.

Afterwards, we'll take the bus down to Aguas Calientes, a ride that takes approximately 30 minutes.

In the evening, we'll enjoy dinner together and go over the next day's itinerary with our guide

We will spend the night in a comfortable hotel in Aguas Calientes, ensuring we're well-rested for the expedition ahead

## Overnight accommodation (complimentary).

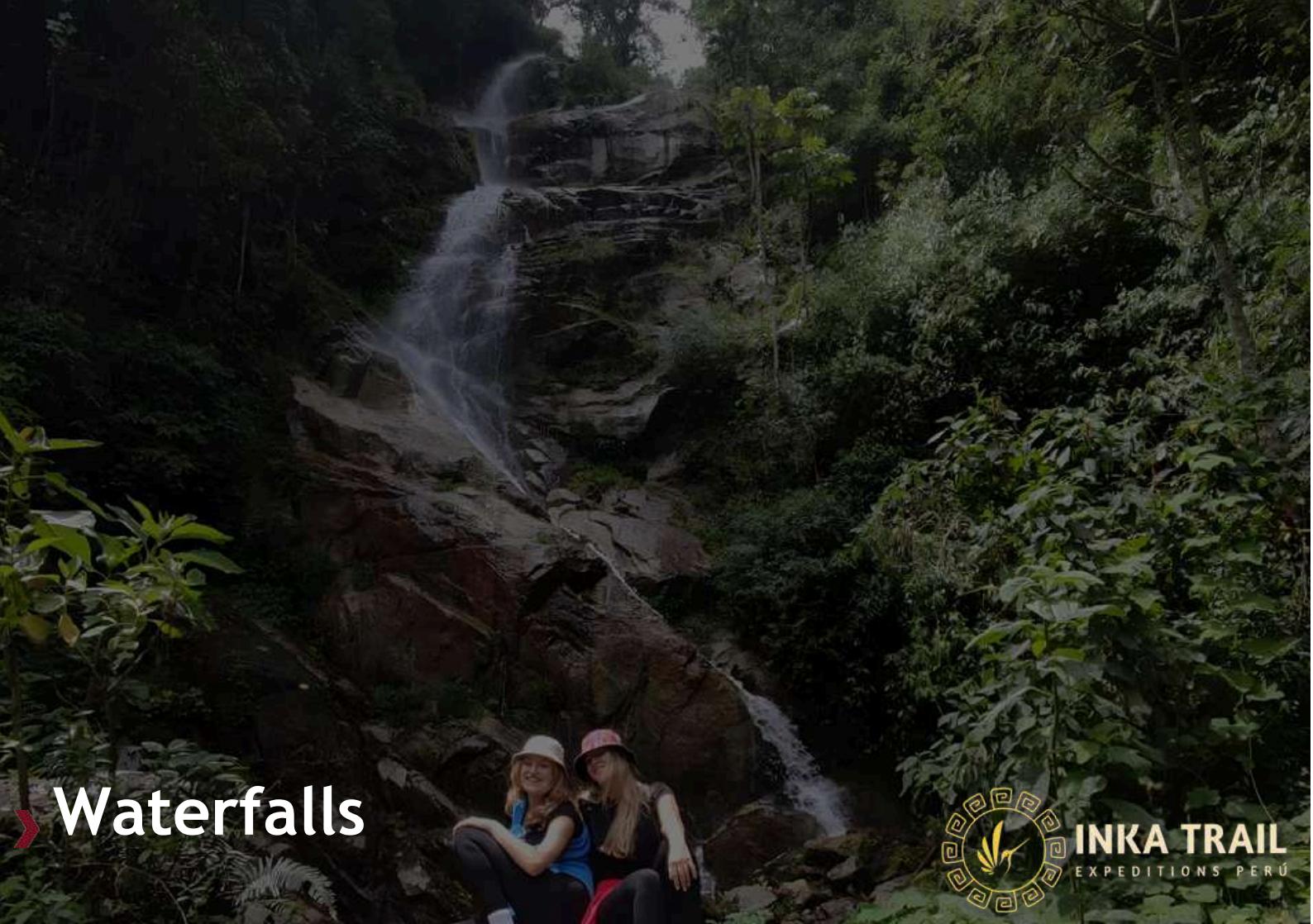
**Encanto** accommodation: Clean, cozy, and well-located accommodation. It has **private rooms** equipped with **TV, Wi-Fi, hot shower, and breakfast included**.

**Upgrade to higher category hotels** (extra cost).



# › Chachabamba





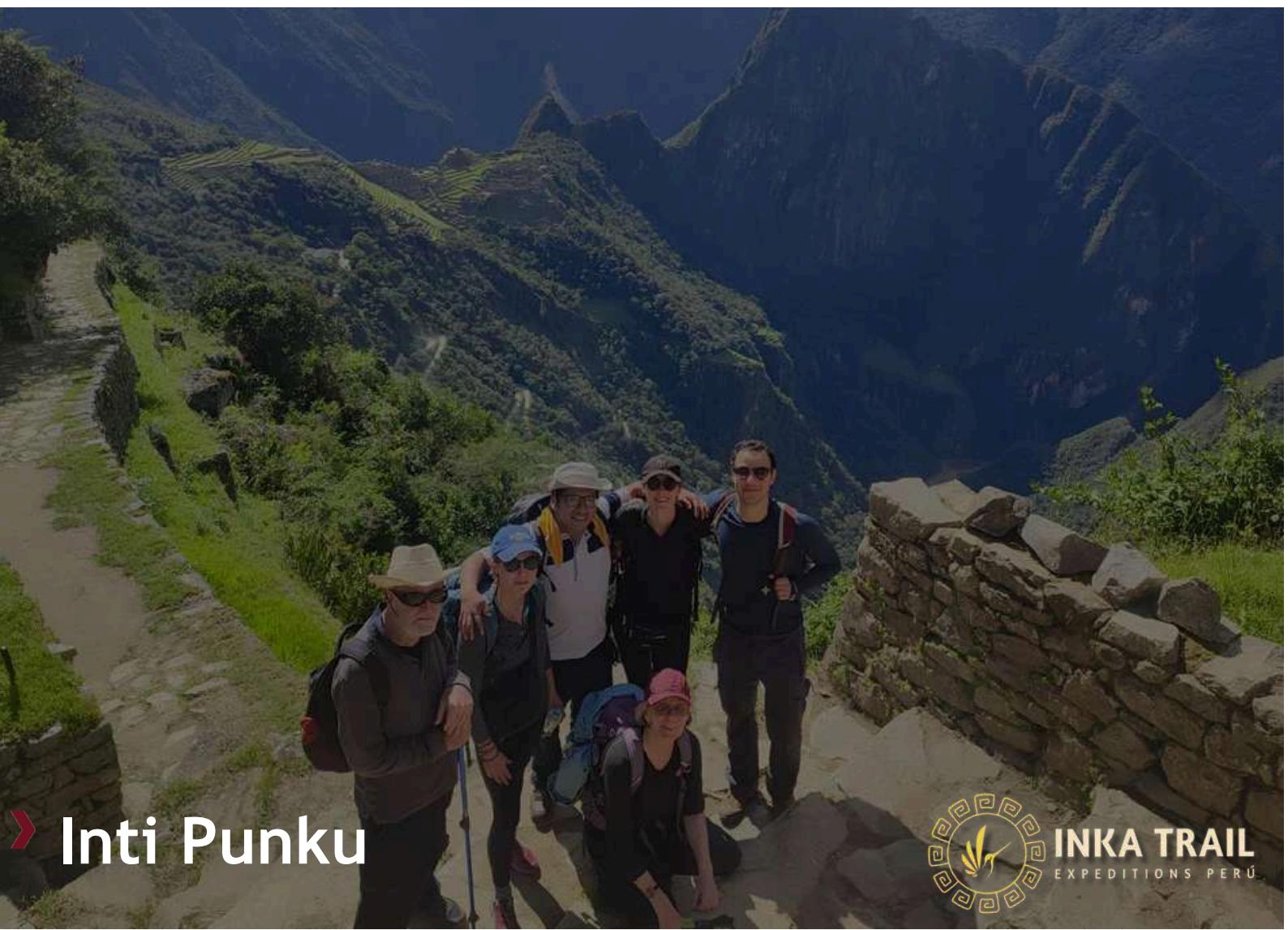
# Waterfalls





## Wiñay Wayna

Archeological Site  
2,650 msnm / 8,694 ft



## Inti Punku



## › Day 2

AguasCalientes – Machupicchu – Train station (Ollantaytambo or Poroy) – Cusco



**Machu Picchu**  
Altitude



4,215 m /  
13,829 ft  
Duration



2 hours



**Meals**  
Breakfast



(hotel)



**Difficulty**  
Easy to moderate

We will wake up early (around 5:00 a.m. — the exact time may vary depending on your tour guide's recommendation) and take one of the first buses to the Machu Picchu citadel to enter as soon as it opens (6:00 a.m., **Circuit 3 B**). There, we will enjoy a guided tour of approximately 2 hours, where you'll learn about the rich history of the Incas and explore all the key areas of the citadel.

If you've reserved a ticket, you may choose to hike **Huayna Picchu** (2 hours round trip) or **Machu Picchu Mountain** (3 hours round trip) for an elevated view of the surroundings. A bus will take you back to Aguas Calientes (**bus ticket included**)

For your return to Cusco, you will take the train from Aguas Calientes to either **Ollantaytambo** or **Poroy** train station. Please note that train departure times may vary depending on availability and scheduling. Once you arrive at Ollantaytambo or Poroy station, our transport will be ready to pick you up and take you back to your hotel in Cusco



# Machu Picchu

Archeological Site  
2,430 msnm / 7,972 ft



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# Ecoguardians of the Inca Trail



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# › Ecoguardians of the Inca Trail



## Responsible tourism that respects and protects this ancient legacy

Our **environmental responsibility** at **Inca Trail** is essential for the conservation of this cultural and natural heritage. This commitment translates into a series of sustainable practices that ensure minimal impact on the environment while offering a quality experience to visitors. Main aspects:

### 1. Promotion of responsible tourism

- Travelers are informed on how to behave respectfully toward the flora, fauna, local communities, and archaeological heritage.
- The number of people per group is limited to minimize impact.

### 2. Commitment to local communities

- Hiring local personnel with fair working conditions.

Promotion of sustainable ancestral practices and dissemination of the Andean worldview as part of respect for cultural and environmental identity.

### 3. Support for the conservation of Salkantay

- Archaeological and environmental conservation projects.
- Participation in cleanup campaigns and environmental volunteering.

### 4. Responsible use of natural resources

- **Rational water consumption:** Water waste is avoided; water from natural sources is filtered or boiled without contaminating it.
- **Sustainable camping:** Use of authorized camping areas without damaging the flora or compacting the soil in sensitive areas.

### 5. Staff training

- **Guides, cooks, and porters** receive training on environmental practices, SERNANP (National Service of Natural Protected Areas) regulations, and conservation protocols.
- **Environmental awareness is promoted among travelers**, informing them about their role in protecting the trail.

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# Inclusions



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## ✓ Is Included

- Pre-tour information: You will meet your Inca Trail guide at our offices (or another agreed-upon location).
- Tourist transportation "Cusco - Ollantaytambo" (round trip).
- "Expeditions" tourist train from Ollantaytambo to Km 104, Chachabamba.
- "Expeditions" tourist train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo or Poroy train station.
- 03 Consettur bus from Machu Picchu citadel to Aguas Calientes (descent, ascent and descent). Highly qualified professional English and Spanish-speaking guide.
- Entrance ticket to the short Inca Trail.
- Entrance ticket to the Machu Picchu archaeological site (**Circuit 1 B**)
- Entrance ticket to the Machu Picchu archaeological site (**Circuit 3 B**).
- **free** basic hosting.
- 1 box lunch, 1 dinner (Options: vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.) on day 1 and breakfast (hotel) on day 2. First aid kit and oxygen tank. (Our guides are highly trained in first aid and mountain rescue, with a comprehensive plan for care, ground evacuations, and air evacuations.)
- Free Luggage Storage: We provide complimentary luggage storage at our offices in Cusco.

## ✗ Is Not Included

- Trekking poles are not included but is highly recommend for the hike. You can bring your own or rent from us. Entrance to additional sites like Huayna Picchu mountain or Machu Picchu Mountain. Breakfast on day 1 and lunch on day 2.
- Additional costs or delays beyond our control, such as natural disasters, adverse weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to passenger health issues (suffering from an illness or health problems), pandemic, changes in government policies, political instability, strikes, etc.

## GENERAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

ITEMS	COST USD	OBSERVATIONS (You can coordinate directly with us)
Pair of trekking poles	USD 15.00	-
Cheap lunch in Aguas Calientes	USD 15.00	-
Gourmet lunch in Aguas Calientes	USD 25.00	-
Entrance fees to Huayna Picchu mountain	USD 75.00	Subject to availability. Schedules: 8 am / 10:00
Entrance fees to Machu Picchu mountain		Subject to availability. Schedules: 8 am – 10.00 am
Simple accommodation in all services	USD 45.00	In case you require more privacy.
Vistadome train	USD 50.00	Additional and subject to availability.
Guided in Hauynapicchu	USD 80.00	
Upgrade hotel 2*	USD 30.00	Casa de Luz / Qoya Palace
Upgrade hotel 3*	USD 50.00	Gringo Bill / Mama Sara
Upgrade hotel 4*	USD 60.00	Taypikala / Tierra Viva

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# Packing List & Equipment



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# › What to wear



## Base Layer

A light thermal layer or a long-sleeved top.



## Long - sleeve Shirts

Be sure to pack at least 2 or 3 along with short - sleeve t - shirt.



## Fleece Jacket

A soft-shell jacket works well, too (preferably waterproof or windproof).



## Warm Jacket

To keep you warm during the coldest nights.



## Trekking pants

Good cargo or convertible pants, for every weather condition.



## Hiking Boots

Light, comfortable, and broken in. Not too tight, and not too loose



## Hiking Socks

At least 4 sets. Make sure they are made of breathable materials like wool or synthetic fiber



## Wool Hat or Beanie

To protect your head during the cold nights



## Day Pack

A good quality medium day pack to carry your personal supplies (recommended 15 to 25 liter backpack)

## › What we provide

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### Oxygen Tank

Emergency oxygen supply carried by the Guide



### Satellite Phones

A satellite phone for emergency calls on the trail carried by the Guide

# › Doing the right things



## **¡By choosing Inka Trail Expeditions, you'll be helping make our world a little better!**

Don't just see our world, enjoy it, and make it better. We know that our Planet Earth is an incredible place, but it's far from perfect. Inka Trail Expeditions is trying to do the right thing to keep our world better for all of us and those who aren't considered. When you travel with us, you're helping our Inka Foundation and giving back just as much, if not more, which is important for all of us!

Inka Trail Expeditions is a social enterprise, which means the social value of what we do is returning to the destination you're visiting.

Our sustainability program, the "Inka Foundation" Code of Ethics for Tourism, promotes responsible and sustainable tourism in the destinations where we operate, minimizing actions that can generate climate change, with the goal of promoting the well-being of our employees, customers, partners, suppliers, and the community.

**With our Inca Foundation, you support local entrepreneurs, small businesses strengthen communities, increase the overall quality of life, and ensure that the places you love will continue to be loved by teaching students to be stewards of the environment.**

With your support, we transform local orphanages into homes, provide clean water and quality healthcare, and fund scholarships for education.

**We try to help some children experiencing difficulties in school, ranging from problems with concentration, learning, language, and perception to issues with behavior and/or making and keeping friends.**

Inka Trail Expeditions invests in the future by focusing on sustainable tourism projects and practices. Our goals are to establish responsible practices that have minimal impact on the environments and communities in which we work, while ensuring our clients enjoy a memorable trip.

There are many reasons to choose Inka Trail Expeditions, but the most important reason is that you can participate in a better world.

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## Why choose Inka Trail Expeditions Perú?

We are a 100% local Peruvian tour operator based in the city of Cusco that offers "Exclusive Adventure at its finest", the opportunity to experience the essence of adventure within the realm of revitalizing comforts. But for Inka Trail Expeditions Perú, a great adventure does not end there, in order for it to be a life changing experience for our guests, we believe that the experience has to be an adventure on many levels.



**Comida en el Camino Inca**  
La mejor comida peruana hecha por chefs locales



**Alta calidad de equipamiento**  
Equipo de campamento superiores proporcionados



**Transporte**  
Transporte puerta a puerta para una experiencia de viaje perfecta



**Trenes desde Machu Picchu**  
Acceso exclusivo al tren panorámico Vistadome



**Seguridad y Protección**  
Personal capacitado y equipo de seguridad



**Nuestros Porters**  
Un equipo de portadores de élite para llevar todo tu equipo.

## Our Certifications



## Recommended



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