

Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

FULL DAY



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Full Itinerary



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› Day 1

Cusco–kilometro 104 - Wiñaywayna - Machupicchu - Aguas Calientes - Cusco



Highest Altitude
 2,700 m /
 8,858 ft



Hiking Distance
 13 km/ 8 mi
Duration



8 hours



Meals
 Box lunch



Difficulty
 Moderate

Departure from your hotel in Cusco toward kilometer 104, where our adventure begins. Our first stop is the archaeological site of Chachabamba (2,250 meters above sea level), historically significant for its agricultural production, which was transported to Machu Picchu. We then continue our hike to the archaeological center of Wiñaywayna. Along the way, we will enjoy beautiful views of the Urubamba River and have the chance to observe various species of orchids.

We will visit the archaeological site of Wiñaywayna before enjoying a well-deserved lunch. In the afternoon, we will continue our hike toward Machu Picchu, getting a distant view of the site from the Sun Gate (Inti Punku) during a splendid afternoon. After an approximately 1 hour and 40-minute walk, we will enter the archaeological center of Machu Picchu via Circuit 1B (upper terraces) at 2,400 meters above sea level for a guided tour of about 40 minutes.

From there, we will descend to the checkpoint where we will register and leave our belongings (optional, extra cost for lockers), to re-enter (with a second entrance ticket) this time inside the citadel of Machu Picchu (entrance to circuit 3 B) with your professional guide who will take you through the incredible archaeological area, showing you its main streets, city squares, and finely carved stone stairways. Here you will have the opportunity to visit the Temple of the Sun, as well as the Sacred Plaza, the Royal Tomb, and the Main Plaza. Machu Picchu is considered the spiritual center, as the center of esoteric wisdom of the world. Once the guided tour is over, you will have free time to explore the site at your own pace.

Return to Cusco: Descend to Aguas Calientes and then board the Expedition train to the Ollantaytambo or Poroy train station. Please note that the train departure time may vary depending on the train schedule and availability. Once you arrive at the Ollantaytambo train station, our transportation will be ready to pick you up and take you back to your hotel in Cusco.

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1 DAY

Km 104
Chachabamba

Km 104 - Wiñay Wayna - Sun Gate - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes

12 km / 7.5 mi - 7hrs

Machupicchu
town

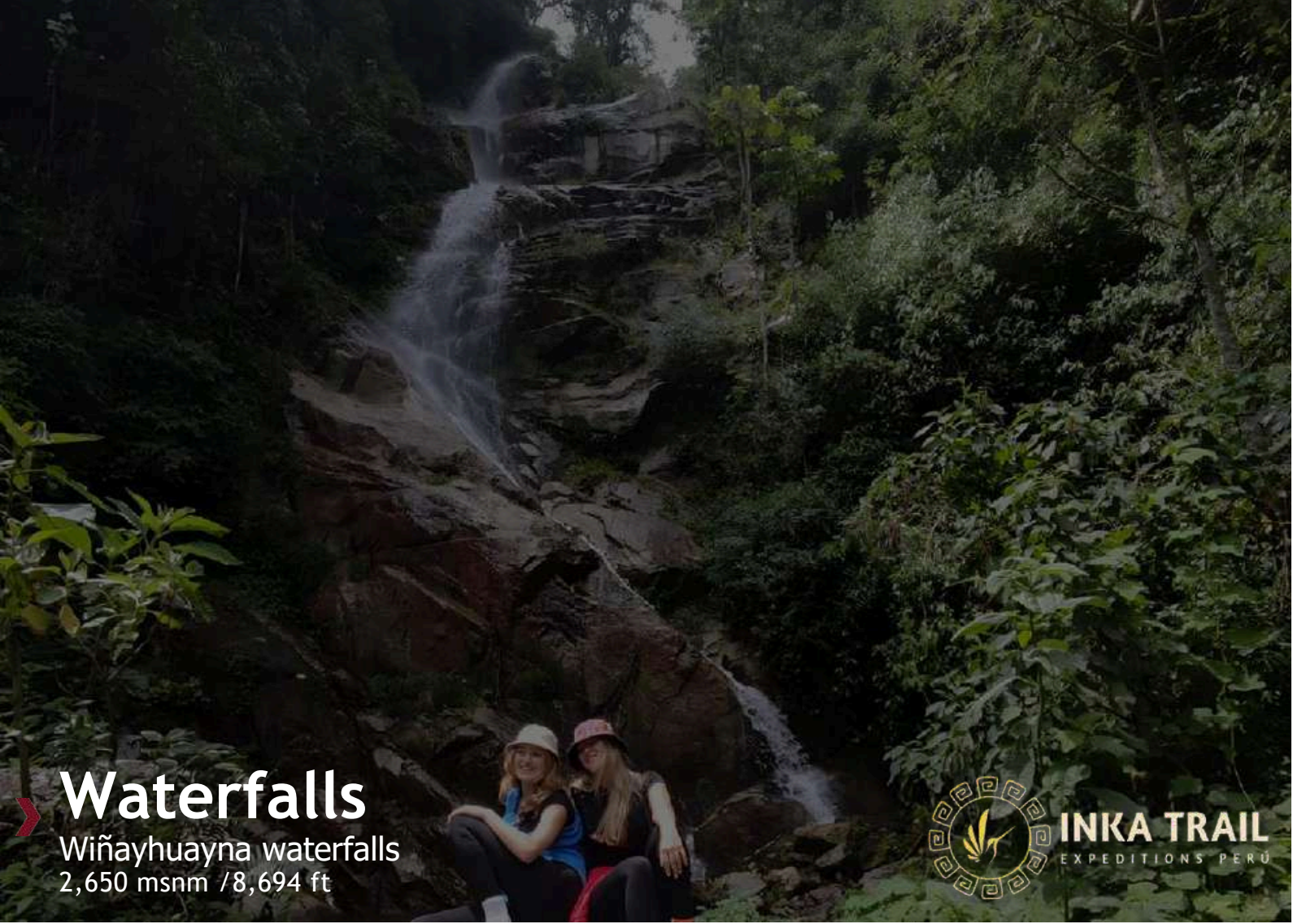


» Chachabamba

Archeological Site
2,170 msnm / 7,119 ft



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Waterfalls

Wiñayhuayna waterfalls
2,650 msnm / 8,694 ft



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Wiñay Wayna

Archeological Site
2,650 msnm / 8,694 ft





 **Inti Punku**
Archeological Site
2,745 msnm / 9,005 ft






Machu Picchu

Archeological Site
2,430 msnm / 7,972 ft



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 **Expeditions**
Train





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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

- Briefing and pre-departure assistance. The night before the trip, you will be invited to our office for a briefing.
- Round-trip tourist transportation, Cusco - Ollantaytambo/ Ollantaytambo - Cusco
- "Expeditions" tourist train, Ollantaytambo - Km 104, Chachabamba.
- "Expeditions" tourist train, Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo or Poroy station.
- Consettur bus from Machu Picchu citadel to Aguas Calientes.
- Highly qualified professional guide in English and Spanish.
- Entrance ticket to the Inca Trail.
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu **circuit 1B**.
- Entrance ticket to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary (**Circuit 3B**)
- 1 box lunch (Options: vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.). 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. You can leave your luggage before starting your tour (exclusive to our passengers).

✗ Is Not Included

- Trekking poles. Travel insurance. Additional expenses (Huayna Picchu / Machupicchu Mountain).
- Breakfast.
- 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 to Huayna Picchu Mountain	USD 75.00	Subject to availability. Schedules: 7:00 am –9:00 am
Entrance to Machu Picchu Mountain		Subject to availability. Schedules: 7:00 am –9:00 am
Vistadome train	USD 50.00	Additional and subject to availability.
Entry to the Machu Picchu archaeological site with an additional circuit: Circuit 2 (A or B) or 3B (check availability with your sales agent)	USD 50.00	Guided tour time: 2:00 p.m

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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 daypack to carry your personal supplies (recommended 15 to 25 liter backpack)

› What we provide



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 will help 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 is 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 are not considered. When you travel with us, you are helping our Inca Foundation and giving back as much, if not more, but importantly for all of us!

Inka Trail Expeditions is a social enterprise, which means that the social value of what we do is returned to the destination you are 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 contribute to climate change, with the goal of ensuring 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 overall quality of life, and ensure that the places you love will continue to be loved, teaching students to be guardians of the environment.

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

We try to help some children who experience difficulties in school, ranging from problems with concentration, learning, language, and perception to problems 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 that 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.



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.



Food in the Inca Trail
The best Peruvian food made by local chefs



High-Quality Equipment
Superior camping equipment and gear provided



Transportation
Door-to-door transport for a seamless travel experience



Trains from Machu Picchu
Exclusive access to Panoramic Vistadome Train



Safety and Security
Expertly trained staff and safety equipment



Our Porters
An elite porter team to carry all your equipment

Our Certifications

Recommended





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