



# **DESCRIPTION**

Short on time? We can work with your schedule to provide you the same experience in a shorter time! This is simply the second half of the four-day Inca Trail Trek. We will take you by bus and train to the starting point of the trek and then make our way by foot to the town of Aguas Calientes at Machu Picchu's base. The two-day tour is well worth it and far more rewarding than simply taking the train all the way there as you can pause to enjoy your beautiful surroundings before ascending to the ruins.

Many of our clients don't have the time to spend four days trekking along the fantastic and historic Inca Trail. This is why we offer the trek a two-day option as well. We want to work with you to give you a hike that is personalized to your schedule and needs! This tour is for those looking for adventure, excitement, and a greater understanding of Peruvian history and culture. We welcome all individuals who are willing to adventure with us and have the experience of a lifetime!

In addition to this, you will spend the night at a hotel in Aguas Calientes instead of camping. On both, however, you will get to see the incredible natural beauty and unique historical infrastructure.





# FULL ITINERARY

# **INCA TRAIL 2 DAYS**

# Why Take the Inca Trail 2 Days?

- ✓ This package allows you to visit the most beautiful archaeological site on the route, Wiñaywayna, while heading to the magical citadel of Machu Picchu.
- ✓ The world-famous Inca Trail is considered one of the best five treks in the world.
- ✓ Travel through the mystery of cloud forests, feel the power of majestic snow-capped mountains, and discover ancient archaeological sites.
- ✓ Feel the powerful energy of one of the 7 Wonders of the World that is the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu.
- ✓ This route is designed for travelers who don't have much time, but who want to enjoy the best of the traditional Inca Trail and a comfortable night's rest in a hotel.
- ✓ You'll cover 16 km / 10 mi, so this route is suitable for travelers of all ages or to enjoy as a family.

Your adventure begins very early. We'll pick you up from your hotel's door at 4:00 a.m., and we'll travel for approximately 1.5 hours to Ollantaytambo. There you can make any last-minute purchases. We'll head to the train station and board the train at 6:10 a.m. You'll observe how the sun covers the immense Andean mountains in gold while the train crosses vast fields of cultivation and follows the Urubamba River's course until reaching Km 104, the starting point of our trek. There we'll give you a snack that you can enjoy in the middle of the route to recover your energy, and we'll have a small orientation meeting to go over the last details. We'll start our walk on the same path as the classic Inca Trail, surrounded by vegetation and always under the gigantic sacred mountains' watchful eye. After walking for 3 hours, we'll arrive at the most surprising archaeological site on the entire route (not including Machu Picchu, obviously), the Wiñay Wayna complex (meaning 'always young' in Quechua) located at (2,650 m / 8,694 ft). Most hikers don't stop here to be amazed by its exquisite architecture. You'll discover a ritual water source, temples dedicated to nature's forces, and beautiful agricultural platforms. Wiñay Wayna is the perfect place to learn a little more about the impressive history of the Incas.

Again, take time to relax, be silent, and connect with Mother Earth through birdsong or the wind's refreshing touches. A little further, you'll see the camps where the people who do the classic Inca Trail spend the night. We will have time to eat our delicious box lunch provided for our company, fill your stomach, and recharge your energies.

We'll continue our tour and walk to Puerta del Sol from where you will see, for the first time, the impressive architecture of Machu Picchu. The landscape seems as though it's come out of a dream. It's a magical place built by thousands of ancient Peruvians that have withstood the test of time, and it appears imposing right in the middle of the mountains and the start of the deep Amazon jungle. Take the opportunity to capture some incredible photos and honor the memory of those who, through their deep relationship with nature, could lift such a wonder.

We still have a long way to go until we reach the citadel itself. At that time, tourists will have already started to leave Machu Picchu, and you'll be able to enjoy the magical golden light of sunset falling on those immense stone walls with tranquillity. However, the best will come the next day. We'll take an alternate path that will take us to the exit. There we'll board a bus to the small city of Aguas Calientes where your hotel is located. Before you can rest comfortably, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner in the town's best restaurant. Try to get to bed early as you have to wake up before the sun rises.



After a well-deserved night of rest, the day you have waited for so long has arrived: today, you'll stroll through the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu's mysterious streets. Our day begins at dawn. We'll board a bus that will take us for around 25 minutes to the Inca citadel entrance, and we'll enter just before the sun begins to paint this special place in gold.

In Machu Picchu You'll take a guided tour for 2 hours, and then you'll have plenty of time to explore Machu Picchu or feel free to climb up to Huayna Picchu (Be sure to book these tickets in advance). Another option is walking to see the Incan Bridge. You will be able to stay and enjoy this magical city for more than 6 hours before hiking back down to Aguas Calientes to catch the train at 16:22 hrs (subject to availability) to Ollantaytambo. A private bus will pick up our group and drop you off at your hotel in Cusco at about 20:00 hrs. Rest your feet and your body now because we can assure you your heart will still be soaring for weeks and years to come!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Ministry of Culture of Peru is the entity in charge of regulating the use of the Inca Trail and issuing entry permits. To access the Inca Trail it's essential that you have a permit from the Ministry of Culture that matches the information in your passport exactly: name, passport number, nationality, and age. Only officially licensed tourism agencies can secure these permits, which are not transferable under any circumstances. If you want to change the date of your excursion you have to make sure that there are spaces available on the new date and buy a new permit. They are rules of the Government of Peru that we all must follow. If there are no permits available for the date you want, there are other incredible options to walk to Machu Picchu. We'll be happy to find the perfect excursion for you.





# INCLUSIONS

# INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

At Peru Hike company, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour ineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logiscs, but please pay aenon to the details to avoid missing anything. Some items may be different for specific programs, so please read carefully before booking with us.

# WHAT IS INCLUDED?

## **High Quality Service & Safety**

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced Guide speaks English and Spanish
- ✓ Medical Kit First Aid Kit
- ✓ Customer Service 24/7
- ✓ Extra oxygen

### **Permits & Entrance Tickets**

- ✓ Entrance Ticket to Machu Picchu Archaeological Site
- ✓ Entrance Ticket to Inca Trail Hike

## Transportation

- ✓ Private transportation from Cusco to Ollantaytambo train station
- ✓ Day 1: Train Ticket from Ollantaytambo To KM 104 Chachabamba
- ✓ Day 1: Bus ticket down from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- ✓ Day 2 (Return): Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo
- ✓ Day 2 (Return): Private transport from Ollantaytambo train station to your hotel in Cusco.

#### Meals

- ✓ Meals: 1 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, and 1 Dinners
- ✓ Meals: vegetarian and vegan

## Accommodation

✓ Hotel in Aguas Calientes



# WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED?

# What Is Not Included?

- Travel Insurance
- Tips for our staff





# BEFORE YOU GO

# Is it for me?

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this secon, you'll find the answers to all the quesons you have about traveling with Peru Hike Company in one place. Please read the following informaon carefully – it will help you with any quesons about our services.

# How many days do I need to acclimate in Cusco before the Trek?

It's very important to be well acclimated to the altude before exerng yourself on a trek. We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 2 or 3 days before the trek starts to help you adjust and avoid possible problems with altude sickness while on the trek. You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we sll recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before departing for the trek. Here some suggestors for acvies to do in the Cusco vicinity before starng your adventure trek:

City Tour and Sacred Valley







Sacred Valley



### **Briefing or Informave Meeng**

All informaon meengs and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meengs last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to aend, you must coordinate another me by email, by phone or at the Peru Hike Company office.



#### Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

The trek has to be paid for in full at most 6.30 pm one day before your departure (generally aer the briefing). It would be much appreciated if you pay the trek balance in cash US dollars or local currency at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw some money from several ATMs along Avenida Sol (either in US dollars or local Peruvian Soles). You can pay by credit card or PAYPAL online, but you will have to pay an charge, charged by VISA and PAYPAL. We do not accept bank checks or payment of the balance by traveler's checks.



### **Group tours**

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical condions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route. It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, aer consulng with all the parcipants, if such modificaons are possible.



### Can I store my luggage at your office?

Of course! During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge. Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of the, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.



#### Strikes and demonstraons

Strikes and demonstraons are usually common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date. Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellaons, everything will be coordinated with you by our operaons department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.



### Pick up of guests

Peru Hike Companycan pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup me in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the me may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic. Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodaon with good access.



#### **Lost Objects**

Please pay aenon to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport, tents, or restaurants. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour

# THANHS!

# **DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**



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