

Detailed itinerary specially prepared for party of 3

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Machu Picchu Tour 3d/2n



Day 1 Sunday 02 October 2011: Cusco – Urubamba Valley – Machu Picchu

We will pick you up in the airport and transfer you to the Ollantaytambo Train Station to board the 3:40pm Vistadome Train to Aguas Calientes. You will have time to grab lunch and enjoy the Andean scenery during your drive from Cuzco city to the Urubamba Valley. Once aboard the Vistadome you will embark on a nearly 2 hour ride through marvellous scenery to the town of Aguas Calientes, located at the base of Machu Picchu.

Upon arrival you are at your leisure to explore the small town. Please note that dinner is included at your hotel.





Overnight at El Mapi – 3 stars

Smart and contemporary are the defining elements of this hotel, amidst the commercial village of Aguas Calientes, from where you can admire and interact with the quaint folksy town and get a different perspective. The hotel is efficient, playful and people friendly; it welcomes a wide range of guests expecting an uncomplicated visit. El Mapi's design brings together a blend of classic, modern, restored and recycled materials.

Superior Room 1 night Breakfast and Dinner included

Made known to the World by Hiram Bingham in 1911, Machu Picchu was inhabited by local

farmers, but probably remained unknown to the Spaniards. The purpose of an Inca city in such a spectacular location remains under debate: Some argue it was built and populated by the family of a powerful Inca ruler (Pachakutek). Others have proposed that the principal function of Machu Picchu was a "trading center" to maintain a reliable supply of coca leaves and other tropical supplies for the priests and royalty in Cuzco. Bingham fostered the school of thought



that the city existed primarily for strategic and defensive purposes, yet another theory supports the idea that Machu Picchu was an indoctrination center or school to teach the leaders and their children about other Andean cultures conquered by the Incas.

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2 Monday 03 October 2011: Machu Picchu – Cusco

Today your entrance ticket to the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu and bus back down is included. We recommend an activity-filled day. There are several excursions depending on your fitness level and how long you want to be outside. The following are the options that are available to do:

- Hike to the Inca Bridge. This is a very nice 40 minute round trip walk. It starts from the site
 itself and takes you on a narrow Inca road amidst lush vegetation to a stone Inca bridge.
 Rating: Easy.
- Hike to *Inti Punku* or Sun Gate, the original Gateway into *Machu Picchu* when approaching the site along the the Inca Trail. *Inti Punku* is the first point in the Inca Trail where the ruins of *Machu Picchu* are visible. The views of the site and surrounding landscape are superb. Rating: **Moderate**. Approximate total time for this excursion is 2 ½ hours: 1 ¼ hours there, and 1 ¼ hours return.
- Hike up to Wayna Picchu, the mountain behind Machu Picchu. This hike is strenuous and is only recommended for people who are not scared of heights and who have a good fitness level as a fair amount of climbing is required. There are fabulous views of Machu Picchu from the top. You may want to extend your visit and go to the Moon Temple as well, which is close to Wayna Picchu. This will add an extra hour total to this excursion. Rating: Rigorous. Approximate total time for this excursion 2½ hours, or 3½ hours including visiting the Moon Temple.
- Hike up to Machu Picchu Mountain. The hike starts at the site itself. It is strenuous and steep and takes you up to 3050metres/10,007ft. Rating: Rigorous. Approximate total time for this excursion 3-4 hours.

Once your day of exploring on your own is complete, take the 30 minute bus ride back down to Aguas Calientes where you will board your train at 4:20pm. You will take the Vistadome Train to Cusco where a driver and vehicle will be waiting for you to take you to your hotel.



Overnight at Casa del Campo Cusco – 3 stars

This 3-star hotel, about a 10 minute walk from the main plaza, features spectacular views of the The Plaza de Armas and the marvelous mountain landscape that surround this imperial Incan city. Several outdoor patios offer great views and plenty of fresh mountain air. This is an ideal location for relaxing after a long day of exploring Cusco and the surrounding area. At night you can enjoy the magical city lights from the hotel terraces or from the pleasant dining room. All the hotel's rooms have room service, telephone, private toilet and bath. Other amenities include: laundry service, cafeteria, luggage storage.

Standard Room 1 night Breakfast Included

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 3 Tuesday 04 October 2011: Cusco – Lima

Today in the morning you will picked up from you hotel and escorted to the airport to take your domestic flight back to Lima.

End of Services

Price Includes:

- Machu Picchu entrance fee.
- Huayna Picchu entrance fee.
- Train tickets from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes, and return ticket from Aguas Calientes to Cusco.
- Bus ticket down to Aguas Calientes from Machu Picchu.
- All ground transportation for airport transfers and train station transfers.

Price Does Not Include:

- Service of local official tour guide(s).
- BTC Tourist Ticket. (Entrance fee into tourist sites in the Sacred Valley and Cusco)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Optional tipping of the staff.
- Expenses such as medical immunizations (if any).
- Travel insurance.
- Other expenses of a personal nature.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Domestic Airfare.
- International Airfare.

CONTACT DETAILS

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