

## Inka Trail 4/3 Nights

### **Day 1: Cusco – Km 82- Llactapata - Huayllabamba**

Begin your adventure on the Classic Inca Trail. Around 5:00 a.m., our Conde Travel team will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco and take you by private transport to Kilometer 82 (Piscacucho), the official starting point of the Inca Trail.

After a short check-in, you'll start a gentle and scenic hike along the Urubamba River, surrounded by majestic Andean peaks, ancient agricultural terraces, and a natural landscape that feels frozen in time.

Along the way, you'll stop to visit the archaeological site of Llactapata (2,840 m / 9,318 ft), an ancient agricultural center overlooking the Sacred Valley. Here, your expert guide will unveil the secrets of Inca engineering and worldview, introducing you to the magic of this sacred path.

You'll then continue hiking along the Cusichaca River valley, passing through picturesque Andean villages and gradually transitioning from open fields to a vibrant Andean forest filled with life, fresh air, and natural energy.

After a total of 6 to 7 hours of hiking (including breaks and lunch), you'll reach the first campsite at Huayllabamba (2,950 m / 9,678 ft), a peaceful spot surrounded by mountains and lush vegetation. There, you'll enjoy a hot dinner prepared by our chef as the starry Andean sky marks the beginning of an unforgettable experience.

### **Day 2: Huayllabamba - Warmiwañusca Pass - Pacaymayo**

This is the most demanding day of the Inca Trail, but also one of the most rewarding.

After a good breakfast at the Huayllabamba campsite, we'll begin a steady uphill hike along trails surrounded by Andean vegetation and increasingly expansive views.

The highest point of the day is the Warmiwañusca Pass (4,200 m / 13,779 ft), known as the "Dead Woman's Pass." From there, you'll enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Andes and have time to rest and celebrate your accomplishment.

We'll then descend toward the Pacaymayo Valley (3,600 m / 11,811 ft), where our second campsite is located. Here you can relax, enjoy dinner, and rest before continuing your adventure the next day.

Although it's the toughest stretch, many travelers agree that this day is one of the most memorable of the entire journey.

### **Day 3: Pacaymayo - Runkurakay - Sayacmarca - Puyupatamarca - Wiñay Wayna**

After an early breakfast, we begin a day where Inca history and Andean nature intertwine at every step. The hike starts with a moderate ascent to Runkurakay (3,800 m / 12,467 ft), an ancient semi-circular Inca lookout that offers panoramic views of the valley.

From there, we continue to the second pass of the Inca Trail (3,950 m / 12,959 ft), then descend toward Sayacmarca, an impressive archaeological site built on a rocky ridge. Its name means "inaccessible town," and it perfectly showcases the Incas' ingenuity and advanced architecture.

The trail continues through cloud forests, stone tunnels, and ancient stairways, leading us to Puyupatamarca ("the town above the clouds"), one of the highest and most spiritual points of the route. On clear days, you can see the stunning Andean landscape and even a distant view of the Machu Picchu Sanctuary.

Finally, we descend a long and scenic stretch of Inca steps to Wiñay Wayna (2,650 m / 8,694 ft), considered by many to be the most beautiful archaeological site on the Inca Trail. With its terraces, temples, and ceremonial fountains, it's the perfect place to savor the final moments of the journey.

We'll spend the night at a comfortable campsite surrounded by peace and nature, just a few hours away from Machu Picchu.

This day combines breathtaking scenery, living history, and an unforgettable hike that brings you closer to your ultimate destination.

#### **Day 4: Wiñay Wayna - Sun Gate (Inti Punku) - Machu Picchu - Cusco**

On this final and exciting day of the Classic Inca Trail, we start very early, before dawn. After breakfast at the Wiñay Wayna campsite, we begin the last stretch toward Machu Picchu along an ancient trail surrounded by tropical vegetation and a mystical atmosphere filled with history.

After about an hour and a half of hiking, we arrive at Inti Punku (the Sun Gate), the original entrance to Machu Picchu during the Inca Empire. From this point, we enjoy an awe-inspiring view of the citadel as the first rays of sunlight illuminate the ruins — a magical and emotional moment that marks the culmination of the journey.

From Inti Punku, we descend to Machu Picchu (2,430 m / 7,972 ft), where we'll take a two-hour guided tour of the main temples, plazas, terraces, and ceremonial areas. Our professional guide will share insights into the site's history, spiritual significance, and architectural details that earned it recognition as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

After the tour, you'll have free time to explore on your own or, if reserved in advance, climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain.

Later, we'll take a bus down to the town of Aguas Calientes, where you can have lunch and relax before boarding the train back to Ollantaytambo, followed by your final transfer to your hotel in Cusco.

A perfect ending to an unforgettable adventure that combines history, nature, and the thrill of arriving at Machu Picchu on foot — an experience that will stay with you forever.

#### **Included:**

- Roundtrip bus Cusco – Ollantaytambo
- Briefing the day before your tour in our office
- Free luggage storage during your trip
- Pick-up from your hotel on the first day
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners (vegetarian and vegan options available)
- All transport included during the trek
- Professional bilingual guide (English and Spanish)
- Experienced cooks and porters who take great care of you
- Comfortable campsites with dining and kitchen tents
- High-quality tents (2 people per tent)
- Personal porter to carry up to 7 kg of your belongings
- Scenic return trip on the Vistadome train
- Transfer back to your hotel after the tour
- Entrance tickets for the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
- Bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu entrance
- Safety equipment, including first aid kit, oxygen, and satellite phone
- Portable toilets at each campsite
- Drinking water and snacks every day

**Not included:**

- Personal care items
- Sleeping bag and inflatable mattress (available for rent with us)
- Walking sticks (available for rent with us)
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- Breakfast on the first day, lunch and dinner on the last day
- Entrance to the hot springs in Aguas Calientes
- Extra porters (each porter carries up to 20 kg per person)
- Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain ticket – additional cost of US \$70 per person
- Advance booking required at least 3 months in advance

**What to Bring:**

- **Original passport. (A copy is not accepted!)**
- Walking shoes
- Lightweight backpack (20L)
- Cash (preferably small bills)
- Hat or cap
- Long and short sleeve shirts
- Long and short pants
- Raincoat, thick sweater, plastic bags
- Scarf, gloves, and hat for cold weather
- Eco-friendly water bottle (reusable bottle)
- Sunglasses, toilet paper and flashlight
- Camera and cellphone chargers
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Medical and personal item

**Emergency Contacts:**

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