Classic Inca Trail 4 Days

four days on inca stone to the sun gate

DURATION	DIFFICULTY	MAX. ALTITUDE	BEST SEASON
4 days / 3 nights	Challenging	4,215 m	Apr — Oct (closed in Feb

The Classic Inca Trail is South America's most famous trek and, in our view, the best way to reach Machu Picchu: on foot, along the same stone road Inca runners used more than five centuries ago. It covers 42 km (26 miles) from Kilometer 82 in the Urubamba Valley to the Sun Gate, crossing high passes, cloud forest and a string of archaeological sites you can only see from this trail. On day two you climb Dead Woman's Pass (4,215 m / 13,828 ft), the highest and hardest point. After that the trail becomes a journey through Runkurakay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca and Wiñay Wayna, with orchids, drifting mist and views of Salkantay and Veronica peaks. On day four you rise early to walk through the Inti Punku and see the citadel from above. We take care of the official permits, porters, camping gear, the kitchen and your train back. You just hike at your own pace, in a small group, with guides…

01 Cusco — Km 82 — Wayllabamba

Early drive to Piscacucho (Km 82), permit check and a first stretch along the Urubamba River. We stop at Llactapata and camp near Wayllabamba.

14 km · 6–7 h · 3,000 m

02 Wayllabamba — Dead Woman's Pass — Pacaymayo

The toughest day: a steady climb of about 1,200 m to Warmiwañusca Pass (4,215 m) followed by a stair descent into the Pacaymayo Valley.

10 km · 6–7 h · 4,215 m

03 Pacaymayo — Sayacmarca — Phuyupatamarca — Wiñay Wayna

The longest day and, for many, the most beautiful: a second pass, four archaeological sites and a descent into cloud forest to Wiñay Wayna.

16 km · 7–8 h · 3,950 m

04 Wiñay Wayna — Sun Gate — Machu Picchu — Cusco

A pre-dawn start to clear the last checkpoint, a hike to Inti Punku and your first look at Machu Picchu. Guided tour, bus to Aguas Calientes and train back.

6 km · 2–3 h · 2,720 m

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Pre-trek briefing the evening before at our Cusco office
- Hotel pickup and transfer to Km 82 (Piscacucho)
- Official named Inca Trail permit and Machu Picchu entrance
- Professional bilingual guide (English/Spanish), plus an assistant for larger groups
- Porters for the camping gear and up to 7 kg of your personal items

• Cook and meals on the trek (4B, 4L, 3D), vegetarian option available
• 3 nights in 4-person tents shared by 2 people
• Inflatable sleeping pads, dining tent and a private toilet tent for the group
• Boiled water to refill your bottles each morning and at meals
• First-aid kit and emergency oxygen
• Bus down from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
• Expedition or Voyager train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo
• Transfer from Ollantaytambo to your hotel in Cusco

NOT INCLUDED

• Sleeping bag (rental available)
• Trekking poles (rental available)
• Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain tickets
• Vistadome train upgrade
• Travel insurance covering high-altitude trekking
• Tips for porters, cook and guide
• Personal expenses, drinks and extra snacks

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