Machu Picchu by Car 2 Days (via Hidroeléctrica)

from the malaga pass to the jungle, on foot beside the railway

DURATION	DIFFICULTY	MAX. ALTITUDE	BEST SEASON
2 days / 1 night	Moderate	2,430 m	Apr — Nov

The road route is the most affordable way to reach Machu Picchu and, for many travelers, the most fun. Instead of the train, we cross the Andes over the Malaga Pass, above 4,300 m (14,100 ft), and drop into the high jungle through Santa María and Santa Teresa to Hidroeléctrica. From there you walk about 2.5 to 3 hours on a flat trail beside the railway, past plantations, rivers and forest, to Aguas Calientes. You sleep in a hostel with a private bathroom and hot water, and the next morning you get up early to enter the citadel at first light. A professional guide leads the visit, and afterward you have time to explore at your own pace before walking back to Hidroeléctrica, where our van is waiting to take you to Cusco. This tour suits travelers with some energy and a sense of adventure: there are many hours on a winding road and about 22 km (14 miles) on foot in total. In return, you…

01 Cusco — Malaga Pass — Hidroeléctrica — Aguas Calientes

Road trip over the Malaga Pass into the high jungle, lunch at Hidroeléctrica and a 2.5–3 hour walk along the railway to Aguas Calientes. Dinner and overnight in a hostel.

11 km walk · 2.5–3 h · 4,316 m

02 Machu Picchu — Hidroeléctrica — Cusco

Early climb to the citadel on foot or by bus, guided visit and free time. Walk back to Hidroeléctrica and drive to Cusco, arriving at night.

13 km walk · 5–6 h · 2,430 m

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Pickup in Cusco and tourist transport Cusco – Hidroeléctrica (round trip)
- Professional drivers and shared tourist vehicle
- Meals as listed in the itinerary (1B, 1L, 1D)
- 1 night in a hostel in Aguas Calientes with private bathroom, hot water and Wi-Fi
- Machu Picchu entrance ticket (circuit based on official availability)
- Professional guide at the citadel (Circuits 2A and 2B)
- Support on the hike and briefing on the evening of day 1
- Ticket booking through the official system

NOT INCLUDED

- Bus Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu (about US$24 round trip or US$12 one way)
- Breakfast on day 1, lunch and dinner on day 2
- Return by train (optional, pay the difference)
- Guide for Circuits 1 and 3 (optional private service)
- Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain climb
- Tips, drinks and personal expenses

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