Machu Picchu Full Day by Train

the inca citadel in a single day, following the urubamba river

DURATION	DIFFICULTY	MAX. ALTITUDE	BEST SEASON
Full day	Easy	2,430 m	All year

If your time in Cusco is short, this is the most direct way to see Machu Picchu without spending a night away. We leave before dawn for Ollantaytambo, you board PeruRail's Expedition train, and in a little over an hour and a half you ride down the Urubamba canyon, from the high Andes to the cloud forest, all the way to Aguas Calientes. Our team meets you there holding a sign with your name. You ride the bus up the Hiram Bingham road and explore the citadel for about 2.5 hours with a professional guide who explains the architecture, the temples and everyday life in this Inca city. Afterward you have free time for lunch in town before catching the train back. We handle all the logistics: buying tickets through the official system, matching train times with your entry slot, buses and transfers. All you need to bring is your passport, layered clothing and a good pair of walking shoes. It is…

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Pre-dawn drive to Ollantaytambo, Expedition train to Aguas Calientes, bus up to the citadel and a guided visit of about 2.5 hours. Free time in town, then train and transfer back to Cusco.

15–16 h day · 2,430 m (7,970 ft)

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Pickup at your Cusco hotel and transfer to Ollantaytambo station
- Expedition train ticket Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes
- Expedition return train ticket Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo
- Return transfer from Ollantaytambo to your Cusco hotel
- Bus up from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu
- Bus down from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes
- Machu Picchu entrance ticket (circuit based on official availability)
- Professional guide at the citadel, about 2.5 hours (Circuits 2A and 2B)
- Assistance from our staff in Aguas Calientes
- Ticket booking through the official system

NOT INCLUDED

- Breakfast and lunch
- Guide for Circuits 1 and 3 (available as an add-on private service)
- Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain climb (supplement)
- Personal expenses, souvenirs and tips
- Travel insurance

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