

## PERU - INCA TRAIL EXTENSION



### TRIP CODE

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### DEPARTURE

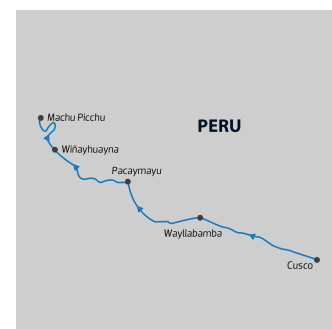
Daily

### DURATION

6 Days

### LOCATIONS

Peru, Machu Picchu



## INTRODUCTION

The Inca Trail is undoubtedly one of the highlights of South America: a stunning trek over the Peruvian Andes, through cloud forest and high rainforest, to reach one of the world's most important archeological sites and one of the seven New Wonders of the World - Machu Picchu.

Note: Due to restrictions on the number of people allowed to trek the Inca Trail daily by the Peruvian Government, we recommend booking at least 3 months in advance (6 months for the May-September peak season) to ensure that you can trek your desired dates.

## ITINERARY

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## DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Cusco

On arrival in Cusco, please proceed to the arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note that this service includes a driver only.



## DAY 1: Arrival in Cusco

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobblestoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.



## DAY 1: Pre-Trek Briefing

This evening the trek operator will hold a pre-trek briefing at your hotel where you'll have the chance to meet your guide and receive a comprehensive overview of your upcoming adventure. Time will be reconfirmed with you directly on arrival. Please note your sleeping bag which is included will be provided to you at this briefing.



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## DAY 2: Inca trail to Wayllabamba

Early morning you will be collected from your hotel to travel along the Sacred Valley, before arriving at Km 82, the official beginning of the trek. On arrival at the starting point, register for the hike and cross the bridge over Urubamba river (2200m/4850f) to begin an unforgettable trek. The first day of the trail is easy to walk and a good warm up for the following days ahead. After roughly three hours, arrive in Miskay and stop for some well-earned lunch. You will also learn about the nearby archaeological complex of Llactapata. After lunch, we continue the hike to Wayllabamba at 3,100m, where we ascend to Yuncachimpa 3,300m above sea level where the camp will be set up. Enjoy some rest time and a hearty-but-healthy dinner before your first night under the stars. The campsite has splendid views of the snow-capped peak of Mount Veronica.



## DAY 3: Inca Trail to Pacaymayu Valley

A demanding day of ascents and descents awaits, around 9km over seven to eight hours. The first 3km/2m are steep, with humid woodlands and the sounds of water to accompany you. The trail first leads through the Valley of Llulluchapampa (3850m/12631f) and ascends for 2-3 hours until you reach the highest point: Warmihuañusca (4,200m / 11,111ft) also known as the 'Dead Woman's Pass'. See alpacas and llamas feeding of Ichu, a type of Andean grass. This is not only the highest point of the Inca Trail, but also the halfway point on the trek to Machu Picchu! Continue the hike down with a long and steep descent to Pacaymayu river towards Runkurakay Pass (3050 m/ 10007 ft) until reaching the camping site Chaquicocha at 35650 m (11975 ft) . There will be time to relax before an early dinner and a much-needed sleep.



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### DAY 4: Inca Trail to Wiñayhuayna Inca site

The third day is the longest day of the trek, but not the most strenuous. You will be amazed of the changes in the ecosystems while walking to the tropical forest of Wiñayhuayna. Begin the day with an hour's walk up original Inca steps to the archaeological site of Runkurakay at 3,800m (12,470ft). Pass a number of small lagoons to Runkurakay Pass before the trail snakes down to Yanacocha (the Black Lagoon) and continues to the archaeological site of Sayacmarca. Stop at Chaquicocha camp for lunch. Continue along the paved Inca path, through a preserved Inca tunnel to reach the Phuyupatamarca Pass and its ruins. From here, there are often incredible views of the snow-capped Mount Salkantay, the most beautiful mountain in the region. There is then a steep decent to Wiñayhuayna, an Inca site built into the hills with fountain structures and curved terracing, overlooking the Urubamba River. Your final night of the trail will be spent here.



### DAY 5: Arrival to Machu Picchu

The most anticipated day of the trek begins early with a trek Into Punku (The Sun Gate), where you will catch the first glimpse of the breath-taking Machu Picchu Ruins. The last descent takes almost one hour before arriving to Machu Picchu. On arrival at the ruins, there will be a guided two hour tour giving an insight into the history behind the principal remains and monuments before some time to explore the ruins at your leisure. However you will only have access to the lower parts of the site and are unable to access the upper terraces and shrines of the citadel during this viewing. Due to these restrictions, we have included an additional private tour of the site, which will follow on from this tour, allowing you to explore different areas of the sacred site with your experienced guide. You may also choose to scale the Huayna Picchu Mountain, which gives you spectacular views of Machu Picchu from a different perspective. (Please note that access to Huayna Picchu Mountain requires an extra, limited-availability permit - please enquire at time of booking if you require one.) Afterwards you may choose to visit the hot springs (wonderful for aching legs!) down in the village of Aguas Calientes. The train back to Cusco will depart from Aguas Calientes in the late afternoon.



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DAY 5: Transfer from Ollantaytambo to Cusco

Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station in the Sacred Valley to Cusco.



DAY 6: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hotel and camping while on the Inca Trail.
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>Accommodation</p> <p>Transportation Cusco - Piskacucho / Train Station - Cusco</p> <p>Tourist train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco (Poroy)/or Ollantaytambo</p> <p>Bus going downhill from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes where the train station is situated.</p> <p>Entrance fee to the Inca Trail</p> <p>Professional bilingual guide</p> <p>Cook : In charge of meal preparation.</p> <p>Porters : Carry tents and cooking equipment.</p> <p>Meals : 3B/4L/3D/Snacks and afternoon teas. Food vegetarian available upon request prior coordination.</p> <p>Equipment : Tents (2 people in each 3 person-capacity), inflatable mattress, dinner tent, kitchen tent, tables and chairs, first aid kit (Including oxygen bottle). Radio Communication.</p> <p>Minimum 2 people and maximum 16 people</p> <p>Sleeping bag</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>Entrance fee to Huayna Picchu</p>

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<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	4 (average fitness required).
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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