

Classic Inca Trail

To Machu Picchu

4 Days / 3 Nights





About the Inca Trail

The Inca Trail 4 days to Machu Picchu is the most iconic trekking route in South America — the only path that lets you enter the citadel the way the Incas did, through the legendary Sun Gate at sunrise. Over four unforgettable days, you'll hike 43 km (26 miles) of ancient stone paths, cross the Dead Woman's Pass at 4,215 m (13,828 ft), and explore remote archaeological sites like Wiñay Wayna and Sayacmarca — accessible only on foot. With Ali Peru Treks, a 100% local Peruvian operator based in Cusco, your Inca Trail permits are guaranteed, your group stays small (max 12 people), and every logistical detail is handled by our expert team. Whether you're planning your classic Inca Trail hike for 2027, permits sell out 5–6 months in advance so securing your spot today is essential. From \$760 USD per person, all-inclusive.

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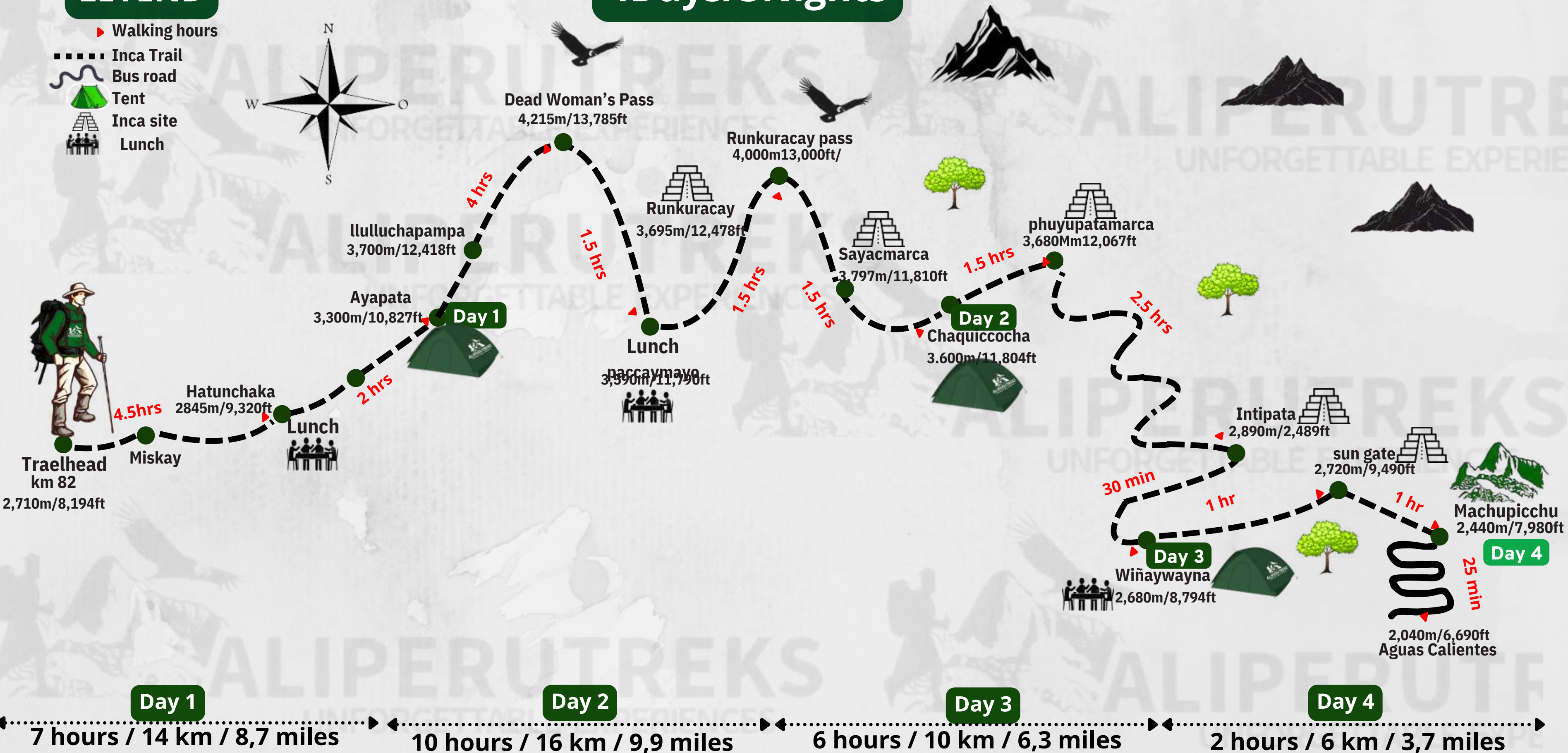
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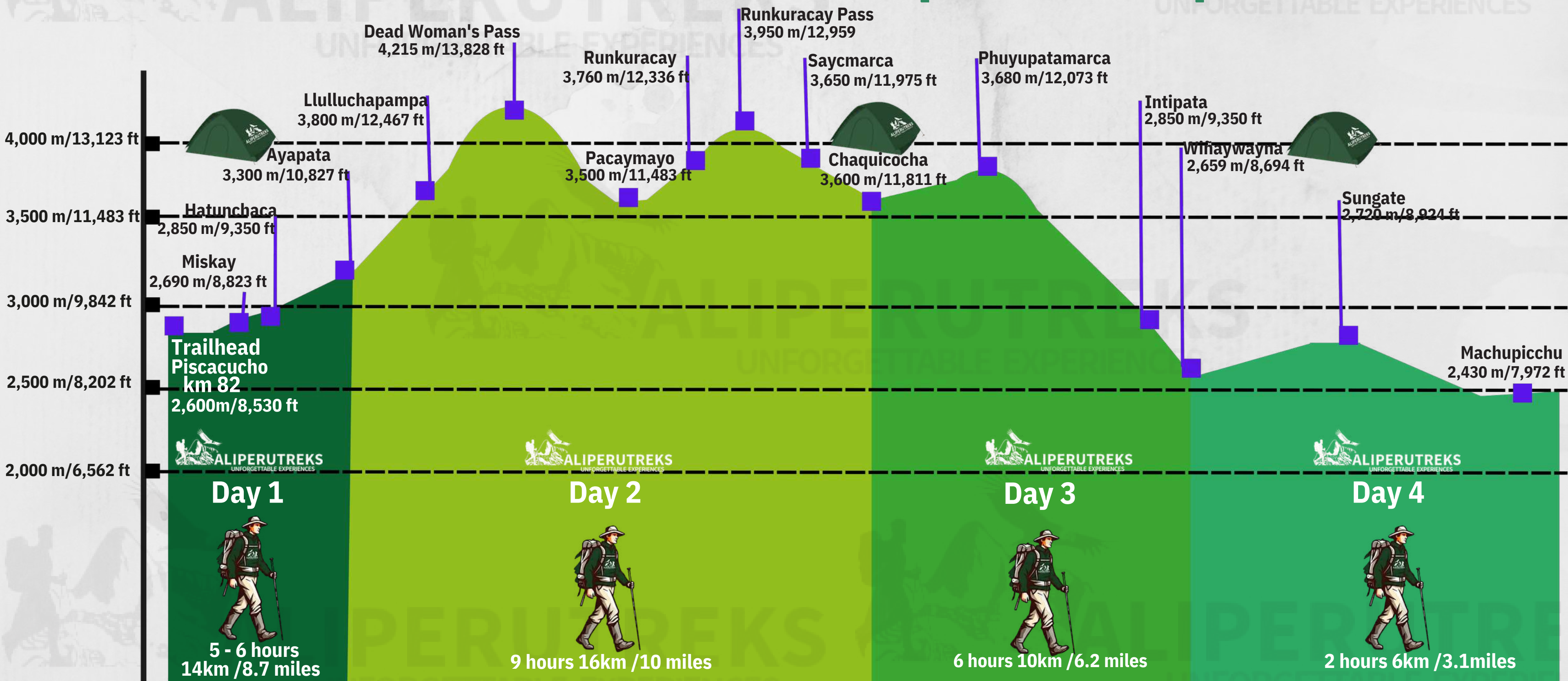
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Full itinerary

Day 1

Cusco – Ollantaytambo – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

Day 2

Ayapata – Dead Woman Pass – Pacaymayo – Chaquicocha

Day 3

Chaquiccocha – Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna

Day 4

Wiñayhuayna – Sun Gate – Machu Picchu- Cusco



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Day 1

Cusco – Km 82 – Hatunchaca – Ayapata

Your epic Classic Inca Trail 4 Days adventure starts with a seamless pick-up directly from your hotel in Cusco, Urubamba, or Ollantaytambo. At approximately 5:00 AM, your expert Ali Perú Treks guide and our private transport will pick you up to head toward the picturesque town of Ollantaytambo. We will make a strategic stop there to enjoy a revitalizing breakfast and make final preparations.

From there, we will continue toward Km 82, the official gateway to the Inca Trail. Here, you will meet your dedicated team of professional porters and our talented chef. It is essential to ensure you have the original passport used for your booking, as we will pass the official government checkpoint to begin our legendary journey.

We begin with an acclimatization hike, passing by the Inca site of Kanabamba and the impressive archaeological site of Llactapata, where your guide will reveal the secrets of this Inca agricultural center. Afterward, we will hike for two more hours toward Hatunchaca to enjoy a gourmet Andean lunch and a brief, restorative siesta.

In the afternoon, we will ascend toward our first campsite in Ayapata (3,300 m). On the way, we will pass through Wayllabamba, the last village on the route and your final opportunity to buy snacks or additional drinks. Upon arrival at Ayapata, your professional tents and high-quality inflatable mattresses will already be set up and ready for you an exclusive Ali Perú Treks comfort.

We will end the day with a comforting «Tea Time» and a spectacular dinner under the starlit Andean sky.

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- **Starting Altitude** (Km 82): 8,923 ft / 2,720 m
- **Campsite Altitude (Ayapata):** 10,827 ft / 3,300 m
- **Total Distance:** Approx. 8.7 miles / 14 km
- **Hiking Time:** 6 hours
- **Elevation Gain:** +1,904 ft / +580 m
- **Difficulty Level:** Moderate
(Acclimatization day)
- **Highlights:** Llactapata Inca Site, Kanabamba, views of the Urubamba River, and premium comfort at Ayapata.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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Day 2

Dead Woman Pass – Pacaymayo – Chaquicocha

Your second day begins with a comforting cup of coca tea served directly to your tent, followed by a high-energy breakfast prepared by our chef. This is the most demanding day of the trek, but also the most rewarding. We depart from Ayapata early to begin a steady ascent through the Llullucha Valley.

The first major goal is to conquer the legendary Dead Woman's Pass (Warmiwañusca), the highest point of the trail at 4,215 m (13,829 ft). Upon reaching the summit, you will feel an incredible sense of accomplishment while enjoying breathtaking 360-degree views of the surrounding peaks. After a well-deserved break and a group photo, we will begin a steep descent into the Pacaymayo Valley to enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch.

After lunch, the journey continues with a second, shorter ascent toward the Runkuraqay Pass (4,000 m). Along the way, we will explore the circular ruins of Runkuraqay and then descend toward the magnificent site of Sayacmarca, an architectural gem perched on the edge of a cliff. We will conclude the day at our scenic campsite in Chaquicocha, where you can relax and enjoy the sunset over the Vilcabamba mountain range.

As always, the Ali Perú Treks team will have your campsite ready upon your arrival. Enjoy our «Tea Time» with hot drinks and snacks before a well-earned gourmet dinner to replenish your energy. After dinner, under the pristine Andean sky, your expert guide will show you the Andean constellations, and you will learn about fascinating Inca cosmology beneath the stars.

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- **Starting Altitude (Ayapata):** 10,827 ft / 3,300 m
- **Campsite Altitude (Chaquicocha):** 11,811 ft / 3,600 m
- **Highest Point (Dead Woman's Pass):** 13,829 ft / 4,215 m
- **Total Distance:** Approx. 10 miles / 16 km
- **Hiking Time:** 9–10 hours
- **Difficulty Level:** Challenging (The most intense day)
- **Highlights:** Dead Woman's Pass, Sayacmarca exploration, and Inca astronomy.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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Day 3

Phuyupatamarca – Wiñaywayna

After the most intense day of trekking, the third day begins with a nutritious breakfast to recharge your energy. This section welcomes us with spectacular landscapes and a more relaxed pace, designed to deeply connect with nature. We begin our hike from Chaquicocha, entering the fascinating cloud forest. For many travelers, this is the most beautiful sector of the entire Inca Trail, where we will cross original stone tunnels and observe a vibrant biodiversity unique in the world. Our first stop is Phuyupatamarca («Town Above the Clouds»), located at 12,073 ft (3,680 m). From this strategic point, we will enjoy breathtaking views of Mount Salkantay and the majestic Urubamba Valley. After exploring its ritual fountains, we will begin the descent via perfectly preserved Inca stairways toward the site of Intipata, an impressive agricultural terrace offering an unparalleled panoramic view of the river and mountains.

Finally, we will arrive at our campsite at Wiñaywayna. Here, you will have plenty of time to enjoy a refreshing and revitalizing shower. In the afternoon, we will take a guided tour of the stunning Inca site of Wiñaywayna («Forever Young»), considered the most spectacular and mystical archaeological complex before reaching the citadel of Machu Picchu.

As night falls at our camp, the Ali Perú Treks team will have everything ready for our final Andean gourmet dinner. This evening is truly special: we celebrate the success of the expedition and say goodbye to our incredible team of porters and chefs with an emotional thank-you ceremony.

It is the perfect moment to share experiences and reflections before the grand final reward the following day.

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- **Starting Altitude (Chaquicocha):** 11,811 ft / 3,600 m
- **Campsite Altitude (Wiñaywayna):** 8,792 ft / 2,680 m
- **Total Distance:** Approx. 6.2 miles / 10 km
- **Hiking Time:** 5–6 hours of scenic trekking.
- **Comfort:** Free time for a shower and relaxation at the camp.
- **Highlights:** Phuyupatamarca, authentic Inca tunnels, Intipata terraces, and detailed exploration of Wiñaywayna.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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Day 4

Sun Gate – Machu Picchu- Cusco

Today marks the culmination of your epic Classic Inca Trail 4-Day Hike adventure. We will wake up before dawn to be among the first at the final checkpoint, which opens promptly at 5:30 AM. After crossing, we begin the final one-hour hike toward the legendary Inti Punku (Sun Gate).

From this ancient vantage point, you will witness a sublime moment: the first panoramic view of Machu Picchu bathed in the first rays of the rising sun. It is a truly unforgettable experience and the ultimate reward for every step taken along the trail.

From the Sun Gate, we will descend for approximately 1 hour to reach the main platform of Circuit 1, the perfect location to capture the classic postcard photographs of the citadel. After immortalizing this moment, we will take a brief technical break and exit the Inca site to use the restrooms located outside the archaeological area. Following the break, we will re-enter through Circuit 3 to begin your private, two-hour guided tour. Your expert Ali Perú Treks guide will lead you through the most iconic areas, revealing the deep history and mysteries surrounding this World Wonder.

Once the exploration is complete, we will take the shuttle bus down to the town of Aguas Calientes. You will have time to enjoy a revitalizing lunch (optional) before your guide accompanies you to the train station. We will travel by train to Ollantaytambo, where our dedicated staff will be waiting to transfer you in our private transportation directly to your hotel door in Cusco, concluding an incomparable life experience.

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- **Starting Altitude (Wiñaywayna):** 8,792 ft / 2,680 m
- **Machu Picchu Altitude:** 7,972 ft / 2,430 m
- **Total Distance:** Approx. 3.1 miles / 5 km
- **Hiking Time:** 2 hours to the photo platform.
- **Highlights:** Sunrise at Inti Punku, Classic postcard photos (Circuit 1), Specialized tour (Circuit 3), and private return to Cusco.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

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What's Included in the Inca Trail 4 Days

- Pre-Trek Briefing: A comprehensive meeting with your expert guide the day before your trek to answer all questions.
- Personal Duffle Bag: Our porters carry up to 7 kg (15 lbs) of your personal gear, which includes your sleeping bag.
- Professional Trekking Guides: Highly experienced, university accredited guides who speak fluent English.
- Expert Chefs: Chefs who prepare delicious modern Andean, traditional Peruvian, and international meals (Vegetarian options available).
- Dedicated Porters: Porters carry all group equipment for the entire trek.
- High-Quality Tents: Durable, high mountain tents for your comfort (two people per tent).
- Comfortable Sleeping Mattresses: Inflatable mattresses are included for three nights of camping.
- Spacious Dining Tent: Roomy dining tent complete with chairs and a table.
- Fully Equipped Cooking/Bathroom Tents: Includes all necessary cooking gear and bathroom tents with water pump toilets at all stops.
- Bus Cusco to Km 82: Transportation from Cusco to the official starting point of the trek (Piscacucho).
- Bus Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes: Service descends from the archaeological site to the town.
- Return Train Ticket: From Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo (Vistadome or 360° class service).
- Private Cusco Transport: Bus transport from Ollantaytambo back to your hotel in Cusco.
- Satellite Phones: Each group carries a satellite phone for emergency communication with the office.
- Oxygen Tank: Each team carries an oxygen tank at all times in case of emergency.
- Radios: Internal communication radios for guides, cooks, and porters.
- First Aid Kit: A full complement of over the counter medicines and emergency supplies.
- Entrance Tickets: Your Inca Trail Permit and the entrance ticket to the Machu Picchu Citadel are covered.
- Water: All necessary water is provided (boiled, purified, and cooled) from your first lunch to your last breakfast.
- Small Details: A sleeping pillow, backpack rain cover, and rain poncho are included for each hiker.

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What Is Not Included

- Optional Rentals: Sleeping bag (\$20)
- Trekking poles (pair: \$15) are not included.
- Post-Machu Picchu Lunch: The lunch after your Machu Picchu tour in Aguas Calientes is not covered, allowing you dining flexibility.
- Huayna Picchu/Machu Picchu Mountain: The additional entrance ticket for climbing Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (\$80 per person) is not included.
- Other Expenses: Tips (for guides, cooks, and porters), travel insurance, and personal expenses are not covered.

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Essential Items for the 4-Day Inca Trail

"To take on the 4-day, 3-night Inca Trail hike to Machu Picchu, packing strategically is essential: bring only the necessities to stay comfortable through changing weather conditions without carrying unnecessary weight."



Original passport



small backpack, maximum 25
or 30 liters



Camilback or reusable bottle



personal hygiene products



insect repellent



Lip balm



sunscreen



cash (soles)



Personal Medications



hand sanitizer

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Essential Items for the 4-Day Inca Trail

How to Dress for the Inca Trail.



Puffer jacket



fleece jacket



hiking pants



hiking socks



hiking boots



moisture-wicking shirts



layers of thermal clothing



waterproof jacket

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How to Pack Your Daypack

Your daypack should only contain what you will need during the hike. Prioritize hydration, weather protection, and personal items you want to keep close at hand. Keep it lightweight and easy to access so you can hike comfortably without stopping to search for your belongings.



Original passport



sunscreen



Personal Medications



insect repellent



hand sanitizer



Camilback or reusable bottle



power bank



camera



Energy snacks



sun hat



sunglasses



hat for cold weather



gloves

Your Duffel Bag: Main Gear & Packing Tips

Your duffel bag will hold your main gear and will be carried by our team of porters throughout the trek. Please pack neatly, respect the weight limit, and group your items by category. This ensures your belongings stay protected and makes it easy to find everything you need at camp.



sandals or flip-flops



pants to change into after arriving at camp



sleeping bag



inflatable mattresses



moisture-wicking shirts



Puffer jacket

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What Ali Perú Treks Provides for You

At Ali Perú Treks, we handle all the logistics and provide top-of-the-line equipment to ensure your trek is safe, comfortable, and unforgettable. Here is what we provide for your adventure:



duffel bag 7 kg /15 lb



rain cover



rain poncho



inflatable mattresses

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What equipment can you rent from Aliperutreks?

When trekking the Inca Trail with Ali Perú Treks, you can rent top-tier outdoor and camping gear to make your hike comfortable without having to pack heavy equipment on your flight.



Sleeping Bag



Trekking Poles

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Camping Equipment for the Inca Trail

At Ali Perú Treks, we carefully select all our camping gear to guarantee your comfort, proper rest, and maximum safety on the way to Machu Picchu:



 **High-Altitude Tents (4-Season):** Professional, spacious, and waterproof 2-person tents engineered to withstand mountain weather and ensure a great night’s sleep.



 **Fully Equipped Dining Tent:** Private dining space with comfortable chairs and tables to enjoy fresh gourmet meals prepared daily by our expert chef.



 **Emergency Oxygen Tank & First Aid:** First-response medical oxygen tanks and a full first-aid kit ready for high-altitude health management.



 **Satellite Radio Communication:** Long-range satellite radios to ensure real-time communication and tracking throughout the entire trek.



 **Private Portable Bathrooms:** Clean, hygienic, and eco-friendly portable toilet setup at every campsite.



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