INCA TRAIL 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHT

While several trails connect to machupicchu, at present the two most widely known are those used as tourist circuits, property called inka trail and tge sacred trail, the former is an original inka trail route of about 40 km.

Which extends over high mountains and brethtaking landscapes,passing through differnt ecological levels with abundant flora and fauna. the trail shows original cobble stone stretches it takes four days to traverse this trail.

The route begins at km. 82 of railway line at the town of pisqakucho. after crossing a modern suspension bridge over the vilkanota river, it passes the small communities wayllabamba, warmiwañuska pass at 4200 msnm (13,780 feet) from here it descends to pakaymayu, then ascends to mountain pass of the same name, descends again until sayaqmarka, phuyupatamarka and wiñaywayna.it along a flat paht and then goes some fifty steps that lead to intipunku. From here it leads finally to the inca city of Machupicchu.

Day 1 - Cusco- Km. 82 -Wayllabamba (5 hours walking aprox.)

We will pick you up from your hotel at 5am and travel by bus to Piskacucho (you will hear this be called kilometre 82) where the inca trail starts.
On arrival at kilometre 82 (08:30am), it is necessary to show entrance tickets, passports and (if paying a student rate) student card.

To start the trail (2720m), we cross the Vilcanota River and follow its route to the right. The first day is relatively easy and we will have great views of the site of an Inca Fortress (‘Huillca Raccay'), the vast and incredible Inca site ‘Llactapata' (officially called ‘Patallacta'), the Urubamba mountain range that divides the jungle and the Andes and the beautiful snow-capped peak of 'W'akay Willca'

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(5860m),known in books as Veronica. Our first campsite will be in Wayllabamba (3000masl) where we spend the first night.

Day 2 - **Wayllabamba - Pacaymayu** (6 or 7 hours walking aprox.)

After waking up at 6am (maybe at 05:00-depending on your Guide) and have breakfast, we will start a steep ascent towards the highest pass (Abra de Huarmihuañusca 'Dead Woman's Pass' - 4200m). On this day a real sense of achievement is felt on reaching the top After a rest here, On the way up to the pass we will be able to see lots of humingbirds and other birds. Also we will have the time to appreciate an incredible variety of endemic plants and trees such as the 'Polilepys ' or Q'ueuña tree which grow in the astonishing cloud forest located at 3650. we begin the descent to Pacamayu (3550m).where we pass the second night.

Day 3 - Pacaymayu - Wiñayhuayna

This is the most impressive day (in our opinion!!!) so just keep thinking of that on the ascent on day 2 Again we wake up for breakfast at 6am, and start the day with a gentle climb to visit the archaeological site of 'Phuyupatamarca'(meaning 'Town in the Clouds') and to reach the third highest point on the trail (3680m)). Views of the mountains, canyons and surrounding area, from these points, are spectacular.

The Inca site, 'Phuyupatamarca' , is located a few minutes walk from the third pass and after visiting this, we continue walking (3000 steps). we arrive at our third campsite Wiñay Wayna (2680m)(forever young). this day we have only walked about 5 or 6 hours.

Day 4 -Wiñayhuayna - Machu Picchu

We leave the last campsite at about 5.30am on the final day (breakfast 4.30-5am). It is an early start in order to get to 'Inti Punku' ('Sun gate') (2730masl) before sunrise. This is the place from where you will have your first view of Machu Picchu (2400masl) with the sun rising over it, After some time there, we will walk down the last part of the trail to the spot where you can take the classic photo (picture postcard shot) of this ancient city. Finally we visit Machu Picchu.

A walking tour approximately 2 hours is given by your guide and after this you can explore the mysterious city by yourselves. If you still have energy you can climb Huayna Picchu (2720masl) It takes 50 minutes to reach the top.

In the afternoon back to cusco by train backpacker.

If desired, an extra night in Aguas Calientes can be arranged. This option is very popular as it allows more time to explore Machu Picchu. You can also go to the thermal springs in the town.

Includes:

- Professional, bilingual Tour Guide
- Transportations Cusco to 82 km
- Assistant Guide (for groups of 9 or more people)
- Pick you up from your hotel
- train back (Backpacker cerrojo service to Ollanta) and bus to Cusco.
- Water (only for first 4 hours of trek, then we will provide you with drinking -previously boiled- water).
- Entrance fees to Inca Trail and Machu Picchu
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- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners vegetarian food on request at no extra cost, the last lunch in Aguas Calientes are not included)
- Dining tent with tables and chairs
- Cook
- 2-man tent
- mattres
- Porters (they carry cooking and camping equipment)
- Bus trip from Machu Picchu down to Aguas Calientes
- Oxygen bottle
- First Aid kit.

What you need to bring:

- Original passport (and *International Student card (ISIC) if applicable)
- **Travel Insurance is essential**
- Sleeping bag (not included but can be hired from us)
- Walking boots
- Waterproof jacket/rain poncho
- Warm jacket
- Hat and gloves
- T-shirts
- Comfortable trousers
- Sun hat
- Sun protection cream (factor 35 recommended)
- Insect repellent
- Water (only until lunch time on day 1)
- Toiletries and hand sanitizer.
- Personal medication
- Camera and films

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