

PERU - SHORT INCA TRAIL



INTRODUCTION

This trail offers a great alternative to trekking the classic 4-day Inca Trail. This easier trek is more suitable for those who have limited time but still want to experience the thrill of hiking down, to Inti Punku (Sun Gate) at sunrise, to appreciate the unforgettable views of Machu Picchu in the distance.

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.

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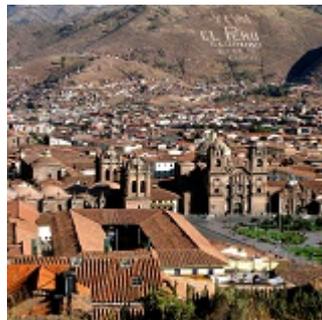
DAY 1: Pre-Trek Briefing

This evening the trek operator will hold a pre-trek briefing at your hotel. Time will be reconfirmed with you directly on arrival.



DAY 1: 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, cobble-stoned 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.



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DAY 2: The Trek begins

Transfer from the hotel to take the tourist class train to Km 104 to begin the trek to the archaeological remains of Chachabamba and Wiñay Wayna, two of the most important sites within the Machu Picchu Sanctuary. On arrival walk to Puerta del Sol or the Inti Punku observation point and down into the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu for your first glimpse of the natural wonder, the tour of which will be the following day. Continue by shuttle bus down the hill to Aguas Calientes, where you will stay overnight in a basic hotel. Trek duration: six hours



DAY 3: Machu Picchu

In the morning take the shuttle bus to Machu Picchu for a guided tour, giving you an insight into the history behind the principal remains and monuments before some time to explore the ruins at leisure. You may 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.) Make your way to Ollantaytambo by train and then continue by road to Cusco where you will overnight.



DAY 3: Private Transfer Ollantaytambo - Cusco

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



DAY 4: 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

Accommodation	Hotel (no camping)
Inclusions	<p>Accommodation as per itinerary Transportation Cusco- Km 104 in Sacred Valley- Cusco Tourist train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco (Poroy)/or Ollantaytambo Bus going downhill from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes where the train station is situated. Transfer from the train station in Cusco to your hotel in Cusco Entrance fees to the Inca trail Professional bilingual guide (Spanish and English)</p> <p>Not Included Entrance fee to Huayna Picchu</p>
Difficulty Rating	3 (average fitness required).
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Daily departures depending on Inca Trail tickets availability
Price Dependent upon	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.

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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 structured 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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