

A wide-angle photograph of the Machu Picchu archaeological site. The ruins, including terraces, walls, and buildings, are built on a steep, green mountain slope. In the background, jagged, snow-capped mountain peaks rise against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

HIKING – ADVENTURE

SHORT INCA TRAIL

2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT



DESCRIPTION

FOLLOW THE SACRED PATH, INCA TRAIL

Fuel your soul in this unforgettable 2-day adventure with a rewarding hike along the Inca Trail.

Explore hidden archaeological treasures like Wiñayhuayna, immerse yourself in majestic landscapes, and experience the breathtaking arrival at Machu Picchu through the iconic Sun Gate (Inti Punku).

In this route you can dive deeper into the magic of the ancient inca path where the history and nature will give you a glimpse of what this sacred Inca route was like in ancient times. Are you ready?

CONTENT



Map



Itinerary



Included



Backpack list

Route Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu 02 Days

**CÓNDE
TRAVEL**



Start/End

● Cusco

3400 m.a.s.l.
11154 ft



● **Wiñay Wayna**
2650 m.a.s.l.
8694 ft



● **Chachabamba**
2100 m.a.s.l.
6890 ft



● **Inti Punku**
2750 m.a.s.l.
9022 ft



Machu Picchu

2400 m.a.s.l.
7874 ft

09 km



09 km



Aguas Calientes town
2000 m.a.s.l.
6561 ft



● **Ollantaytambo**
2800 m.a.s.l.
9190 ft



km 104
2100 m.a.s.l.
6890 ft



Urubamba River

43 km



LEGEND



HIKING PART



POINT OF INTEREST



ROUTE



BUS RIDE



PART BY TRAIN



LODGING PLACE



PART BY CAR



RIVER



FOOD AREA

Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu 02 Days

Itinerary

Day 1 – Cusco – KM 104 – Wiñayhuayna – Inti Punku – Aguas Calientes

Day 2 – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo – Cusco

COMPLETE ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Stunning views by Andean landscapes.
- » Visit hidden gems like Wiñayhuayna and Chachabamba, the two of the most beautiful and well-preserved archeological sites along the Inca Trail.
- » Experience your first unforgettable view of the sacred citadel from above just as the Incas once did.
- » Enjoy the best trekking adventure of your life.
- » Hike a historic section of the Inca Trail
- » Conquer the path accompanied by the best energy.
- » Walk with purpose and reconnect with nature.

DAY 01

CUSCO – CHACHABAMBA –
WIÑAYHUAYNA – AGUAS CALIENTES

Hidden gems along the journey

The trip of a lifetime begins with an early morning pickup in Cusco and scenic train ride through the Sacred Valley arriving at KM 104 the starting point of your hike.

Along the way, you will have the opportunity to visit Chachabamba, a lesser-known Inca site filled with rich history and hidden charm.

You will follow an enigmatic path that will take you through the spectacular Waywakunka Pass, which offers unforgettable panoramic views.



As you continue walking the original Inca Trail, anticipation builds until you reach the awe-inspiring Sun Gate (Inti Punku) — where you'll witness your first magical view of Machu Picchu in the golden afternoon light. It's a moment you'll never forget.

After this powerful first impression, descend by bus to Aguas Calientes, where you'll enjoy a relaxing dinner and a restful night in a comfortable hotel, preparing for your full exploration of Machu Picchu the next day.

You'll enjoy breathtaking views along the way.



DAY FACTS

- » **MEALS**
BOX LUNCH AND DINNER
- » **DIFFICULTY**
MODERATE
- » **DISTANCE**
10 KM APPROXIMATELY
- » **ACCOMODATION**
HOTEL 3 STARS

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- » **STARTING HEIGHT:**
2 000 METERS ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL

DAY 02

MACHU PICCHU – AGUAS CALIENTES –
OLLANTAYTAMBO – CUSCO

The reward – Machu Picchu

Wake up early and board the bus to Machu Picchu, arriving just in time to witness the first light over the Lost City of the Incas.

Our expert guide will lead you on a fascinating 2–3 hours tour through the most iconic temples, ceremonial plazas, and hidden corners — each one telling a story etched in stone.

After the guided visit, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace, take unforgettable photos, or simply sit and absorb the spiritual energy of this ancient wonder.



In the afternoon, take the bus back to Aguas Calientes, where you'll board the train back to Ollantaytambo, followed by a bus transfer to Cusco.



DAY FACTS

- » **MEALS**
BREAKFAST
- » **DIFFICULTY**
EASY
- » **TOUR DURATION**
2 - 3 HOURS
APPROXIMATELY

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- » **STARTING HEIGHT:**
2 430 METERS ABOVE
THE SEA LEVEL

Optional: If you wish to climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain, tickets must be booked at least 4 months in advance (additional cost: US \$70).

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Pre-tour briefing at our office in Cusco.
- Pick up from your hotel and transfer to Ollantaytambo train station.
- Train tickets: Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo.
- Entrance ticket to the Inca Trail (Km 104 - Circuit 5).
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu (second entrance).
- Professional bilingual guide (English/Spanish).
- 1 night hotel in Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Pueblo).
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner (vegetarian options available).
- Bus transportation on Day 1: Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes (one way).
- Bus transportation on Day 2: Round-trip Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu.
- Tourist Transportation: Ollantaytambo - Cusco.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

DON'T FORGET... THESE ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED

- » Personal care items.
- » Breakfast on the first day, lunch and dinner on the last day.
- » Entrance to Aguas Calientes hot springs (optional).
- » Entrance to Huayna Picchu (70 USD, must be booked 4 months in advance).
- » Personal expenses and toiletries.
- » Tips for guides and staff.
- » Vistadome or 360° train: If you wish to upgrade your train, let us know in advance, and we will inform you of availability and price.

BEFORE YOU GO

Do you have questions? We'll answer them here!

In this section, we encourage you to read this information carefully, as it will also answer any questions you may have about our exclusive services.

➤ **IS IT FOR ME?**

The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is ideal for adventurous travelers seeking challenges, historic routes and longer distances.

➤ **WHY IS THE 2-DAY INCA TRAIL MORE EXPENSIVE THAN OTHER SHORT TREKS?**

It is due to the government-issued permits needed to hike even this short section of the Inca Trail. These permits are limited and include access to the original trail network, official guides, archaeological sites, and logistics that other short treks do not require.



➤ **WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE ON THE INCA TRAIL?**

The weather can change quickly. Expect cool mornings, warm afternoons, and possible showers. The use of rain ponchos is key, along with a rain jacket, sun protection, and repellent.

➤ **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 2-DAY AND 4-DAY INCA TRAIL?**

The 4-day Inca Trail is the classic full trek (42 km) with three nights camping. The 2-day Inca Trail is a shorter and simpler version (10 km) with hotel accommodation, ideal for travelers with little time or who prefer more comfort.

➤ **CAN I CLIMB HUAYNA PICCHU OR MACHU PICCHU MOUNTAIN?**

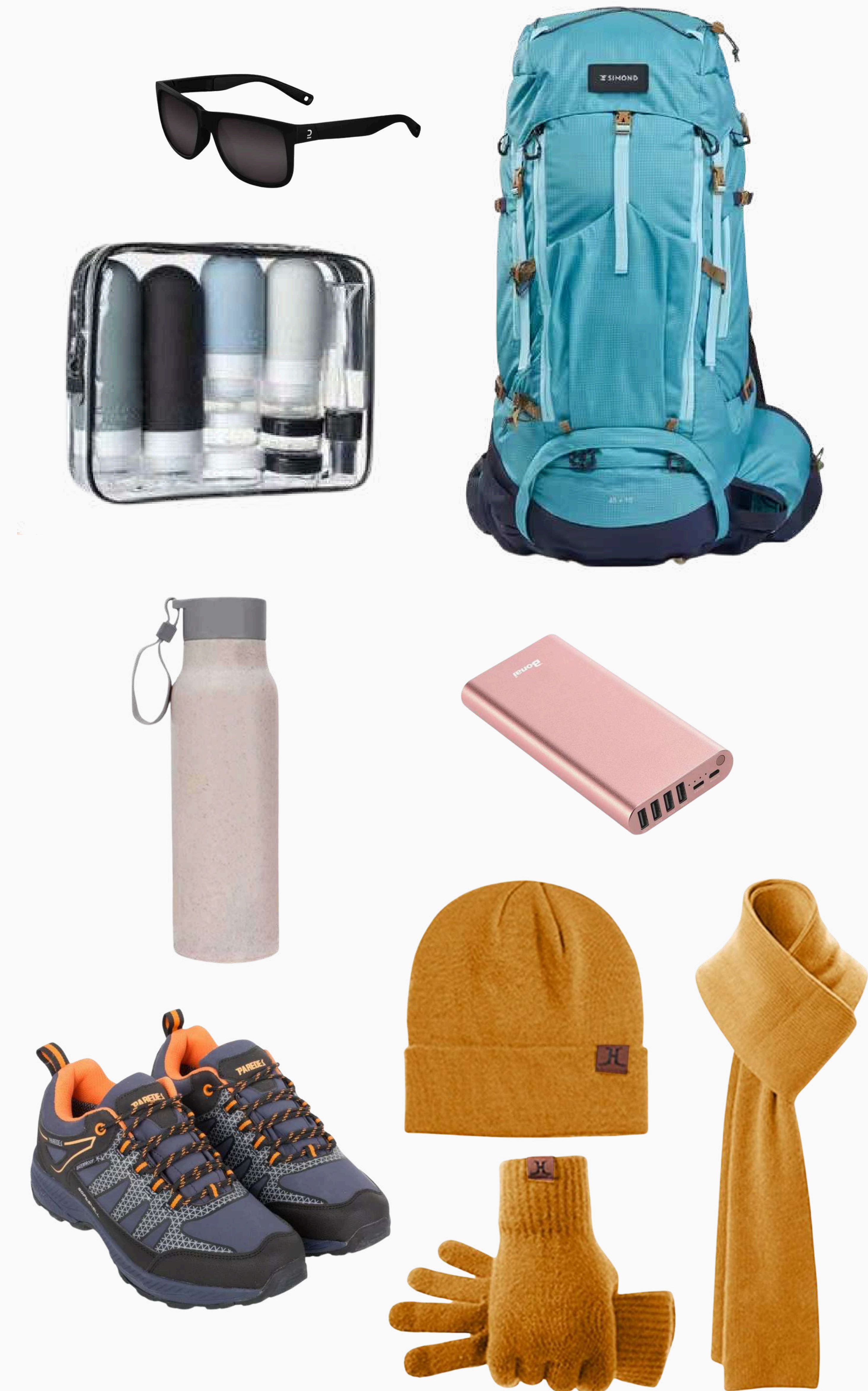
Yes, but spaces are limited and often sell out months in advance. Reserve at least 4 months ahead if you'd like to add this option (70 USD).

➤ **HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD I BOOK?**

Permits are limited, especially during high season (April to August). We recommend booking 3 to 4 months in advance to secure your spot.

WHAT TO BRING?

- › Strong walking shoes for trekking
- › Light backpack (20L)
- › Cash, preferably small bills
- › Hat or cap
- › Long and short-sleeved shirts
- › Long and short pants
- › Raincoat, thick sweater, jacket, plastic bags
- › Scarf, gloves, and hat for cold weather
- › Eco-friendly water bottle (canteen)
- › Sunglasses, Toilet paper, and flashlight
- › Camera and cell phone chargers
- › Sunscreen and insect repellent
- › Medical or personal items



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