

# Peru Ascent to Machu Picchu

Unearth archeological treasures along the legendary Inca Trail, crowned by iconic Machu Picchu.

## highlights

**Storied Trails.** Weave colorful memories of snow-capped peaks, massive granite precipices, the dense Amazon tropical jungle basin, and architectural marvels of an extraordinary bygone empire.

**Archeological Treasure.** Take a scenic train to Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo, then walk up an ancient staircase to the crown jewel of the Inca empire, standing proud high in the Andes.

**Peruvian Cuisine.** Dine on fresh ceviche, learn how to make frothy Peruvian pisco sours, and enjoy local cuisine in the mystical colonial town of Cusco.

**Expert Storytellers.** Be regaled with daily talks and tales of one of the world's greatest civilizations by expert archeologists, historians, and locals during the trek through the Sacred Valley.

## at a glance

**Window Into Incan Culture.** Explore the city of Cusco and learn the history, mythology, and mysteries of your new magical surroundings. Contemplate the House of the Sun and the Temple of the Moon.

**Secrets of the Inca Trail.** Hike to the emerald archaeological site of Huchuy Qosqo, once a royal estate for the eighth Inca ruler. Marvel at the serene Lake Piuray and watch sunset over geometric salt pools of Salinas de Maras.

**Through the Sacred Valley.** Cross from Ollantaytambo to Pumamarca, admiring the flora and fauna of the Choquechaca Valley. Relish a picnic lunch before taking a downhill bike ride through the stunning Andes with the Peruvian wind in your hair, arriving to the valley at the feet of Machu Picchu.

**Temple of the Sun.** Bask in the glory of dawn at Machu Picchu before taking a private guided visit of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. After soaking in the beauty of the "old peak" and the local hot springs, we'll descend down from Aguas Calientes, departing by train to Cusco.

**Onward Journeys.** Enjoy a final hot brunch with coca tea before wandering the authentic San Pedro Market for local artisanal goods and souvenirs.

## details

- From 5 days, 4 nights.
- Dedicated bilingual guides and private transportation throughout the trip.
- Comprehensive briefing packet for each participant, including country information, logistical and contact information, reading list, and packing list.

"The organization and pacing of this trip was superb. Would highly recommend it!"



"The local speakers throughout really made a difference."

