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Machu Picchu by bus 2 Days/1 Night

7000 feet above sea level and nestled on a small hilltop between the Andean Mountain range, the majestic city soars above the Urubamba Valley. The Inca built structure has been deemed the 'Lost Cities', unknown until its relatively recent discovery in 1911. Archaeologists estimate that approximately 1200 people could have lived in the area, though many theorize that it was most likely a retreat for Incan rulers. Due to its isolation from the rest of Peru, living in the area full time would require travelling great distances just to reach the nearest village.



Easy



Moderate



Difficult

Itinerary Day one

We will pick you up from your hotel at 7.30 a.m. to begin our journey by bus or van. Our trip will be a scenic ride to Ollantaytambo. Here we will have a chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery in the area and we will have a short stop for 30 minutes.

From there we will continue up the road to 'Abra Malaga', 4316m with spectacular landscapes (pasture lands) and there are some llamas and alpacas in the area. After the stop on the pass we start to descend into the jungle, passing through the different micro climates which combine the paradisiacal landscapes of the majestic snowcapped peaks with the hot, tropical entrance to the rainforest.



We will continue the trip until we reach the Alfamayo village. The road continues to be paved until we arrive at Santa Maria 1575 m.a.s.l. Here we will have a break then continue to Santa Teresa where we will have our lunch in a local restaurant. After enjoying lunch we will continue to walk 3 hours to Aguas Calientes or Machu Picchu town to spend the first night.

Day two

Early wake up at 4.30 a.m. so we have enough time to climb up the steep path to the Machu Picchu sanctuary taking about 1 ½ hours. Here we can watch the sunrise before having a private guide for about 2 hours. After the tour you will be able to enjoy some free time until approximately 12 p.m. which is the recommended time to catch the bus down to Aguas Calientes (US\$ 9, this fare is not included in the price). The train departs to Hidroelectrica from Aguas Calientes at 12.50 pm (important be 30 minutes before in the train station in Aguas Calientes).

Upon arrival Hidroelectrica, we will transfer on a private bus or van which will take us to Santa Teresa. Here we will have an hour break for some food and to use the restroom before returning to Cusco by the same road we used before Cusco. We will arrive in Cusco at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Included in the price

- Pick you up from hotel in the morning and transfer in bus to Hidroeléctrica
- Private bus Cusco-Hidroeléctrica-Cusco
- Train ticket ONE WAY Aguas Calientes – Hidroeléctrica
- Entrance to Machu Picchu.
- English speaking professional guide.
- 1 lunch 1 dinner 1 Snack
- 1 night hostel in Aguas Calientes

Not included in the price

- Bus to up and down to Machu Picchu \$20.00 US\$
- Entrance to the thermal springs in Aguas Calientes US\$4.
- Tips.
- Last day meals.



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We recommend

- A backpack with a change of clothes for the whole period of the trek. Recommended: T shirts, shorts and some warm clothes.
- Rain jacket or poncho (plastic ponchos can be purchased in Cusco).
- Strong, comfortable footwear.
- Water bottle
- Flashlight and batteries.
- Hat or cap to protect you from the sun.
- Sun block (sun protection cream).
- Insect repellent.
- Toiletries, towel and toilet paper.
- You also need to bring your original passport on the trail and your student ISIC card (if claiming a student discount).

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