

MACHU PICCHU TREK

PERU | SOUTH AMERICA | INCA TRAIL CULTURAL ADVENTURE TREK



The small peak of Waynapicchu rises behind the Citadel (Dustin Balderach)

THE INCA TRAIL TREK WITH IMG

Join us for a fun filled adventure starting in Cusco, Peru! We'll acclimate, explore local ruins and tour the "Sacred Valley of the Incas" for acclimatization. Then, we'll trek for several days to on the Classic Inca Trail Route to Machu Picchu, a nearly indescribable sight of early Incan architecture and ingenuity and named one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World".

The "real" Inca Trail route to Machu Picchu **is accessible by permit only**, and permits are limited. We will apply for our 2025 permits immediately once available. If you would like to join our 2025 Team, now is the time to get on board!

Our program begins in the 12th century colonial town of Cusco, once the Incan capital and home of Manco Capac, one of the early rulers. Today, Cusco retains a history which is a mix of tradition and legend. We'll spend a day here, acclimating to an altitude of about 11,000 feet, with time to stroll the downtown area, sight see and shop. The following day we will depart for the "Sacred Valley." We'll visit the local ruins of Sacsayhuaman, travel to the famous Pisac market, a good place to purchase local crafts and goods, and on to Ollantaytambo, a spectacular site perched high above the town below. We'll overnight in a hotel here, close to our departure point for the Machu Picchu trek. Many people find the local cultural tours to be nearly as impressive as Machu Picchu itself.

During the trek portion of our program, we will use local porters to transport our gear and supplies. This permits us to enjoy the walk each day, as we move along

DATES & PRICES

Machu Picchu \$3,950

Add Single Supplement \$500 (in hotels & tents as available)

Early registration is encouraged due to limitations in number of permits issued by Peru. Registration is first come, first served.

August 20-28, 2025

Want more time in Peru? Consider starting with our [Huayhuash Trek August 5-18](#), followed by Machu Picchu!

PREREQUISITES

Solid hiking experience over steep rugged terrain and excellent fitness. High altitude experience is beneficial.

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REGISTER

- ☐ [IMG Application Package](#)
- ☐ Application Fee \$1500
- ☐ Passport copy

FEE SCHEDULE

Non-refundable application fee is due at registration and applies to program fees. **Balance of all fees are due 120 days prior to trip departure.** Please refer to the application package for payment instructions. Program fees are quoted in US dollars. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments must be received by IMG on or before the due dates.

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unencumbered, free to take photos and investigate our surroundings. Meals will be served by our cook staff in a dining tent set up for your comfort during breakfast, dinner and even some lunches.

For motivated trekkers, the easy but steep ascent of Waynapicchu (the mountain overlooking Machu Picchu) is a satisfying optional challenge, which offers a great "reverse view" of the Machu Picchu ruins. **Please note:** we may not always make this option available to the group, depending on the trail and cable conditions that lead to the precarious summit. There have been fatalities and injuries recorded in the past on this short excursion. Sure-footedness and the ability to tolerate steep exposure are required to make the ascent and descent of Waynapicchu.

THE GUIDES

Our IMG Guides are well-traveled, experienced trekkers and climbers with a good knowledge of the language. Throughout our small expedition the team staff will include at least one local resident and guide who is an expert of the local history and legends that surround the sights we will explore. This cultural expert will accompany the group throughout the trek and visit of Machu Picchu.

THE ITINERARY

Our trip to Peru will be an amazing experience, designed to give trekkers adequate acclimatization time for all objectives. There are several opportunities in the schedule to allow for shopping, sightseeing and general non-guided touring. *This itinerary is subject to change, based on the needs of our group, weather and route conditions, and other foreseen and unforeseen circumstances. Alternative routes and/or schedule may be used as warranted.*

Classic Machu Picchu "Inca Trail" Trek		
Day	Date	Itinerary
1	Wednesday, August 20, 2025	Arrive Cusco by late morning/early afternoon, transfer to hotel in Cusco. Relax and adjust to 11,000' elevation!
2	Thursday, August 21, 2025	Easy day touring Cusco, visiting legendary Inca remains around the city, sites of Sacsayhuaman, Quenqo, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay and temple of Koricancha. Hotel in Cusco.
3	Friday, August 22, 2025	Travel from Cusco to the Sacred Valley, tour Pisac and Ollantaytambo and a llama and alpaca farm where wool is made into local handicrafts (great gift shopping!). Hotel in Ollantaytambo (lower than Cusco).
4	Saturday, August 23, 2025	Early breakfast, then bus to trailhead to enter the famous Inca Trail and begin the trek. Easy trek on an ancient Inca path to 1st camp at Wayllabamba (9,840').
5	Sunday, August 24, 2025	Uphill trekking to the Abra de Huarmihuanusca ("Dead Woman's Pass", 13,780') then trek down to 2nd Camp at Pacaymayu (11,808').
6	Monday, August 25, 2025	Trek through Inca remains and several ecosystems - Runkuracay (12,470'), Sayacmarca (8,692'), Phuyupatamarca (11,930') to 3rd camp at Winayhuayna (11,930').
7	Tuesday, August 26, 2025	Early morning start on our last day of trekking. Arrive to Machu Picchu (7,875'), entering in the morning via the Sun Gate, tour the Citadel. Later in the afternoon descend by bus to Aguas Calientes (6,724'). Hotel in Aguas Calientes.
8	Wednesday, August 27, 2025	Optional climb to Waynapicchu (8,835') in morning, train to Cusco in afternoon. Hotel in Cusco.
9	Thursday, August 28, 2025	Transfer to Cusco airport in the morning for connecting flights back to home.

THE DEAL: Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

Included

- IMG Leadership & local guides/cultural expert
- Cook team, drivers, porters
- Group equipment (kitchen/dinner tents, sleep tents, mattress, kitchen utensils, etc.)
- Private tours described in itinerary
- Permit fees, and entrance fees for all cultural touring sites
- Airport transfers to/from Cusco airport if arriving/departing per published itinerary
- Ground transportation including bus and train
- Shared accommodations in 3-star hotels (or better) for published itinerary
- Welcome dinner on first night & continental breakfasts in hotel in Cusco

- Three meals a day except in Cusco
- IMG carries a Gamow bag & pulse oximeter on the trip

Not Included

- International airfare/tax/baggage fees
- Airport transfers/taxi if arriving/departing outside of published itinerary
- Single Supplement hotel accommodations
- Food and lodging, should you arrive in Cusco early or stay longer than itinerary
- Beverages, bottled water, alcoholic drinks during the trip
- Personal shopping and snacks
- Meals in Cusco and Aguas Calientes (with the exception of the Welcome Dinner in Cusco)
- [Personal gear](#)
- Travel insurance; evacuation, hospital or medical costs
- Covid tests (if required for travel); any Covid-related expense resulting in delays or quarantine
- Tip pool for local guides and support staff- \$200 USD per person
- Optional but customary gratuity for your IMG guide, 5% is a good starting point

THE ODDS & ENDS:

Single Supplement

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you prefer a single room in the hotels and tents (as available), this can be arranged for an additional \$500. If we cannot pair you with a roommate, you will be charged the single supplement fee.

Travel Insurance

Emergency evacuation coverage and emergency medical expense coverage are required for International Programs. IMG strongly recommends the addition of trip cancellation/interruption coverage due to the IMG refund policy. Information is on our [website](#).

Flights

Plan to arrive in Cusco on Day 1 of the published itinerary and depart on Day 9. Please provide your complete flight itinerary and do keep us informed of any changes to your itinerary.

Passport & Visa

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity at time of entry to Peru and one full page required for entry stamp. A tourist visa is required on arrival for U.S. citizens to enter Peru, this is free and issued at the port of entry.

Immunizations + Covid

Participants are required to comply with the Covid-19 vaccination and documentation requirements of the destination country or area. For the most up to date information on Covid-19 vaccination requirements and any other immunization requirements, visit the website of your destination country embassy in the USA, [US Embassy website for your destination country](#), the [CDC](#), and [US State Dept Travel pages](#). Requirements are subject to change. Plan to carry a digital copy of your Covid-19 vaccination record with you.

QUESTIONS? [Email](#) or call (360) 569-2609