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## **WHO WE ARE**

We are a South American tour company with staff trained at Switzerland's and South America's most prestigious Travel & Hospitality universities. Our company was born from our personal experiences of working within the travel industry throughout the world. The lessons we picked up from travelers and through our own observations has helped us to design tailor-made experiences for travelers.

## **WHY PIE EXPERIENCES**

At PIE EXPERIENCES, we expect and uphold the highest standards and leave no stone unturned with regard to our customers' expectations. Thanks to our outstanding performance, we were awarded the MINCETUR Quality Assured Seal in Tourism. This QA seal is the greatest distinction awarded by the Peruvian government within the tourism sector. It officially recognizes the top technical standards throughout the tourism industry in Peru.





*A short Hiking adventure*  
**2 DAY INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU - PRIVATE SERVICE**



## OVERVIEW



## 2 DAY INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU

Our 2 Day Inca trail itinerary is perfect for those who are short on time. Your 2 day hike to Machu Picchu includes a full day of trekking along the classic route, a guided tour of the citadel itself and accommodation in a hotel, rather than a tent! Your trek will take you through the cloud forest, past fascinating archaeological sites, and finishes at the Sun Gate for that much-anticipated first glimpse of Machu Picchu.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Your private 2 day Inca trail will take you along the world-famous trekking route, through some of the most wonderful scenery the Sacred Valley has to offer
- See the exquisitely carved sacred site of Chachabamba
- Visit the beautiful ruin of Wiñaywinya, and admire its imposing architecture and spectacular setting
- Walk through the famous Sun Gate for that once in a lifetime first glimpse of Machu Picchu
- Marvel at magnificent Machu Picchu, one of the new seven wonders of the world

### INCLUDED

- Pre departure briefing on the day before the trek
- Private transfer from your hotel in Cusco to the train station in Ollantaytambo
- Train from Ollantaytambo to km. 104
- Entrance to Inca trail and to Machu Picchu
- Private bilingual professional guide (English and Spanish)
- First aid kit
- Bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes on day 1 and buses to and from Machu Picchu and Aguas Calientes on day 2
- 3\* accommodation in Aguas Calientes
- Train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo
- Private transfer from Ollantaytambo to your hotel in Cusco

### NOT INCLUDED

- Tips
- Last lunch in Aguas Calientes
- Travel insurance

## TOUR PLAN



### DAY ONE:

#### *Cusco - Ollantaytambo - km 104 - Wiñaywayna - Aguas Calientes*

Your adventure will begin bright and early with a private transfer to the town of Ollantaytambo at 4:30 am, the gateway to the Inca trail. From here, you will take the train to the trek starting point at Km 104 at 6:40 am. The train journey is quite a treat in itself: you will travel in a beautiful old-fashioned locomotive featuring great windows, so that you can enjoy spectacular views of the snow-capped mountains and traditional Andean villages as the train winds its way through the Sacred Valley towards the “Ceja de Selva” (edge of the jungle) and the Urubamba river. Upon arriving at Km 104, you’ll check in at the trail control point and set off on your hike! Shortly after crossing the Urubamba river, you’ll arrive at your first archaeological site: the fascinating ruin of Chachabamba, located at 2050m above sea level. The fine architectural style of the site suggests that Chachabamba was once a sacred centre, possibly dedicated to water. Next, you will climb slowly through the cloud forest for about three hours until you reach your next archaeological site (and lunch spot!): the beautiful ruin of Wiñaywayna, located at 2650m above sea level. This imposing site is structured around steep terraces laid out in graceful curves, and commands one of the most spectacular views in the Sacred Valley. After lunch, you will continue your hike to the Intipuku (Sun Gate), the official end to the Inca trail. Walking through the Sun Gate is the stuff of daydreams: it is from here that you will catch your first glimpse of the awe-inspiring citadel of Machu Picchu, one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world and a bucket-list destination for many travellers. Machu Picchu’s setting is no less breathtaking than the city itself: surrounded by forested mountains clothed in wispy clouds, the valley has a truly magical air. You’ll descend for another thirty minutes towards the city, at which point you’ll have the opportunity to take those all-important photos! You’ll then take the bus to the town of Aguas Calientes, where you can check into your hotel, have a hearty dinner and maybe even take a restorative dip in the town’s eponymous hot springs.

**Kilometers covered:** 11 km. (6.8 mi)

**Hiking time:** 6.00 - 7.00 hours

**Low point:** 2'030 m. (6'658 ft.)

**High point:** 2'650 m. (8'693 ft.)





## TOUR PLAN



## DAY TWO:

### *Machu Picchu - Ollantaytambo - Cusco*

You'll begin the day with an early breakfast, so that you can catch the first bus to Machu Picchu and beat the crowds to enjoy the mysterious, ruined city at its best. Wander through the magnificently-preserved ruins, and discover the city with your expert guide: how it was lost for centuries, only to be rediscovered by Hiram Bingham; how the buildings were constructed in perfect harmony with the surrounding mountains; how the beautiful architecture blends aesthetic and utility. After your tour, you'll have some time to visit the city at your own pace, contemplating the magnificent, ruined buildings and admiring the breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley. In the afternoon, you'll take the bus back to Aguas Calientes and catch the train to Ollantaytambo, with your head and camera full of lifelong memories of the awe-inspiring wonder of the world, Machu Picchu. From Ollantaytambo, your private transportation will take you back to your hotel in Cusco.

***Duration of your guided visit of Machu Picchu time: 2.00 - 2.30 hours***

***Kilometers covered: 2 km. (1.25 mi)***



## WHAT TO BRING



### PACKING LIST

- Original valid passport
- Some cash, credit and debit card
- Windproof/waterproof jacket
- Fleece jacket or warm layer
- Long trousers
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Socks
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Sunhat/bandana
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries
- Mosquito repellent
- 30 liters backpack
- Camera
- Reusable water bottle