



Trip Details



Peru – Machu Picchu

Small Hosted Group Trip
(Custom/Private Trips Available by Request)
For Questions or Booking Information:
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Peru – Machu Picchu Trip Details



Trip Dates: September 11-16, 2020 (other dates available by request)

Length of Trip: 6 days / 5 nights

Pre and Post Trip Optional Extension: Ask about options!

Activity Level: Moderate

Peru – Machu Picchu Trip Details - Itinerary

Itinerary:

Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions or the discretion of our guides. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.

Day 1 – From Cusco to the Sacred Valley

After breakfast, board a morning flight to Cusco, where you will be met by your guide. The history, culture and current life in Peru is laid out before you as you ride in air-conditioned comfort across the countryside. En route, we will stop to visit Ollantatambo for a short hike to the Sun Temple, a spectacular introduction to the Peruvian ruins you will experience on your adventure.

Lunch will be at the Tanupa Restaurant along the Urubamba River. Feast like royalty at the buffet while taking in the fresh air of the Andes Mountains.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Sacred Valley Boutique Hotel

Day 2 – Explore the Sacred Valley

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before spending a day acclimatizing to the elevation in the Sacred Valley. Choose between numerous available activities including private hikes, ATV and horseback riding, zip lines, and white water rafting offered by independent adventure operators. Or opt for a more relaxing day of cultural tours, art tours, private village visits or spa services.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sacred Valley Boutique Hotel

Day 3 – Travel to Machu Picchu

Rise and shine for an early departure to The Inca Trail and Machu Picchu. The Peru Rail Vistadome Train features panoramic windows for a morning of magnificent views. You will be deposited at the



KM104 trailhead for a full-day adventure on the Inca Trail. This incredible 13 km hike will end in the late afternoon, as you walk through the Sun Gate and enter the Machu Picchu Ruins. You will spend the night in Aguas Caliente, allowing for a second day of exploring the ruins.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Aguas Caliente Boutique Hotel

Day 4 – Return to Machu Picchu

Return to Machu Picchu from Aguas Caliente by bus. Spend the morning on a guided walk through the ancient city with our expert Peruvian guide. Return to Aguas Caliente in time for lunch before boarding the Vistadome Train for a scenic ride back to Cusco.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 5 – Explore Cusco

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide in the lobby to continue your journey with a fantastic Cusco city walk. The world famous Plaza de Armas is the historic center of the city and your first stop on a half-day walking adventure. The Inka, a fountain in the main square, is a lively urban park surrounded by some of the city's finest colonial architecture.

Cusco is home to several churches, including the small Iglesia del Triunfo, the city's Cathedral, completed in 1664, and the beautiful Iglesia de la Compania de Jesus, built by the Jesuits in 1576.

Stroll a local market and the ruins at Sacsayhuaman.

Enjoy an unscheduled independent afternoon in Cusco after the tour.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 6 – Depart

Your Walking Connection guide will meet you at the hotel and escort you to the Cusco airport. From here you will depart to Lima for your international flights.

Meals Included: Breakfast



This Walking Connection trip includes:

- Expertly planned custom itinerary exclusive to Walking Connection
- 6 nights premium accommodations with en suite bathrooms
- Daily meals, as indicated in itinerary
- Resident local expert guide partner: Javier Trujillo
- Full day guided hike on Inca Trail with permits
- Train and bus transfers throughout trip
- All hiking permits, park fees, any sanctuary fees, site entry fees and government taxes as needed for activities listed in itinerary
- Detailed *Know Before You Go* information, including recommended website, reading lists, packing list, and weather forecast

This Walking Connection trip DOES NOT include:

- Local guide gratuities
- All international and domestic airfares with tax (not listed in the above inclusions)
- All items of a personal nature, including beverages and shopping
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees
- All international departure taxes collected at airport of departure
- Additional hotel stay pre- or post- scheduled itinerary
- Early check-in or late check-out of rooms
- Optional tours
- Photographs or phone calls
- Discounts/Refunds on any unused portion of the tour
- Travel Insurance
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusion list above

Peru – Machu Picchu Trip Details - Price & Payments

Price: From \$2898 USD per person/double occupancy

Deposits:

An initial deposit of \$500 USD per person is required to reserve your space. No space will be held without a complete deposit. Deposits are non-refundable.



Payments:

Payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to cancellation and penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days prior to the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check, wire transfer or credit card/PayPal. Credit card and PayPal payments for final amount due are subject to a 3% surcharge of total due. Canadian (or other non U.S. Credit cards) are subject to a 4.5% surcharge. Payments can be made online or by phone.

Price Variation:

Prices are based upon the current government fees for park, camping, concession fees and sanctuary entry and all taxes at the time of publication of this information. Should the government impose any new taxes, raise the current tax or increase the entry cost to any park or sanctuary, the price increase will be passed along and charged to you. You will be notified of this increase at the time that Walking Connection is notified. All payments received by Walking Connection are subject to the cancellation policy already published and in effect.

Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies:

Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply:

Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, all cancellations requests will forfeit the initial trip deposit (\$500.) After that:

- For cancellations 61-90 days prior to the trip, 50% penalty of the total trip cost.
- For cancellations and no shows 60 days or less prior to the trip, no refunds.

No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to Walking Connection via e-mail and/or US Postal Service. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by Walking Connection, not the date of postmark.

Trip Minimum and Maximum:

Minimum of 6 full paying guests. Walking Connection specializes in traveling in small groups, many times we stay in boutique hotel properties, historical inns, private homes and bed & breakfasts. For this and contractual related reasons, some trips may require a minimum number of guests traveling together to go. FOR THIS TRIP, an additional Small Group Surcharge may be assessed, or the trip may be canceled at the option of Walking Connection if signups do not meet the 6 person minimum. This trip will be guaranteed to be conducted either when we have reached the minimum number of guests or evaluated 120 or 90 days prior to departure. Also, should the minimum not be met,



Walking Connection is at its sole discretion to elect to operate the trip without a Walking Connection host. Please do not make your international or domestic air arrangements until the trip is confirmed.

Maximum of 16 guests.

Peru – Machu Picchu Trip Details - Travel Arrangements

Peru Passports/Visas:

Valid passports must have 3 blank pages and a minimum of 6 months remaining before expiration. Please submit a copy of your passport to Walking Connection on registration, for Inca Trail permits.

For US passport applications and renewals:

<http://www.passportvisasexpress.com/?affId=992183579f5e584ff2a965b511618cc9>

Air Arrangements:

BEFORE you make your international airline arrangements, please contact Walking Connection by phone – (800)-295-9255 to reconfirm the details of the trip. Walking Connection will provide you with recommended arrival and departure airports, times and any additional information you may need BEFORE you book your flights.

It is recommended that you fly into Lima Airport (LIM) on day 1 and then on to Cusco Airport (CUZ). Your guide will meet you at the Airport in Cusco. Contact us for recommended flight times.

Travel Roommates and Single Supplements:

If you have registered for double occupancy but don't have a travel roommate, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the trip where you will be rooming as a single.

Peru – Machu Picchu Trip Details - Final Details

Trip Grading – Moderate:

- Each day usually consists of 3-5 hours of activities most centered around walking
- Terrain includes city streets, village cobblestone walkways, well-worn countryside paths with uphill and downhill components
- Achieving a specific destination (point A to B) is not usually the goal and generally alternative transportation is available
- Your day pack will include a liter of water, snacks, rain jacket, sunscreen, personal items



Gear & Personal Items:

We will provide a detailed list of personal items you will need that will make your journey safe and convenient. There is no special gear required for this trip though you will receive a list of recommended items, including supportive hiking boots and socks. We can help with information on types, brands and what to look for if you are purchasing new gear items for the trip.

Special Supplier Gifts & Items:

As a local custom, vendors, suppliers, ground operators, restaurants and hotel properties may offer complimentary beverages that may or may not contain alcohol. Should you elect not to accept this gift, complimentary water may not be offered as a replacement and may only be offered for sale. This is a local custom beyond the control of Walking Connection.

Your Personal Guides:

At Walking Connection, our philosophy is simple: each trip is designed in partnership with locals and delivered by local legends. We work with a small number of trusted travel partners to deliver the best experiences in the safest way possible. This trip is hosted by Christine Reed. If for any reason, they are unable to attend, another host will take their place.

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