

Over the Andes to Machu Picchu

TRIP LENGTH: Two days **STARTS AND ENDS:** Cusco

Day 1 Chinchero, Moray, Salineras and Ollantaytambo

Today starts with Chinchero, a quiet little town best known for its outdoor weaving studios, terraced Inca ruin, and intricately-frescoed colonial church. Next is Moray — three massive Inca amphitheatres of incredible engineering precision and stern, magnificent beauty. Then an easy stroll (or ride in the vehicle if you prefer) through rolling farmland and views of the high Andes brings us to Salineras — a surreal and beautiful patchwork of pools and paths that still produces salt using Inca technology.

Our next stop is Ollantaytambo, perhaps the most perfectly preserved of all Inca towns, a maze of cobbled alleyways and sun-drenched plazas presided over by a spectacular, llama-shaped ruin which we'll have time to explore before catching the train to Aguas Calientes, where we'll spend the night.

Accommodation: Family-run hotel, Aguas Calientes

Meals: Lunch and dinner included

Day 2 Machu Picchu!

A spectacular stone city surrounded by incredibly steep, incredibly green mountains, Machu Picchu needs no introduction and is deservedly one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

We'll be up at sunrise so there's time for your guide to show you around Machu Picchu's main citadel, as well as our favourite hidden nooks and crannies, before the crowds arrive. Then there's time for your own exploration of the massive, still-mysterious site, before we catch the train back to Cusco.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch included

What's included:

- All accommodation (based on twin-share. Single supplement available for US\$40)
- All activities specified in itinerary
- Aspiring Adventures guide
- All transport
- Pickup and drop-off at your accommodation in Cusco
- Entrance to all attractions specified in itinerary
- Entrance to Machu Picchu including extra permit to climb Huayna Picchu (if available at time of booking)
- Meals as specified (one breakfast, two lunches, one dinner)
- Drinking water with included meals

What's not included:

• Tip for your guide(s) and driver

What to bring:

- Sunscreen and sunhat
- Your passport (IMPORTANT you need it to get into Machu Picchu!)
- One change of clothes (allow for both warm and cold weather)
- Pyjamas/your preferred sleeping apparel
- Raincoat
- Camera
- Snacks for Machu Picchu (avoid buying at the kiosk at the site, the prices there are silly!)
- Drinking water
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Money for souvenirs at Aguas Calientes market