Machu Picchu + Humantay Lake 6D/5N

Duration: 6 days



About this trip

Your complete Peru adventure awaits: Sacsayhuaman, the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu and Humantay Lake in 6 unforgettable days.

Designed for travelers looking for the ultimate combination of culture, adventure, and comfort: explore legendary temples, sacred valleys, and majestic snow-capped peaks at your own pace. Reserve your spot today and get ready to experience the Peruvian trip of a lifetime.

Day 1: Airport – Cusco

Upon arrival at **Cusco Airport**, our team will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You'll be welcomed with a warm cup of coca tea — the traditional Andean remedy that helps your body adjust to the altitude. You will have a free afternoon to acclimatize, as the city of Cusco is at an altitude of 3,399 m (11,151 feet).

We suggest a visit to the **Plaza de Armas** with its colonial and Inca temples, The Regional History Museum, The Contemporary Art Museum, the Museum of The Qoricancha, and the Museum of popular art. These places will make your trip an even more unforgettable experience and give you the perfect insight into local culture.

It is important to drink plenty of water at high elevations to help with acclimatization. During your first few days at altitude, stick to light meals, as digestion slows down. Later on, you will have the opportunity to try the famous guinea pig—a dish revered since Inca times, remaining a iconic delicacy in the Andes reserved for special occasions and celebrations.

If you're feeling well, consider visiting the Centro Qosqo of Native Art — a spectacular show of traditional dances, costumes, and music that begins at 7:00 PM. But, the show begins at 7pm, but we recommend that you arrive 30 minutes earlier and wait in line, as many people want to go to the see this unique spectacular. If you have the “boleta turistica” included in your package, you will have free access to this incredible show.

- **Tip**: Drink coca tea each morning. It helps with acclimatization. Avoid it late in the evening — it has a similar effect to caffeine. Stay hydrated, eat light, and wear comfortable walking shoes.
- **Overnight**: Hotel in Cusco
- **Meals**: None
- **Check-in**: 12:00 PM | Check-out: 9:00 AM

Day 2: Cusco City Tour (The Cathedral, T

After breakfast and your morning coca tea, we begin our **Cusco city tour** — a journey through 3,000 years of history. First, we visit the **Plaza de Armas**, built on the foundations of the Temple of Inca Wiracocha, and the Cathedral, which houses over 300 paintings belonging to the Cusco School of Art. Next, we visit **Qorikancha**, the Quechua name for 'Temple of Gold.' As the most sacred site in the Inca Empire, this magnificent temple—the first built by the Incas—was once adorned with extraordinary amounts of gold and silver.

We leave the city center to visit **Sacsayhuaman**, the monumental fortress built with megalithic stones weighing over 150 tonnes. During Inca times, it was the Temple of Lightning, dedicated to the deity Illapa. Nearby, **Q'enqo** — a sacred site carved into living rock, where the Incas made offerings to Mother Earth. Then **Puka Pukara**, the "Red Castle," and **Tambomachay**, a temple dedicated to the cult of water, believed to have served as a purification bath for Inca governors. We return to Cusco in the afternoon, dropping you at your hotel or the Plaza de Armas.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Cusco
- **Meals:** breakfast

Day 3: The Sacred Valley of the Incas –

Today you discover the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** — the fertile heartland where ancient civilizations flourished between **Cusco** and **Machu Picchu**.

After breakfast, we arrive at the artisan community of Pisac, where local craftsmen have preserved textile techniques passed down through generations. You'll watch them work, learn about their methods, and have the chance to purchase authentic Peruvian textiles — pieces of genuine Andean artistry you won't find anywhere else in the world.

From there, we climb to the hilltop **archaeological site of Pisac**: a stunning complex of agricultural terraces and ceremonial structures cascading down the mountainside, with panoramic views of the valley below. The stonework here speaks to the precision of Inca engineering, set against some of the most dramatic scenery in the Andes. We descend to the town of Pisac and its famous **handicraft market**, where local artisans sell handmade goods using ancestral techniques — textiles, ceramics, silver jewelry, and traditional Andean crafts.

Continuing through the Sacred Valley, we stop in **Urubamba** for lunch. The meal features local specialties: ceviche, Andean soups, roasted guinea pig, seasonal salads, and traditional desserts — a genuine taste of Peruvian cuisine at one of the valley's finest tourist restaurants. After lunch, we visit the imposing **fortress of Ollantaytambo** — a strategic Inca stronghold built to guard the entrance to the valley. Walk through its narrow cobblestone streets and you'll feel the layers of history: military outposts, religious temples, and residential quarters that reveal how this site functioned as a living center of Inca power.

As the afternoon fades, we board the tourist train to **Aguas Calientes** — the town at the base of **Machu Picchu**. The journey follows the Vilcanota River through a narrowing valley, and with each mile, the anticipation builds. Tomorrow, you meet the legend. On arrival, your hotel representative will be waiting to take you to your accommodation.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Aguas Calientes
- **Meals:** Breakfast and lunch

Day 4: Machu Picchu – Cusco – 2hr 30m de

Early in the morning, your guide collects you from the hotel for the 30-minute bus ride up to the **Historical Sanctuary of Machu Picchu** also known as “The lost city of The Incas”. As the citadel emerges from the morning mist, you'll understand why this is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. On arrival at the citadel with your guide, we will queue at the entrance to Machu Picchu and we will begin our tour of this mind-blowing, archaeological site. Your guide leads you through the Plaza Mayor, the Temple of the Sun, the Intihuatana (Sacred Sundial), the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, and the Temple of the Condor — each one a masterpiece of Inca engineering and spiritual design. After the guided tour, you'll have time to take photos before descending by bus to **Aguas Calientes** for lunch in one of the many restaurants (important: lunch is not included). In the afternoon, we board the train back to **Ollantaytambo**, where a representative will assist you to the bus station for your transfer back to your hotel in Cusco.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Cusco
- **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 5: Cusco – Humantay Lake Hike (Full

We depart early for one of the most breathtaking hikes in the Peruvian Andes. The drive takes us through traditional Andean villages and the town of **Mollepata**, where we stop for breakfast before continuing to **Soraypampa** — the starting point of the trek. Along the way, your guide shares insights into the local flora, fauna, and the customs of the communities that have inhabited these highlands for centuries.

From Soraypampa, the hike to **Humantay Lake** takes approximately two hours — a steady ascent through open highland terrain that rewards you with one of the most photographed landscapes in Peru. The turquoise waters of

the lagoon sit at 4,200 meters, framed by the massive glaciers of **Humantay** and **Salkantay**. The contrast of color against stone, water against sky, creates a scene that stays with you long after you descend. After time to absorb the view, we return to Soraypampa for the drive back to Mollepata, where a buffet lunch awaits — traditional dishes prepared with local ingredients. We return to Cusco by evening.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Cusco
- **Meals:** Breakfast and lunch

Day 6: Hotel – Airport Cusco

Depending on your flight time, we transfer you to Cusco Airport for your departure. Take a moment to look back at the mountains that held you for six days. This marks the end of our services.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Check in:** 12:00 / Check out : 9:00 am

What's included

- ✓ Private Airport Transfer
- ✓ Cusco City Tour
- ✓ Sacred Valley Tour
- ✓ Round-Trip Train Tickets
- ✓ Machu Picchu Bus Tickets
- ✓ Machu Picchu Visit
- ✓ Train Station Transfer
- ✓ **Humantay Lake Tour:** Round-trip transportation between Cusco and Soraypampa, entrance fee, and a professional guide trained in high-altitude mountain rescue
- ✓ Trekking Equipmen
- ✓ Humantay Meals
- ✓ Safety Equipment
- ✓ 5 Hotel Nights
- ✓ **Travel Assistance:** Staff assistance and agency support throughout your trip.

What's not included

- ✗ **Drinks :** Drinks except those mentioned in the itinerary
- ✗ **Meals :** Meals except those mentioned in the itinerary
- ✗ Snacks
- ✗ Phone calls
- ✗ Extra spending money

- ✕ Tips/gratuities
- ✕ Travel insurance

Packages

Economy – Single Room — $1,058

- **Cusco** – Hotel Sueños del Inka / Inka Wasi Plaza / Sacha Centric / Rojas Plaza Boutique / Raymi
- **Aguas Calientes** – Terrazas del Inca Bed and Breakfast / Mapi Seven Machu Picchu / Sacred Stone Boutique

Touristy – Single Room — $1,127

- **Cusco** – Hotel Ruinas Cusco / San Agustin Internacional / Maytaq Wasin Hotel
- **Aguas Calientes** – Inti Punku Machupicchu / Ferre Machu Picchu / Tara Machu Picchu

First – Single Room — $1,380

- **Cusco** – San Agustin Plaza / Casa Andina Standard Cusco Catedral / XIMA Cusco Hotel
- **Aguas Calientes** – Tierra Viva Machu Picchu / Taypikala Boutique Machupicchu / Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu

Premium – Single Room — $1,621

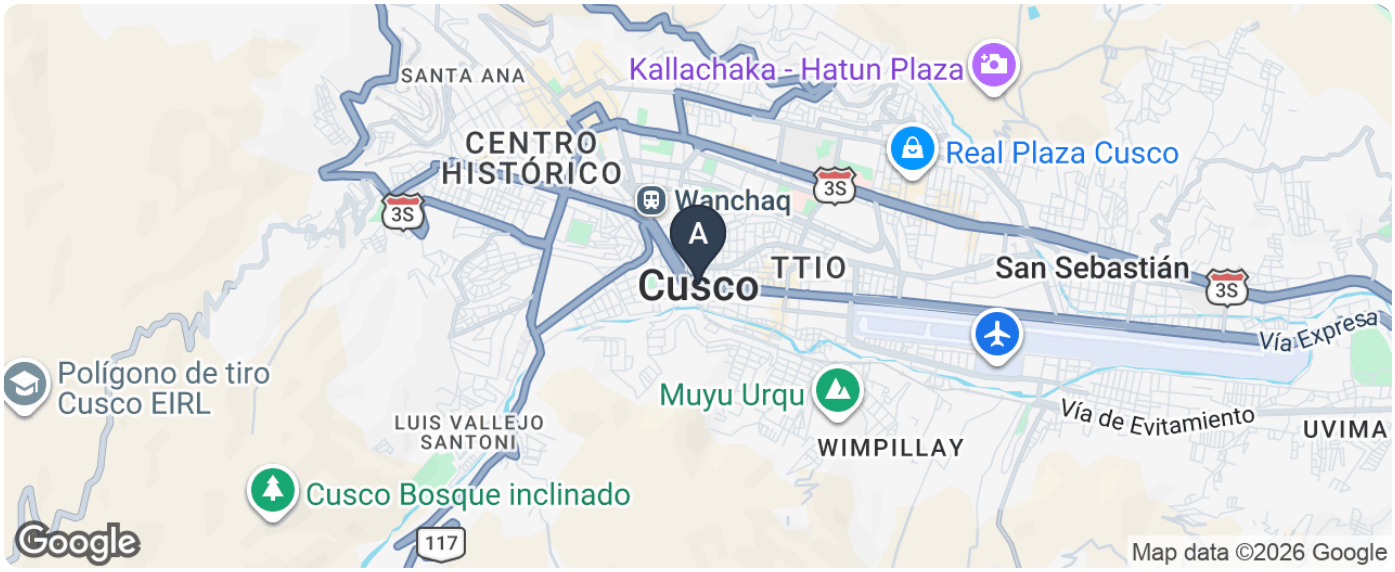
- **Cusco** – Novotel Cusco / Casa Andina Premium Cusco / Wyndham Costa Del Sol Cusco
- **Aguas Calientes** – El Mapi Hotel By Inkaterra / Jaya Machu Picchu Boutique / Hatun Inti Boutique Machu Picchu

Luxury – Single Room — $2,689

- **Cusco** – Casa Cartagena Boutique Hotel & Spa / Palacio del Inka Luxury Collections / Hotel Aranwa Cusco Boutique
- **Aguas Calientes** – Hotel Sumaq Machupicchu / Hotel Casa del Sol Boutique / Hotel Inkaterra Machupicchu Puebl

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