



Peru – Inca Trail Glamping

Trip Summary

The four day Classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is rated among the best trekking trips in the world because of the exquisite beauty of its natural surroundings. Following this ancient Inca Trail, you will walk past increasingly impressive archaeological sites that lead to the lost city of the Incas, Machu Picchu. Our addition of “glamping” (glamorous camping) brings a new twist to an old favorite, upping the ante for service, dining, and comfort. In addition to glamping, this trip also features in-depth tours of Cusco, the surrounding ruins, and the scenic Sacred Valley, with comfortable first class accommodations throughout.

Itinerary

Day 1: Lima

Arrive in Lima, the “City of Kings,” and the cultural hub of Peru • You’ll be met at the airport and transferred to your first night’s hotel (just across the street!) • Dinner on your own • *Overnight Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (No meals)*

Day 2: Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco, the Inca Empire’s capital and oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere • Transfer to the Sacred Valley of the Incas (at a lower elevation than Cusco), on the way visiting Pisac town where a stop at the Indian market promises unique and authentic souvenirs • Lunch at Cuchara de Palo Restaurant • Continue the shuttle to your hotel along a beautiful road bordered by the Urubamba River, agricultural fields and snow-capped mountains • *Overnight Sol y Luna (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Maras / Moray / Sacred Valley

Morning pickup from your hotel for a visit to Mara’s ancient salt mines • Here you’ll find an array of picturesque pools where the Incas built terraces in the hillside to capture the downward flow of salty springs emerging from the hillside • Continue on to Moray, where you’ll find huge circular agricultural terraces built by the Incas used to plant various crops • The area was used in the past as an agricultural laboratory to determine optimum conditions for different species of crops growing at varying altitudes • Lunch at Wayra Restaurant • Then enjoy a guided visit to the Inca site that crowns the town • Transfer back to Sol y Luna and enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant • *Overnight Sol y Luna (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Sacred Valley / Huayllabamba

Transfer from the hotel to km 82, where our porters and equipment await • After checking in with the park rangers, we begin our trek escorted by the porters, hiking through semi-arid terrain along the Urubamba River with magnificent views of snow-capped mountains • Passing the last remaining local villas, we’ll leave the Urubamba valley behind as we set off up the Kusichaca River to our first camp site in Huayllabamba where you’ll experience your introduction to “glamping” (glamorous camping) • Our campsite will be near the village but separate from crowds and noise which allow us to enjoy the peace of the surrounding mountains and birdlife • *Overnight Inca Trail Camp at Huayllabamba, 9,842 feet (B, L, D)*

** Km 82 – Huayllabamba: 6.8 mile trek (~ 6 hours)*

Day 5: Huayllabamba / Pacaymayo

After a hearty breakfast, we begin our trek to the top of Warmihuañusca Pass (13,860 ft) • We’ll reach the turning point after a short time from where it is possible to see the other side of the valley leading to Runkurakay ruins • Once we snap pictures and take in the fantastic view, we’ll make our way down into a native gorge towards our next campsite at Pacaymayo • *Overnight Inca Trail Camp at Pacaymayo, 11,649 feet (B, L, D)*

** Huayllabamba – Pacaymayo: 4.3 mile trek (~ 7 hours)*



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Day 6: Pacaymayo / Phuyupatamarca

After a short zigzagging ascent, we'll arrive at the Runkurakay circular ruins • With no sign of human life, only extensive woods and abrupt hills, we'll continue our way up the second pass • Upon reaching the top and resting our legs, we snake our way down the other side, clearly observing that the Inca Trail becomes more and more well preserved as we continue • Taking the steps up to Sayacmarca, we'll break as we listen to an explanation about the Inca Empire and its connection with the Amazon jungle • Continue towards Phuyupatamarca Ruins, crossing the "Lago Seco" or Chakikocha where we'll eat a tasty lunch • Carrying on, we hike up and down hills passing through "The Tunnel", a natural cavity produced by a landslide, adapted by the Incas • After crossing a small pass, we spot steep steps and under these the Ceremonial Center of Phuyupatamarca Ruins, our campsite tonight with the best views of the surrounding jagged Andean peaks • *Overnight Inca Trail Camp at Phuyupatamarca, 12,012 feet (B, L, D)*

* *Pacaymayo – Phuyupatamarca: 5 mile trek (~ 5 hours)*

Day 7: Phuyupatamarca / Machu Picchu

We're up early this morning as we begin our descent into the Andean cloud forest where orchids and epiphyte plants hide in the dense undergrowth, awaiting detection by keen eyes • The Urubamba valley and river will be within our sights as we continue on our path towards the Wiñay Wayna ruins built up on a steep hillside • After exploration of these famous ruins, we continue up the last pass to the renowned Inti Punku or "Sun Gate" • From here, you'll be looking down upon the extensive and beautiful site of Machu Picchu • For now, your guide will provide you with a brief orientation of the site and its history as we continue our journey onwards to our lodging for the evening • *Overnight Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (B, L, D)*

* *Phuyupatamarca – Machu Picchu: 8 mile trek (~ 6 hours)*

Day 8: Machu Picchu / Cusco

Once again, we rise early to take full advantage of our day in one of the most famous Inca sites in the world • After a short public bus ride up to the main entrance of Machu Picchu, we'll begin our guided tour of this intricate city of an ancient civilization • You will visit the Intihuatana, the Temple of the Sun, the residential areas, the terraced fields, the ceremonial fountains, and other sectors of the impressive citadel • You will have the option to climb the stairs up Huayna Picchu to get a better view of the site as a whole • This afternoon we take the bus down to Aguas Calientes, return by train to Ollantaytambo, and transfer by car back to Cusco • Enjoy dinner at the hotel • *Overnight Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco (B, L, D)*

Day 9: Cusco

Morning pickup from your hotel for a Cusco city tour • We'll start with a viewing of the Cathedral, built over 450 years ago, and its fine collection of paintings at the Cusqueño School • After this, you can't miss a visit to the Koricancha, the most sumptuous temple of the Inca culture, which was dedicated to worship the sun • The remainder of the morning we'll spend taking in the magnificent ruins of Sacsayhuaman and its impressive rocky constructions, followed by Kenko, Puka Pukara and Tambomachay • Tonight we'll gather for a farewell dinner at Map Café to share memories of our trip over Pisco Sours, followed by some lively music • *Overnight Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco (B, L, D)*

Day 10: Cusco / Lima

Return flight to Lima • With guide assistance, connect with your international flight home • (B)

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures and Apumayo Expediciones.*



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Activities

Hiking – Some hiking experience is recommended on this adventure.

- 1 to 2 mile city walks and ruins tours.
- Inca Trail: 4 to 8 mile hikes, moderate to strenuous uneven, rocky terrain. Elevation range: 7,800 – 14,000 feet. Your gear is carried by porters so you are only required to pack your essentials while hiking (rain jacket, water bottle, camera, etc.)

Discovery – Crowned by the towering Andes and tucked between the Amazon and the Pacific, Peru offers a captivating mix of adventure, nature and history. Embedded in every active traveler's Top Ten List is the great city of the clouds, Machu Picchu. Our route takes us there from bustling Lima, to the cobblestone streets of Cusco, from ruin to ruin across the Sacred Valley, and by train and breathtaking footpath over the Inca Trail. Catch a glimpse of the Andean Condor, a vulture with the largest wingspan of any land bird – 10.5 feet! Discover the colorful street markets, friendly people, and strong local culture of Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca empire. Did you know that Machu Picchu is called “The Lost City” because when it was “rediscovered” by Yale explorer Hiram Bingham III in 1911, the jungle had literally swallowed the complex ruins? Even a knife blade can't be inserted between the precise mortarless joints of the stones used in the building of Machu Picchu, and many of these stones weighed more than 50 tons! Come explore Peru with the experts in adventure travel!

Your guides will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventure vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

Our Partner – Apumayo Expediciones

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with Apumayo Expediciones. Apumayo, a local Peruvian company based in the City of Cusco, was established in 1995. Specializing in adventure travel and non-conventional tourism, the company combines tourism with cultural, educational and natural history. Apumayo Expediciones describes itself as a commercial venture with a strong environmental and social agenda, developing and supporting many projects such as river clean ups and supporting Andean community projects. Apumayo looks to host many of their adventure trips with help from the local communities of Peru and relates them with Inca culture and the daily life of the Andean people. Austin Adventures and Apumayo look forward to providing you with top notch customer service in some of Peru's most beautiful and inspiring places.



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Distinctive Accommodations

Night 1: Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport

Located just steps from the Lima International Airport, the convenience of this hotel will be welcomed on your first night's stay before your following day's flight from Lima to Cusco. Enjoy a delicious meal or Pisco Sour in the 24-hour restaurant or opt for a massage, Jacuzzi, steam room or sauna in the 24-hour spa. Cool off and go for a swim in the indoor pool. The caring staff is happy to take care of your every need.

Nights 2 & 3: Sol y Luna

Sol y Luna was born in 1996, when Franz and Petit - its founders - arrived in the Sacred Valley with the aim of settling there and sharing, with visitors and neighbors, what this land has to offer: beauty, culture and history, together with work and the joy of progress. Sol y Luna boasts over 100 collaborators, who share a common philosophy of respecting the natural environment and living in harmony with the local culture. The hotel is located in the province and district of Urubamba, in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, at an altitude of 8,850 feet, one hour's drive from Cusco city. Minutes away from the hotel, you can find important archaeological sites like Moray, Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Chinchero and Machu Picchu.

Nights 4 – 6: Inca Trail Camp

Three evenings of your adventure will be spent “glamping” (glamorous camping) in your Inca Trail Tent Camp. Safari size tents with inflatable beds and warm duvets are provided as well as hot shower facilities along the trek. Your chef will prepare gourmet camp cuisine, while you enjoy spirited cocktails like the famous Pisco Sour. Dinners are served using silverware, table linens, and a selection of wine (served in actual wine glasses). Native “Quechua” porters are employed to assist along the way with all the necessary gear, so that you only need to carry your essentials (camera, water bottle, rain jacket, etc.) There's even a massage therapist available on your evenings in camp!

Night 7: Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

The Pueblo Hotel's private 12-acre cloud forest inside the Machu Picchu Sanctuary offers a scattering of cottages, streams, gushing waterfalls, gardens and wild forest. Discover a working tea plantation, and the world's largest private collection of indigenous orchids, open to the public. What could be more enchanting than the vibrant Waqanki, and the legend of a lovesick Inca princess whose sadness was transformed into colorful teardrop petals?

Nights 8 & 9: Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco

Costa del Sol is located in a colonial-era mansion that is considered part of the cultural heritage of the city of Cusco. The building dates back to the 17th century, when the Marquis de Picoaga arrived in the city and built himself a new home, using stonework and murals. The hotel is divided between a colonial wing and a contemporary wing, combining stone archways, a beautiful patio, a fountain and original murals dating from the architecture of the 17th century with all the comforts of a modern, contemporary hotel. The rooms have been designed for the comfort of guests and are spacious, peaceful and fully equipped.



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Arrival and Departures

An Austin Adventures/Apumayo representative will meet you upon arrival at the Lima airport. Upon clearing customs, you'll be escorted across the street to Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel, your home for the night. On Day 10 you will be transferred from Costa del Sol Ramada in Cusco to the airport according to your morning or afternoon flight schedule. You will be met upon your arrival in Lima and assistance will be provided to the international departures terminal of the Lima airport. Please confirm with your airline provider if the Peruvian airport departure and tourist tax is included in your ticket. If not, this departure tax must be paid in U.S. dollars or Peruvian Nuevos Soles, as credit cards are not accepted.

Trip Price

Call for pricing

Trip Length

10 days/9 nights

2021 Dates

Call for availability

Host City

Lima, Peru

Airport code: LIM

Reservations & Availability

800.575.1540

*Enjoy gourmet camp cuisine and spirited cocktails
like the famous Pisco Sour*



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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$1,000 per person nonrefundable deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800.575.1540

Phone: 406.655.4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional. We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths & deluxe tent camping accommodations with necessary gear (two-person tent, inflatable beds, sheets, pillows, duvets, toilet tent, towels, portable shower, etc).
- Meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary.
- Fully trained, bilingual, professional guide(s) and knowledgeable local partners.
- Land transportation (vehicles, buses, and trains) during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt & luggage tags.
- Duffle bags for personal luggage on Inca Trail (20 pounds per person). (To be returned to Apumayo upon completion of trek.)
- Porters throughout the Inca Trail trek.
- Some alcoholic beverages like local wine, Pisco, champagne, beer, and sodas (on Inca Trail portion).
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Entrance fees to attractions in Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Inca Trail, Machu Picchu, & Huaynapicchu.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Flights from Lima-Cusco-Lima (approximately \$500 per person, depending on availability).
- Guide and trek support (cooks, porters, massage therapist, etc.) gratuities.
- Meals not indicated in detailed daily itinerary.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$1,000 per person nonrefundable deposit.

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded.

Cancellation 0-60 days before trip departure – No refund is given.

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.