




INTI RAYMI FESTIVAL AND MACHU PICCHU: INCA TRAIL ENHANCED WITH ALEGRE TRAVEL

12 Days | Cusco - Cusco
\$2599^{USD} | June 22 - July 3, 2019

Is this trip for me?

TYPE: CLASSIC
SERVICE LEVEL: STANDARD
PHYSICAL DEMAND: 

Highlights

- › Experience the ancient Incan Inti Raymi ceremony
- › Explore the Sacred Valley
- › Learn about traditional ways of life and visit local markets
- › Conquer the Inca Trail

What's included

- › G Adventures for Good: Ccaccacollo Community and Women's Weaving Co-op visit, Ccaccacollo
- › G Adventures for Good: Parwa Community Restaurant the Sacred Valley, Lamay
- › Inti Raymi reenactment ceremony
- › Sacred Valley guided tour
- › Pottery making demonstration
- › Exclusive Sacred Valley cultural experience
- › Inca Trail guided hike with cooks and porters (4 days)
- › All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

Accommodations

Hotels (8 nts), camping (3 nts).

Meals

11 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

Transportation

Transportation- Train, private van, hiking.

Staff & experts

Staff & experts- CEO and specialist Inca Trail CEO on hike.

G Adventures

Inti Raymi Festival and Machu Picchu: Inca Trail Enhanced

Day 1 | Cusco

Arrive at any time.

Day 2 | Cusco

Explore the sites of the Maras Salt Mines and the ancient Incan agricultural terraces of Moray. Continue on a scenic drive through small villages and stunning views of the Andean countryside. Stop for a picnic lunch at Piuray Lagoon and opt to explore by kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Return to Cusco for the evening.

Day 3 | Cusco

Watch the city come alive with dancers and performers marching up to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman in the ceremony to honour the Sun God Inti. Join thousands of spectators and observe the elaborate re-enactment of Incan rituals in a ceremony dedicated to Pachamama (the Mother Earth goddess).

Day 4 | Cusco/Ollantaytambo

Enjoy a full-day guided tour of the Sacred Valley. Stop at the G Adventures-supported women's weaving co-op before visiting a local pottery making community. Break for lunch at the G Adventures-supported Parwa community restaurant in Huchuy Qosco. Opt to head out on a hike to the Ollantaytambo storehouses and look out over the ruins. Or, wander around the cobblestone streets and visit a local Chicheria (corn beer bar). In the evening, partake in an exclusive Inti Raymi celebration ceremony with the Sacred Valley as a scenic backdrop.

Day 5 | Inca Trail

Depart Ollantaytambo by van to km 82 where the Inca Trail begins. Ease into things with a straight forward day of hiking, the meandering streams, stunning Andean scenery, and ancient Incan ruins.

Day 6 | Inca Trail

Start early to climb the long steep path to Warmiwañusca, better known as Dead Woman's Pass. This is the highest point of the trek at 4,198m (13,769 ft). Most hikers reach camp by early afternoon, with ample time to rest and relax.

Day 7 | Inca Trail

Cross two more passes and ruins along the way. The first pass is Runquraqay at 3,950m (13,113 ft) where, on a clear day, hikers can catch a glimpse of the snow-capped Cordillera Vilcabamba. Hike through cloud forest on the gentle climb to the second pass of the day, walking through original Incan constructions. At 3,650m (11,972 ft), reach the ruins of Phuyupatamarca, the "town above the clouds." Camp here or go another 1.5 hrs to the Wiñay Wayna ruins ("forever young") located at 2,650m (8,694 ft).

Day 8 | Machu Picchu/Aguas Calientes

The final day of the hike starts pre-dawn to reach the Sun Gate before sunrise. Catch the first views of the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu on a clear day. Hike down to Machu Picchu for a guided tour of the site and free time to explore until noon as permitted by the tourist ticket. Opt to visit the Inca Bridge, if time allows. Catch the bus to Aguas Calientes to meet any non-hiking members of your group. Eat and relax while you spend the night in Aguas Calientes.

Day 9 | Aguas Calientes

Return to Machu Picchu for a group tour. Afterwards, enjoy dinner with the group.

Day 10 | Aguas Calientes/Cusco

Depart Aguas Calientes and take the train back to Cusco.

Day 11 | Cusco

Enjoy a free day to explore Cusco. Opt to hike Rainbow Mountain, visit the local market, a nearby archaeological site, or relax and get a massage!

Day 12 | Cusco

Depart Any time.

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Concerning Inca Trail Permits: Inca Trail permits are not guaranteed. The Peruvian government has not yet released Inca Trail permits for sale for 2025. If passengers pay their deposit to confirm their spot on the tour, then once permits go on sale, our local office in Cusco will work to secure a permit on their behalf. In the unlikely event that one cannot be obtained, passengers can still visit Machu Picchu by train or via the Laraz Trek. In order for us to request Inca Trail permits you must have the minimum number of travellers needed to confirm the tour. We must have the passport information of the passport the traveller will be using for their trip and the passport must be valid at least 6 months beyond their intended stay. We recommend that we have full passenger details for the minimum number of travellers no later than September 30, 2018 in order for the best chance to obtain permits. Permits can be released at any time by the Peruvian government.