Inca Trail 2027 Booking Calendar

Classic Inca Trail 4 days · when to book each month of 2027

Short answer: for May–September, reserve before the 2027 permits go on sale (expected October–November 2026). For April and October, 4–6 months ahead. For January, March, November and December, 2–3 months is usually enough — except Easter and Christmas weeks.

The 2027 "book by" calendar

Very high · High · Medium–high · Medium · Low–medium · Closed

January 2–3 months ahead	**February** —	**March** 2–3 months ahead	**April** 4–6 months ahead	**May** Before release (Oct–Nov 2026)	**June** Before release
July Before release	**August** Before release	**September** Before release or 5–6 months ahead	**October** 4–5 months ahead	**November** 2–3 months ahead	**December** 2–3 months ahead

Month 2027	Demand	Book by	Watch out for
January	Low–medium	2–3 months ahead	Rainy season; New Year week is busier
February	Closed	—	The trail closes every February
March	Medium	2–3 months ahead	Easter: Holy Week runs 21–28 March 2027 — book those days at release
April	High	4–6 months ahead	Start of the dry season
May	Very high	Before release (Oct–Nov 2026)	Corpus Christi in Cusco, 27 May 2027
June	Very high	Before release	Inti Raymi, 24 June 2027
July	Very high	Before release	US summer holidays and Peru's national holidays, 28–29 July
August	Very high	Before release	European summer holidays
September	High	Before release or 5–6 months ahead	Usually a little easier than July–August
October	Medium–high	4–5 months ahead	Shoulder season; first showers late in the month
November	Medium	2–3 months ahead	US Thanksgiving week (25 November 2027)
December	Medium	2–3 months ahead	Christmas and New Year weeks — book 4+ months ahead

Guidance we give our own clients, based on how quickly each month has sold in recent seasons; it is not an official schedule. The Short Inca Trail (2 days) has its own quota of 250 people per day and can usually be booked a little later, but May to August still fills early.

Why booking early matters more in 2027

Under Ministerial Resolution 000333-2026-MC (September 2026), every permit must be paid in full within about 15 minutes, with each hiker's name, and names cannot be changed later. Our reading as an operator: fewer spaces will be left to resell after release day, so for peak months the reliable strategy is to be on your operator's list before sales open.

Book earlier if…

- You need one exact date (flights, a wedding or a cruise fix the day).
- You are a group of six or more: everyone needs a permit on the same day.
- You want a combination: Huayna Picchu, a specific train or a particular hotel in Aguas Calientes.

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