Inca Trail Tipping & Cash Card 2027

Who, when and how · print it and keep it with your trek cash

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Voluntary
no set amount; each traveler decides it

1 envelope
from the group to the whole team

Dollars or soles
both are customary; clean, untorn bills

Who to tip

Route	Who you tip	Tip
Classic Inca Trail, 4 days	Guide, chef and porters, as one team	Voluntary, for the whole trek
Short Inca Trail, 2 days	Your guide (no porters on this route)	Voluntary
1-day Inca Trail	Your guide	Voluntary

Tips are not included in the tour price and are always voluntary: there is no set amount, each traveler decides it. Our team is paid for every working day under Peru's porter law (Law 31614).

How and when to hand it over

1 Collect it as a group
One person gathers the tips during day 3. It is fairer and avoids differences within the team.

2 Give it on the last evening
The night before Machu Picchu is the last time the whole team is together, cooks and porters included.

3 Hand it to the whole team
In front of everyone, or to the guide and chef together, so all the team sees it.

4 Dollars or soles
It is customary to tip in US dollars or in soles; both are welcome. Bring clean, untorn bills.

Our group envelope

Travelers in the group _____

Amount per traveler _____

Total in the envelope _____

Collected by _____

Handed over on _____

Cash to bring from Cusco

There are no ATMs on the trail.

- [ ] US dollars or soles for the tip envelope (clean, untorn bills)
- [ ] S/1–2 coins for toilets along the way
- [ ] Hot springs in Aguas Calientes: S/20, cash only
- [ ] Lunch and extras on the last day in Aguas Calientes

Other ways to say thank you

- **Gear in good condition:** a warm jacket, gloves or a headlamp; ask your guide first and give it to the whole team.
- **A review that names people:** mention your guide, chef or porters by name.
- **Respect on the trail:** step aside for porters, say *sulpayki* ("thank you" in Quechua) and keep your duffel within the weight limit.

Tipping elsewhere in Peru

- **Restaurants:** check the bill first. A service charge ("recargo al consumo") of up to 13% may already be included; if not, about 10% for good service is common.
- **Drivers and transfers:** not expected for a short ride; rounding up or a few soles for help with bags is kind.
- **Guides on day tours:** voluntary, like on the trail.

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