

Machu Picchu Circuits Map 2026–2027

3 circuits · 10 routes · which one you get on the Inca Trail



Arriving on the Inca Trail? Under Ministerial Resolution 306-2025-MC, hikers of the Classic, Short and 1-day Inca Trail enter on Circuit 3 · route 3-B, with a daily quota reserved for them and bought only through authorized operators. On the Classic and Short routes the permit also includes Circuit 1 · route 1-B, used as you arrive through the Sun Gate. Classic 4 days: 1-B on day 4 and the guided visit on 3-B at 10:00 a.m. Short 2 days: 1-B on day 1 and 3-B on day 2. 1-day: Sun Gate and 3-B the same day.

The 3 circuits

Circuit 1 · Panoramic

From above: the upper terraces and the postcard view from the Guardian's House, plus hikes to the Sun Gate, the Inca Bridge or Machu Picchu Mountain.

Circuit 2 · Classic

The most complete visit of the citadel: a postcard photo from the upper or lower platform and the main temples up close.

Circuit 3 · Royalty

The lower royal sector — Temple of the Sun, House of the Inca, Temple of the Condor — plus the Huayna Picchu, Great Cavern and Huchuy Picchu climbs.

All 10 routes

Route	What you see	Approx. time	Availability
1-A Machu Picchu Mountain	Guardian's House viewpoint, then the climb to the summit (≈3,082 m / 10,111 ft)	≈4 h	All year
1-B Upper Terrace	The classic postcard view from the Guardian's House; temples seen from above	≤2.5 h	All year
1-C Sun Gate (Intipunku)	Guardian's House and the walk up to the Sun Gate	≈2–3 h	High season only
1-D Inca Bridge	Guardian's House and the cliffside Inca Bridge	≈1 h	High season only
2-A Designed classic route	Postcard photo from the upper platform; Temple of the Sun, Main Temple, Three Windows, Sacred Rock, Temple of the Condor	≤2.5 h	All year
2-B Lower Terrace	Photo from the lower platform and most of the same temples	≤2.5 h	All year
3-A Huayna Picchu	Lower royal sector and the steep climb to Huayna Picchu	≈3 h	All year (closed for works in June 2026)
3-B Designed royalty route	Temple of the Sun, House of the Inca, Sacred Rock, Temple of the Condor, farming terraces. The route for Inca Trail hikers	≤2.5–3 h	All year
3-C Great Cavern	Lower royal sector and the Temple of the Moon / Great Cavern	≈4 h	High season only
3-D Huchuy Picchu	Lower royal sector and the small peak of Huchuy Picchu (≈2,497 m)	≈1.5 h	High season only

Routes and seasonal routes from the official Machu Picchu website; times are approximate. High season in 2026: 1 January, 2–5 April, 19 June – 2 November and 30–31 December. Capacity and prices for 2027 had not been announced as of 27 September 2026.

Which route should you choose?

- Postcard photo: 1-B or 2-A.
- Temples up close: 2-A, or 3-B for the royal sector.
- A summit: Machu Picchu Mountain (1-A) is higher and less exposed; Huayna Picchu (3-A) is shorter, steeper and more dramatic. With us each costs US\$80.
- Limited mobility: 3-B is the lowest-effort route.

Rules and prices

- Where to buy: the Ministry of Culture's official platform (tuboleta.cultura.pe). About 1,000 tickets per day are also sold in person in Machu Picchu town, for the following day only.
- Every ticket has a fixed entry time with 30 minutes' tolerance, and allows one entry.
- Since 2026 (RM 000334-2026-MC) tickets must be paid within about 15 minutes of reserving; date and holder's name cannot be changed.
- 2026 prices for foreign adults: about S/152 for standard routes and S/200 for Machu Picchu Mountain, Huayna Picchu and the Great Cavern. SERNANP fee of S/11 since 1 May 2026, not applied to Inca Trail entries.
- Not allowed: large bags, food, walking sticks, tripods, drones and hard-soled shoes, among others.

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