Short Inca Trail 2 Days: Itinerary 2027

Km 104 to Machu Picchu · 2 days / 1 night · hotel in Aguas Calientes

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11.5 km
7 mi of hiking on day 1

2,720 m
8,924 ft · Sun Gate, highest point

≈650 m
of climbing, mostly stone steps

Age 8+
minimum age on this route

Day 1 elevation profile



Distances and altitudes are approximate. About 650 m up and 320 m down on day 1.

Day by day

Day	Route	What happens	Meals	Night
1	**Cusco → Ollantaytambo → Km 104 → Wiñay Wayna → Sun Gate → Aguas Calientes**	Hotel pickup and train to Km 104 (Chachabamba). 3–4 h up to Wiñay Wayna for lunch, about 2 h more to the Sun Gate for the first view of Machu Picchu (Circuit 1, route 1-B). Bus down to Aguas Calientes.	Box lunch, dinner	3-star hotel, Aguas Calientes
2	**Aguas Calientes → Machu Picchu → Ollantaytambo → Cusco**	Bus up and 2-hour guided visit on Circuit 3 (route 3-B), entry usually 6:00–11:00 a.m. Free time or Huayna Picchu if added. Train to Ollantaytambo and transfer to your hotel in Cusco.	Breakfast	Back in Cusco

Included

- ✓ Inca Trail permit with 2 Machu Picchu entries (Circuits 1-B and 3-B)
- ✓ Professional guide in English and Spanish
- ✓ Expedition train Ollantaytambo – Km 104 and back from Aguas Calientes
- ✓ Bus down on day 1 and bus up on day 2
- ✓ 1 night in a 3-star hotel in Aguas Calientes
- ✓ 1 box lunch, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast
- ✓ Transfers in Cusco and from Ollantaytambo
- ✓ First aid kit with emergency oxygen

Not included

- ✗ Breakfast on day 1; lunch and dinner on day 2
- ✗ Bus down on day 2 (or walk down in about 1 h 30 min)
- ✗ Porters: not available on the 2-day route
- ✗ Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain: US$80 each
- ✗ Hot springs in Aguas Calientes: S/20 in cash
- ✗ Tips (optional)

Price per person

US$520
2026 departures

US$560
2027 departures

US$530
2027, under 18 and university students

Prices follow the departure date, not the booking date.

Good to know

- There are no porters on this route: you carry your own daypack (water, rain jacket, layers, snacks, sunscreen). Leave the rest at your hotel in Cusco or at our office.
- The Short Inca Trail has its own quota of 250 permits per day. Each permit carries your passport number, so travel with the same passport.
- The trail closes every February for maintenance. From November to April expect afternoon rain and slippery steps.
- Never above 2,720 m: a good first trek, and fine for hikers over 60 and children from 8.

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