

The Classic Inca Trail



11 DAYS
4 Days MODERATE Trekking
Maximum Altitude 4200 Metres

- ◆ TREK THE CLASSIC INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU
- ◆ EXPLORE FASCINATING CUSCO
- ◆ DISCOVER THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS
- ◆ EXPERIENCE THE CLASSIC TRAIN JOURNEY TO CUSCO

For dates & prices please check website

This itinerary can also be operated for individuals, couples and small groups on a private tailor-made basis. The cost will be advised depending on group size and dates of departure. Please contact the Classic Journeys office to discuss your travel plans.

Inca Trail Permits

Since December 2004 the Peruvian authorities have operated a permit system for access to all trails within the Machu Picchu Sanctuary. The number of permits per day is strictly limited. Permits are only to be granted on receipt of the full name and passport details of each applicant, together with a non-refundable entry fee. The passport **MUST** be valid for the time of travel for the permit to be issued correctly. **Since permits will be issued on a first-come first-served basis, it is crucial that we receive Inca Trail bookings as soon as possible.**

Introduction

Peru - perhaps the most varied and exciting of all the South American countries offering the famous Machu Picchu, vibrant Cusco, Inca ruins and the Sacred Valley, the high peaks and glaciers of the Andes, fascinating Lake Titicaca and amazing wildlife in the steamy Amazon Jungle.

Our Classic Inca Trail tour has it all, vibrant Cusco, Inca ruins, stunning Andean scenery, cloud wrapped forests and the mysterious Machu Picchu. The Inca Trail is the most famous trail in South America; it winds from the rapids of the Urubamba River through mountains, cloud forest and deep jungle to the famous Lost City of Machu Picchu - a varied and majestic landscape dotted with the remains of Inca fortifications and staging posts. This is a great short trip for those who want to experience the people, history and culture of the Peruvian Andes.

From Lima a spectacular flight takes us to Cusco, capital of the Inca Empire. Here at 3400 metres the air is crisp and thin. We will take our time, gradually acclimatising and exploring the Inca ruins and Cusco's temples and churches. Cusco is a beautiful city and there is plenty to see and do. Local Quechua Indians come to buy and sell at its busy markets and Andean music filters onto the streets from the many cafes and restaurants. After exploring Cusco we move on to the Sacred Valley of the Incas visiting picturesque Pisac and some of the many Inca sites found in this valley.

We continue our journey by taking a scenic drive from Cusco through the Sacred Valley to Kilometre 82 the start of the short yet impressive Inca trail, which links several fascinating isolated ruins and crosses three high passes, the highest being Dead Woman's Pass at 4200 metres. The Inca Trail has now been officially closed to all but a few licensed operators, in an attempt to protect its fragile eco-structure from over-use. Classic Journeys works with one of the oldest and most reputable companies in Peru to offer this trek. We will be travelling up and down steep stone steps from barren grassland through encroaching jungle, into cloud forest where we will finally arrive at Intipunku, the Gateway to the Sun. Here our hard work is rewarded as Machu Picchu is spread out magnificently below us. We have a full day to absorb the atmosphere of this extraordinary site including a visit to Huayna Picchu, the mountain overlooking the site before we take the Machu Picchu train back to Cusco. Our Classic Inca trail tour including the four-day trek along the Inca Trail is an ideal introduction to trekking in Peru.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Depart UK

Depart UK. Arrive Lima met and transferred to our hotel. Overnight hotel.

Day 2 - Lima to Cusco

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for the one-hour flight to Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire and the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Upon arrival at Cusco airport we transfer to the hotel where a traditional welcome cup of coca leaf tea is served to help with the acclimatisation to the 3345 metres altitude. Rest of the day free to relax and slowly acclimatise. Overnight hotel. (B)

Day 3 – Cusco

Morning free. Afternoon guided sightseeing tour visiting the Temple of Sacsayhuaman, Quenco, Puca Pucara and Tambomachay ruins. Overnight hotel. (B)

Day 4 - Cusco / Chamana - Inca Trail

Today we take a scenic drive from Cusco through the Sacred Valley to Kilometre 82. From here we will start hiking for about 3 hours, making our way through a little-visited section of the trail to the Llactapata area. Here we will camp at Chamana Camp. In the afternoon there is a chance to visit the Complex of Llactapata. Llactapata is located on the Cusichaca River; in Quechua the name of the town is "town on the hillside". (4 hours walking) Overnight camp. (BLD)

Day 5 - Chamana / Llulluchupampa - Inca Trail

The trail winds slowly uphill through a small forest to reach the site of Patallacta. After a short visit at the ruins we continue up the Cusichaca Valley. At first the valley is broad but after about 2km it narrows. We pass houses of settlers and finally reach the Andean community of Huayllabamba (grassy plain). From here the trail ascends steeply, up the narrow hanging valley and enters cloud forest containing the Quenua Tree (polilepis), a rare native species, which is only found in isolated areas of the Andes. We continue along the trail to a large pampa at Llulluchupampa, where we camp, below our first pass and enjoy the breathtaking view of Mount Huayanay. (6 hours walking). Overnight camp. (BLD)

Day 6 - Llulluchupampa / Phuyupatamarca - Inca Trail

The trail ascends at a typical angle of 30 degrees towards the pass across the hillside of puna grassland as we leave our campsite at the edge of the tree line behind, bringing us to Warmiwa-usca Pass (Dead Woman's Pass) (4200m). There are traces of ancient steps here, the first unmistakable signs that we are following a pre-Columbian highway. This is the highest point of the trail at around 4200 metres. The trail descends to the Pacaymayo River and then climbs steeply on Inca stone steps past Runkuracay ruins. The trail climbs on towards the second pass between the twin lakes of Yanacocha (Black Lake).

In clear weather the views from the second pass (Abra de Runkuracay) (4000m) are fabulous with the panorama of snow peaks being dominated by the 6000 metre Pumasillo massif, the Puma's claw.

The trail from here is now mostly downhill and becomes more obviously an Inca highway. We pass the ruins of Sayamarca, skirting the edge of the cloud forest. This part of the trail is full of exotic plant life and some of the most colourful birds of the Inca Trail are seen here. It is a gentle climb to the third pass where we emerge to tremendous views of the Urubamba Valley. The ruins of Phuyupatamarca lie below us to the left. From our camp we have tremendous panoramic views of snow-capped peaks. The massive bulk of Salkantay (6270m) and a mass of lesser peaks dominate the skyline. (8 hours walking). Overnight camp. (BLD)

Day 7 - Phuyupatamarca / Machu Picchu - Inca Trail

After continuing along a buttress and passing Phuyupatamarca ruins, the flag stoned trail winds sharply down into the cloud forest to the ruins of Winay Wayna located below the ridge on the same water course as the previous site, it has well restored Inca Ruins. Leaving Winay Wayna we are on the last leg of the trek. We traverse across open mountainside and through delightful forest. Finally a steep, imposing set of stone steps brings us to the top of a ridge and a ruined gateway. This is Intipunku, the Sun Gate. Below is one of the world's most breathtaking sights, the lost city of the Incas, Machu Picchu. We have time here to take in this spectacular sight before descending to Machu Picchu. We will drive to the nearby town of Agues Calientes and check in to our hotel. Overnight hotel. (BLD)

Day 8 - Machu Picchu / Cusco

We spend the early part of the morning with our expert guide, for a tour of the mysterious city, its magnificent temples, terraced hillsides, irrigation channels, fountains, elaborate stonework and chambers of unknown purpose. As we listen to the theories about the mysteries of Machu Picchu, we wonder how and why this city was built in such a remote place and what its purpose might have been. Fortunately this outstanding citadel was never discovered by the Spaniards and was spared from destruction. An optional climb to Huayna Picchu "young mountain" at 2750 metres for spectacular views of Machu Picchu and the formidable scenery of the Cordillera Vilcabamba. We will have lunch prior to boarding the tourist train to Cusco. Overnight hotel. (BL)

Day 9 - Cusco

A free day for relaxing, shopping or further sightseeing in this beautiful town and the surrounding area. Overnight hotel. (B)

Day 10 - Cusco / Lima / UK

After breakfast, transfer to Cusco airport for the flight to Lima. Last minute shopping in Lima before transferring to the airport for the flight to the UK. (B)

Day 11 – UK

Arrive in the UK

The day-to-day schedule should be taken only as a general guide. A variety of factors, including adverse weather conditions, difficulty with transportation and politics can lead to enforced changes. Because of this it is not possible to guarantee that any of our holidays will run exactly according to the planned itinerary. The trip leader will make any changes, which are necessary.

B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

PERU EXTENSIONS

There are many interesting places, which offer an enjoyable extension to your holiday. The itineraries can be tailored to suit individual requirements and we will be happy to suggest extensions and itineraries to compliment your own ideas. Here are a few suggestions:

Amazon Wildlife Extension - Tambopata Research Centre: A short flight from Cusco (or longer one from Lima) followed by several hours river journey in a motorised canoe will bring you deep into the heart of the Amazon for a spectacular wildlife safari. Three, four and five-day programmes are available. Guided walks through the jungle, bird watching from canopy platforms, river trips and a visit to the famous Macaw clay lick ensure that you see as much as possible of the fabulous bird and mammal life which includes Giant Otters, Caimans, Capuchin Monkeys and many colourful birds.

Lake Titicaca: This journey starts with a train ride through the 'Altiplano' to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. We will visit the pre-Inca ruins of Sillustain and a full day has been allowed for exploration of the lake including a journey by boat via the famous floating Uros islands to the island of Taquile, a community of weavers and spinners in a Mediterranean like setting.

Ica & Nazca: This short tour combines a leisurely drive south on the Pan-American Highway to Ica, a desert city with an over flight of the desert to view the mysterious Nazca lines.

Arequipa & the Colca Canyon: A visit to the "white city" of Arequipa includes the Santa Catalina Convent, which housed a closed group of cloistered nuns centuries ago and the surrounding countryside. A two day excursion to the Colca Canyon, one of the world's deepest gorges and the 'Cruz del Condor' where we scan the skies for a glimpse of these majestic birds soaring above.

A fabulous Galapagos cruise: The Galapagos Islands can be visited all year round. Extending a Peru trip to visit the Galapagos Islands is possible but requires at least 6 days (4 day cruise) or 10 days (8 day cruise). Various itineraries and ship options exist. The islands are a worthy travel destination in their own right, as they are situated 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador they are not a quick or cheap "extension", you may actually decide to visit these remarkable islands next year rather than add them on to a Peru trip!

Please contact the Classic Journeys office if you plan to extend your stay in Peru.

Please Note: If you plan to extend you stay longer it is essential we are informed as soon as possible so that alternative international flight dates can be booked. There is always a high demand for flights.

TREKKING IN PERU WITH CLASSIC JOURNEYS

Working with one of the oldest and most respected ground agents in Peru, we maintain the high standards Classic Journeys is well known for. Our teams of field staff are well trained in health, safety and environmental matters. Our partners and ourselves have clear policies and abide by the highest standards of quality and environmental responsibility thereby preserving nature, as well as the many Inca Ruins. Guides and field staff are given annual training courses, which include first aid, hygiene, health and safety and our cooks attend refresher courses to revise and establish new menus.

A trained English-speaking guide fully supported by a team of porters or mules and their drivers accompanies all of our treks in Peru. Tents, cooking equipment, food and personal baggage are carried for you so you only have to carry a daypack with the items you need for the day. Accommodation on trek is in spacious two person tents. Safety of our clients is of paramount importance and our guides are trained in first aid and altitude considerations. On all of our treks in Peru we carry oxygen.

The International Porter Protection Group (IPPG) works to improve the conditions of the mountain porters in the tourism industry worldwide. Classic Journeys supports the International Porter Protection Group (IPPG) and are the first UK trekking company to make a commitment of donating on an annual basis. For more information about the IPPG check out their website: www.ipg.net

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

If you would like Classic Journeys to book your international flights, please tick the flight inclusive package box on the booking form. Please advise if you have a preferred airline you would like to travel with or if you have a preferred airport you would like to travel from. Classic Journeys will then book your international flights and advise you of the actual cost.

To discuss your international flight options, please give the Classic Journeys office a call and we will advise on up to date flight prices and timings for your chosen trip.

UK Regional Airport Connections: KLM offer supplement free departures from most UK airports - Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Humberside, Leeds, London Heathrow, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich and Teesside.

Baggage Allowance: For hold luggage this is normally around 20kg and you should aim to keep to this weight. Classic Journeys is not responsible for any excess baggage charges incurred.

Land Only Clients: Land only clients who are making their own flight arrangements should meet up with the group at the hotel in Lima. We can arrange airport transfers if needed and will provide hotel contact details.

If you have booked on a land only basis and are making your own flight arrangements, you must check with the Classic Journeys office that your chosen holiday has reached the minimum numbers required and is **guaranteed to operate** before paying for your air tickets. We cannot be held liable, in cases where we cancel your trip, for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made.

PRICING

If you choose the Land Only plus international flights package Classic Journeys will book your international flight and advise you of the cost. The price of the tour will be the Land Price plus the cost of international flights on your chosen airline. Depending on the airline flights are booked with, you will pay for these flights with your final balance, 8 weeks before the trip departure. With some airlines, flights have to be paid for on making the flight booking and we will require full payment for the air tickets in order to purchase the tickets. In this situation we advise paying for your air tickets as soon as possible to secure the lowest fare.

Airfares and taxes are subject to change and if the fare has increased before the final balance has been paid, the additional cost will be passed on and detailed on the invoice.

INCLUDED IN THE COST

- Hotel accommodation on a twin share basis (unless single has been requested) for the nights listed in the itinerary
- All meals as specified
- Airport – Hotel – Airport transfers
- All internal transport as the itinerary
- Sightseeing tours where specified
- All trekking arrangements including trekking permits, National Park entrance fees, tents (2 people sharing unless single has been requested), foam mattress, guides, porters & cook
- Tour leader
- Cordura kit bag
- Basic first aid kit carried by your guide

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST

- International flight from the UK
- Airport taxes
- Visa fees
- Medical examination (if required) & vaccination costs
- Personal expenditure, bar bills, laundry, telephone calls, etc
- Porters, guides & other tips
- Meals not specified
- Personal clothing & equipment
- Travel insurance
- Optional trips
- Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond Classic Journeys control
- Anything not specified in the Cost Includes section

GROUP SIZE

Minimum 2, Maximum 15

This holiday will operate once the minimum group size has been reached. Please note that this trip is not exclusive to Classic Journeys clients.

GUIDE / TOUR LEADERS

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The following morning they will meet you and transfer you to the airport for the onward flight. On arrival at your destination your guide will meet and transfer you to the hotel where you will be briefed about the itinerary. You will be accompanied and guided at each destination by a local professional guide. Throughout the itinerary our staff will seamlessly transfer you from destination to destination via the relevant internal transport. Classic Journeys works with the most experienced ground agents in Peru who have an excellent infrastructure, modern well-maintained vehicles and dedicated professional guides.

Our leaders are fluent in English and Spanish as well as often another language, and have walked in the area many times. They will try and give you a real insight into the local way of life and, for those interested, will happily give some basic language lessons while walking or over evening drinks. Although not specialists, they are interested in the area's mountains, flora and fauna. Please ask your guide/leader if you have any queries during your holiday e.g. rest breaks, type and quantity of food or any other specific requests, as they will do their best to adjust the trip accordingly and cater for your needs and tastes.

TREK GRADE

MODERATE TREKKING: A trek that is well within the capabilities of most people although a reasonable level of fitness is required as there will be much ascent and descent with the occasional difficult day. The days average 6 to 7 hours walking on good trails, although there is one day of up to 8 hours. The Inca Trail has some steep up and down sections and crosses three high passes with a maximum altitude of 4200 metres, here the effects of altitude will be felt however taken slowly, the fit should have few problems. A regular hill walking background is desirable (Lake District, Peak District, North Wales or similar) but train well and you'll be ready for these trips.

A TYPICAL DAY TREKKING

The day normally starts with an early morning mug of tea (or coffee), enjoyed while still in our sleeping bags at around 6.00 am. During breakfast camp will be struck and the porters set off. We start walking after breakfast, between 7.30 and 8.30 am. Everyone is free to walk at the pace, which is comfortable for them, stopping along the way to explore and take photographs. You will have been given a lunch box at breakfast time and we will stop at around 11.00 am for lunch. Camp is usually reached at around 3 to 4 pm. Afternoon tea and biscuits or snacks are served, and at around 6.30 to 7.00 pm. the evening meal is ready.

When sightseeing we generally leave after breakfast. Some of the sightseeing involves easy walking although not always on paved level ground. There will be many photographic opportunities, although please respect local people and either ask permission or use a telephoto lens before taking their photograph. Remember many people do not like their photograph taken.

HEALTH & FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

The fitter you are before embarking on a trekking holiday the more enjoyment you are going to get out of it. You should be in good condition for the activity you are going to do - lots of walking. Once you decide you are going on a trek, it is wise to begin a fitness programme. The best way for you to prepare is to take a lot of walks, particularly up and down hills. Jogging, aerobics, cycling and fast swimming will also help but should be in addition to walking outdoors.

We carry a basic first aid kit but recommend that each person also carry a personal first aid kit including any prescription medication they require; a suggested contents list will be provided on booking in the country information dossier. We also provide details of the recommended vaccinations needed however you will need to talk to your doctor, practice nurse or a travel clinic for the latest advice on health recommendations.

ACCOMMODATION

In Lima we stay at the comfortable and friendly hotel La Faraona or La Casa Andina Miraflores. In Cusco we stay at the centrally located San Augustin Plaza or El Balcon. On trek we will be camping; we use large, modern 2 person dome tents, provide thick sleeping mattresses, chairs, tables, cutlery and toilet tents. Our trekking crews set up and break camp for you. Please note that sometimes the mentioned accommodation is fully booked in which case we will use similar standard accommodation.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

If you are a single person booking this holiday you do not have to pay single supplements, if you are happy to share. If you are travelling by yourself you will be paired with another single client of the same gender. However your booking is accepted only on the understanding that if no roommate is available then you accept a single supplement will be levied. Single supplements are payable if you specifically request to have a room/tent to yourself. If you have requested single accommodation we will do our best to secure this although this may not always be possible.

FOOD

Breakfast in Lima and Cusco. All meals on trek included.

The food is very good in Peru, most hotels and restaurants usually provide both vegetarian and non-vegetarian, continental, Peruvian and traditional cuisine including pizza, pasta, meat dishes, fish and local cuisines such as corn and Quinoa soups and roast guinea pig.

Our cooks provide varied and delicious local and western food while on trek. There are continental menus as well as local cuisine such as corn and Quinoa soups, vegetables, chicken and beef dishes and variety of pasta and potato dishes and other nourishing meals. As much as possible, locally bought fresh vegetables are used although in some remote areas they are not available. Fresh fruit should always be peeled and avoid salads or raw vegetables. Our staff ensure good levels of hygiene for all food preparations. Please ask the staff if you have any specific request, especially regarding flavours and spices, as they will do their best to adjust menus accordingly and cater for your tastes.

WEATHER

Peru is divided up into three distinct regions: the coast, the highlands and the jungle. The Coastal areas of Lima, Nazca and Arequipa experience a dry season between December to April when the weather is hot and dry with temperatures ranging from 25°C to 35°C. From May to November blankets of sea mist and fine drizzle engulf the coast from the south to around 200km north of Lima, although this is unlikely to affect excursions over the Nazca Lines.

The Highlands of Cusco and Lake Titicaca experience the dry season between mid April to October, the days are generally hot and dry, daytime temperatures range from 15°C to 21°C. Nighttime temperatures however can drop to just above freezing, particularly in June and July. The beginning of the year will be lush and green with a possibility of occasional rain whereas later in the season the ground is parched and more yellow but there is little chance of rain. June to August is the busiest period in Cusco and on the Inca Trail, as it coincides with European & American summer holidays. Between November and April is the wet season, when heavy afternoon down pours are frequent especially in January and February.

EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

You will need to provide personal equipment and clothing. Buying specialist equipment and clothing can be costly. That is why on our Peru trekking holidays, if requested, we have synthetic 4/5 season sleeping bags and liners that you can hire! A considerable saving for those people who don't have their own equipment. You may also want to bring along a Thermarest for added comfort although we provide a basic mattress. You do not need any specialist equipment or clothing for this trek. Basically you need similar clothing to what you would take on a winter walk in the British hills. A detailed equipment list is provided on booking. We also provide a spacious Cordura kit bag, which will be given to you before your trek and is yours to keep. We provide a comprehensive equipment list in the country information dossier, which we send you on confirmation of booking. There is a weight limit of 10kg for each kit bag on the Inca Trail and you can leave any items not taken on the trek in the store, at the hotel in Cusco.

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

You will require a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into Peru. Peruvian visas are issued free to British Nationals on arrival at the airport and are valid for 90 days. Other nationalities should check with the Peruvian embassy to see if a visa is required.

INSURANCE

Insurance is essential and is a condition of booking with Classic Journeys that you have adequate travel insurance cover. It is very important that you obtain insurance cover against the usual risks associated with travel, from the time of booking your holiday until the time you return home. Please ensure that your insurance provides adequate protection against the two major concerns: medical/repatriation expenses while abroad and cancellation/curtailment charges in the event that you, a travelling companion or a close relative fall ill either before or during the tour. For trekking holidays your travel insurance must contain evidence of satisfactory cover for repatriation and helicopter rescue.

Classic Journeys do not provide any advice on travel insurance. Classic Journeys is an Introducer Appointed Representative of Campbell Irvine Ltd. who are Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Services Authority. Campbell Irvine is a specialist travel insurance broker. The comprehensive policy they issue provides 24-hour medical emergency assistance and covers altitude and all adventurous activities undertaken on our holidays. For single-trip policies, the insurance provides cover for both UK and worldwide residents at very competitive rates. In addition an annual policy is available to United Kingdom residents.

To obtain insurance cover visit the insurance section of the Classic Journeys website and follow the links to the Campbell Irvine Ltd. website. Alternatively contact the Classic Journeys office and we will send you details and an application form.

We require confirmation of your insurance, the policy number and 24-hour emergency telephone number who ever you take insurance with.

SUGGESTED READING

Peru: Lonely Planet
Peru: Insight Guide & Insight Pocket Guides
Latin American Spanish Phrasebook: Lonely Planet
Exploring Cusco: Peter Frost
The Inca Trail: Trailblazer Guides
The Conquest of the Incas: John Hemming's
The Ecotravellers Wildlife Guide to Peru: Pearson & Beletsky

MAPS

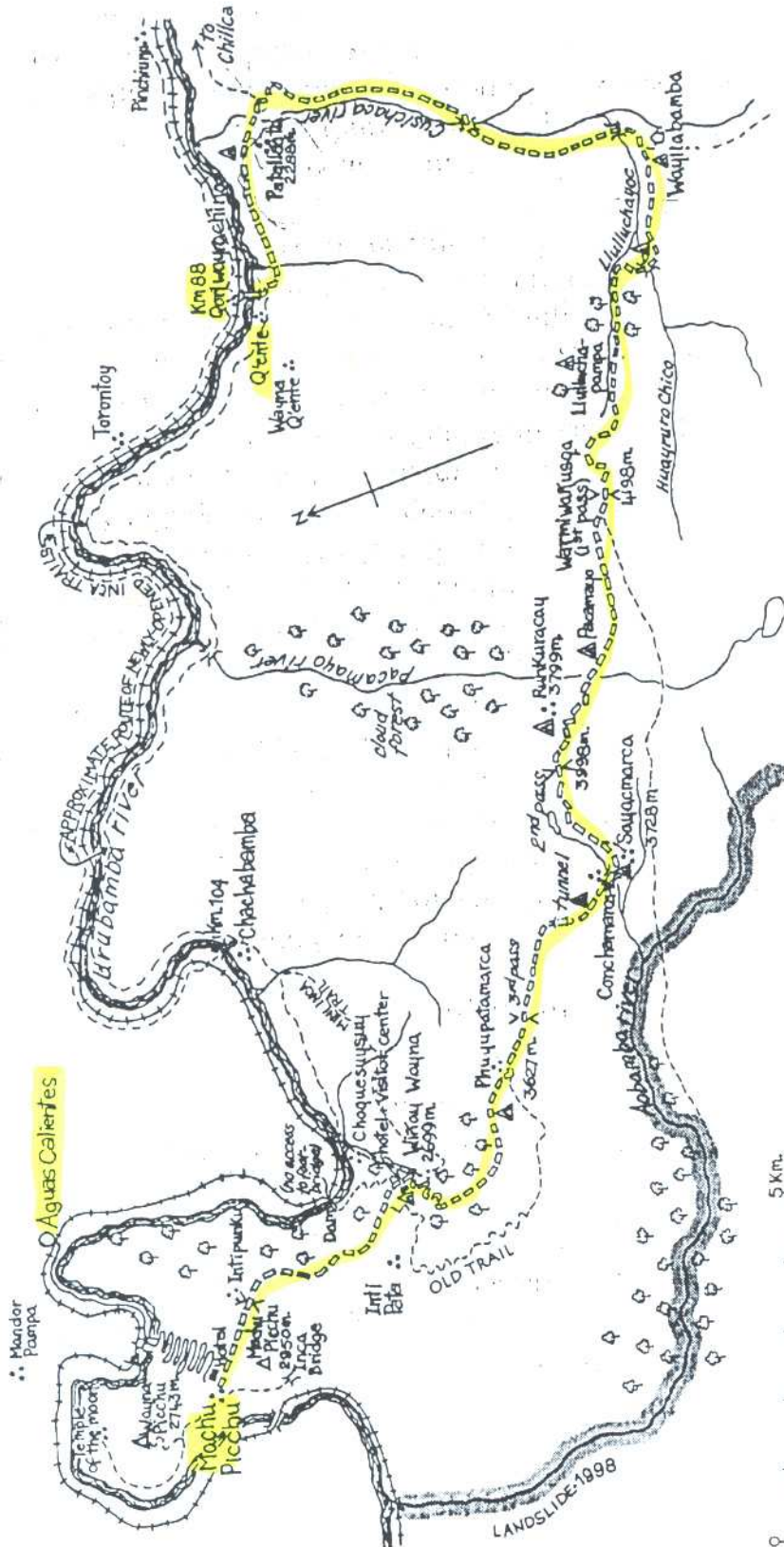
Inca Trail Map 1:25,000 (Lima 2000)
Peru: Insight Flexi Map

BOOKS & MAPS AVAILABLE FROM:

Insight Guides: Meridian House, Churchill Way West, Basingstoke, RG21 6YR Website:
www.insightguides.com/classicjourneys
Stanfords, 12 Long Acre, London, WC2E 9LP (020) 7836 1321
Cicerone at Booksource, 50 Cambuslang Road, Cambuslang, Glasgow, G32 8NB
Cordee, 3A De Montfort Street, Leicester. Tel: 0116 2543579
Web Links: <http://www.amazon.co.uk>

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AND NEW ROUTES TO MACHU PICCHU

Classic Journeys **ADVENTURE TRAVEL**

Our Experience is Your Guarantee

Classic Journeys have a proven record of operating top quality, adventure holidays with over 25 years experience. Our ground agents and friends are the best in the business. They have an unsurpassed knowledge and ability for organising treks, expeditions, wildlife and adventure travel and all have excellent contacts, extremely important when dealing with local bureaucracy.

An important aspect of our success is our team of reliable and professional leaders, both western and local who ensure everything runs smoothly and efficiently. All our leaders are experienced, enthusiastic and have travelled widely. Working with our experienced and friendly staff, you can be sure of a high quality, personal service that many of our clients have come to expect.

Your Complete Financial Protection

Classic Journeys is a fully licensed and bonded tour operator with an Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL 3022). The purpose of the ATOL scheme is to provide financial protection for your holiday arrangements. An ATOL is a legal requirement for anyone selling air holidays to the public. In order to obtain this licence we have to continually satisfy the very rigorous standards and provide a bond, you can book your holiday with Classic Journeys in complete confidence that your payment is fully protected.

How To Book

Before making your booking please make sure that you have read the relevant tour itinerary. This can be downloaded from the tour page on our website, or you can request a copy to be posted to you from the Classic Journeys office. You should also read our General Information and Booking Conditions on our website. It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your experience and abilities. If you have any doubt or need to chat through any of our tours, please call the Classic Journeys office. Our advice is based on first hand experience and we are always happy to talk about our journeys.

Provisional Booking: It is sensible to check if places are still available on any Classic Journeys tour you are interested in before sending your booking form to us. We will be happy to hold open space for you for up to 7 days (up to 14 days if you live outside Europe) in order to give you sufficient time to send in your booking form and deposit.

Definite Bookings: To make a definite booking you must either complete and sign our standard booking form which can be printed off from our website at www.classicjourneys.co.uk and post or fax it to us, or complete the on-line booking form and transmit it to us electronically. You also need to pay us the required deposit as detailed on the booking form. If you are submitting an on-line booking form and decide you wish to pay the deposit by credit or debit card, you can, if you are concerned about security, telephone your card details to us.

Please note: We cannot confirm a booking until we receive your completed and signed booking form. Any delay in submitting your booking form may put at risk your place on your chosen trip, or flights.

If you would like further information, help with planning your holiday or details of extending your holiday, please don't hesitate to contact the Classic Journeys office.