

Machu Picchu day visit: packing checklist

Everything must fit in a bag of up to 40 × 35 × 20 cm (16 × 14 × 8 in). Larger bags stay outside.

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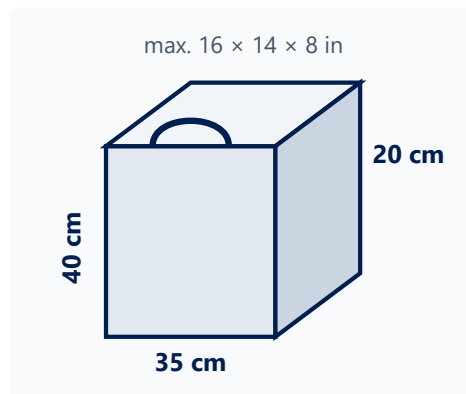
- ☐ Machu Picchu ticket
- ☐ Original passport or ID you booked with (staff can check it inside)
- ☐ Original student card, if you bought a student ticket

Wear

- ☐ Quick-drying t-shirt (cotton stays wet)
- ☐ Long-sleeved top or light fleece for the early morning
- ☐ Rain jacket or poncho (umbrellas are not allowed)
- ☐ Light hiking trousers or leggings
- ☐ Trainers or light hiking shoes with soft or rubber soles and good grip
- ☐ Hat with a brim and sunglasses

In your daypack

- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen in cream or lotion, not aerosol
- ☐ Insect repellent in lotion, not aerosol
- ☐ Personal medicines
- ☐ A little cash in soles
- ☐ Phone or camera (no tripod or selfie stick)
- ☐ Reusable bag for your rubbish
- ☐ Waterproof pouch for passport and phone (rainy season)



Not allowed

- ✗ Bags over 40 × 35 × 20 cm
- ✗ Umbrellas, walking sticks*, tripods, selfie sticks
- ✗ Food, kitchenware and thermoses
- ✗ Aerosols of any kind
- ✗ Alcohol, drones, baby strollers*
- ✗ High heels and hard-soled shoes
- ✗ Musical instruments and speakers
- ✗ Costumes and advertising clothing

* The visitor regulations allow rubber-tipped sticks for elderly visitors and people with disabilities, and baby carriers without a metal frame.

Eat before you go in: food is not allowed and there is no re-entry with the same ticket.

Luggage: PeruRail stores bags for free for its passengers at Ollantaytambo and Aguas Calientes stations; Inca Rail only at its Ollantaytambo office.

Train: PeruRail allows one backpack of 8 kg / 100 cm or a carry-on of 12 kg / 115 cm; Inca Rail one bag of 8 kg / 118 cm.

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Classic Inca Trail, 4 days: packing checklist

Porters carry the camp and the kitchen. On our tour an extra porter carries up to 7 kg (15 lb) of your things in a duffel bag, so you walk with a daypack.

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Documents and money

- ☐ Original passport: the one on your permit
- ☐ Original student card, if you booked a student rate
- ☐ Cash in soles (tips are not included)
- ☐ Travel insurance (not included)

Wear and pack: layers

- ☐ Broken-in hiking shoes
- ☐ Short-sleeved shirts
- ☐ Long-sleeved trekking shirts
- ☐ Trekking trousers and sports trousers
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Rain jacket or poncho
- ☐ Warm layer for the cold nights at the high camps
- ☐ Beanie and gloves
- ☐ Hat and sunglasses

Daypack and personal items

- ☐ Daypack
- ☐ Reusable water bottle (we give you boiled, filtered water every day)
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Personal medicines

Not included: bring or rent

- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Inflatable mattress
- ☐ Trekking poles with rubber tips (metal tips must be covered)

Not allowed

- ✗ Fires and glass
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Drones
- ✗ Pets
- ✗ Musical instruments
- ✗ Knives with blades over 7 cm
- ✗ Single-use plastic bags, straws and polystyrene

All rubbish is carried out. At Machu Picchu on day 4 the citadel rules apply: bag up to 40 × 35 × 20 cm, no food and no walking poles.

Altitude: you sleep at about 3,300 m and 3,600 m on the first two nights. Arrive in Cusco a few days before.

Closed every February for maintenance.

Toilets are at the campsites.

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Short Inca Trail, 2 days: packing checklist

No porters: you carry your own daypack and sleep in a hotel in Aguas Calientes. Keep the daypack under 5–6 kg (11–13 lb), water included.

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Documents and money

- ☐ Original passport (the one you booked with): checked at Km 104, at Machu Picchu and on the train
- ☐ Student card, if you booked a student rate
- ☐ Cash in soles, in small notes and coins (no ATMs on the trail)
- ☐ Copy of your travel insurance

Daypack (20–30 litres)

- ☐ Daypack with rain cover
- ☐ 1.5 to 2 litres of water in a reusable bottle or bladder
- ☐ Snacks: nuts, chocolate, energy bars
- ☐ Rain jacket or poncho
- ☐ Fleece or light down jacket
- ☐ Sun hat, sunglasses and SPF 50 sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Small first aid kit: blister plasters, painkillers, personal medication
- ☐ Toilet paper and hand sanitizer
- ☐ Phone or camera, charger and small power bank
- ☐ Dry bags or zip-lock bags
- ☐ Small towel and wet wipes

Wear

- ☐ Broken-in hiking shoes with good grip
- ☐ Quick-dry t-shirt, long-sleeved top and fleece
- ☐ Hiking trousers or leggings
- ☐ Hiking socks, plus a spare pair
- ☐ Trekking poles with rubber tips

For the night in Aguas Calientes

- ☐ Clean t-shirt and underwear
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste

Not allowed

- ✗ Drones
- ✗ Single-use plastic bags, straws and polystyrene
- ✗ Bags over 40 × 35 × 20 cm inside Machu Picchu
- ✗ Trekking poles, tripods and selfie sticks inside the citadel
- ✗ Food inside Machu Picchu

Your large suitcase stays at your hotel in Cusco or at our office. The trains allow one backpack of up to 8 kg.

1-day Inca Trail: the same daypack without the things for the night, plus a warm layer for the evening train.

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