

Inca Trail permits 2027

How permits work, how to book yours and what we know about the 2027 sale

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Waiting for the 2027 sale to open

As of 19 October 2026, Peru's Ministry of Culture has not announced when 2027 Inca Trail permits go on sale. Since permits are sold only through TuBoleto, the Ministry opens the dates progressively, with no fixed date (in 2024 and 2025 the sale opened in November). **We will update this PDF as soon as the 2027 dates open**, with the dates and any new rules.

500

people a day on the Classic Inca Trail (Km 82), guides, porters and cooks included

250

people a day on the Km 104 route (Short and 1-day Inca Trail), staff included

February

the whole Inca Trail network closes every year for maintenance

S/ 292

official permit fee for Route 01, general rate (S/ 147 students, S/ 135 ages 3–17)

How permits work

- **Only through licensed operators.** You cannot buy a permit yourself; operators book it for each hiker on the state platform tuboleto.cultura.pe, together with the Machu Picchu entrance.
- **Personal and final.** The permit carries your name and passport number. Once issued it cannot be changed, transferred or refunded. Only the passport number can be updated if you renew your passport.
- **Original passport**, the one on the permit: it is checked at the trail checkpoint, at the Machu Picchu entrance and on the train. If you renewed it, carry both.
- **No independent hikers.** You hike with a registered agency and an official guide.
- **Machu Picchu:** Inca Trail hikers enter the citadel through circuit 3-B.

How to book, step by step

- 1 Choose a date and one or two backup dates.
- 2 Book the tour: permits are not sold on their own.
- 3 Send each traveler's full name, passport number, nationality and date of birth, exactly as in the passport (students: a copy of a valid student card).
- 4 We buy your permit and your Machu Picchu entrance from the Ministry of Culture.
- 5 You receive the confirmation: your date is guaranteed once the permit is issued.

2027: reserve now: We are already taking 2027 bookings. Reserve with **50% of the tour price** and your passport details: you are first in line, and we buy your permit on the day sales open for your month.

When permits went on sale

- **2025 season · November 4, 2024**
January first, then the following months on the next days
- **2026 season · November 17, 2025**
Released by month through late November 2025
- **Dec 28–31, 2026 · July 15, 2026**
Early release announced as an exception by the DDC Cusco
- **2027 season · Not announced yet**
No fixed date: the Ministry opens the dates progressively in TuBoleto; we will update this PDF then

If your date is sold out

- **Short Inca Trail (Km 104):** separate quota of 250 a day, so it may have permits when the Classic trail does not (and the other way round).
- **Treks without Inca Trail permits:** Salkantay, Lares and Inca Jungle also end at Machu Picchu.
- **Machu Picchu by train** with a guided tour: only a Machu Picchu ticket is needed.
- **Last-minute releases:** permits sometimes come back 2–5 days before a date; not guaranteed.

When to go

- **Dry season** April–August; demand peaks May–August: book several months ahead.
- **Rainy months** January–March; November–January usually has more availability.
- Heavy rain can close the trail at short notice (18–19 August to 6 September 2026).

On the trail

- Entry from 05:00 to 14:00; no walking between 18:00 and 05:00.
- Walking poles need rubber tips. No fires, glass, alcohol, drones, pets, musical instruments or knives over 7 cm.
- Porters carry at most 20 kg (men) or 15 kg (women) and must be at least 18 (Law 31614).
- No official minimum age. On our Classic Inca Trail we recommend 8 years or older.

Our tours with permits included

Classic Inca Trail 4 days	USD 780
Short Inca Trail 2 days	USD 569
Inca Trail 1 day	USD 399

[Classic Inca Trail permits by date](#) · [Short Inca Trail permits by date](#) · [WhatsApp +51 961 231 767](#)

Sources: Ministry of Culture (Inca Trail regulations RM 069-2017-MC and amendments RM 294-2025-MC and RM 333-2026-MC, fee schedule, DDC Cusco notices, [tuboleta.cultura.pe](#)), Law 31614, Machu Picchu Sanctuary master plan, Andina, El Peruano. Prices of our tours on 15 October 2026.

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Next update: when the Ministry of Culture opens the 2027 dates.