Machu Picchu circuits and routes 2026

Schematic map, north up, not to scale, drawn from the Ministry of Culture's official route plans.

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Circuit 1 · Panoramic

Views from the upper terraces. Does not enter the urban sector.

1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D

Circuit 2 · Classic (Llaqta)

Middle terraces and the whole urban sector.

2-A, 2-B

Circuit 3 · Royalty

Temple of the Sun, Inca's House, Twelve Openings and Temple of the Condor, through the lower part.

3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D

- Solid line: one-way route with arrows, as drawn on the official plans.
- Dashed line: out-and-back trail on the same path.
- High season: route sold only in high season.

Sectors (official numbering)

1. Lower Platform
2. Upper Platform (Guardhouse area)
3. Dry Moat
4. Temple of the Sun lookout
5. Granite Chaos (quarries)
6. Plaza of the Temples
7. Intiwatana Pyramid
8. Sacred Rock
9. Twelve Openings (Doce Vanos)
10. Eastern Qolqas (storehouses)
11. Water Mirrors complex
12. Temple of the Condor
13. Pisonay Plaza
14. Archaeological Reserve

Arrows follow the official plans. The order of sectors is our reading of those plans: no official text spells it out.

Before you buy

- **You choose one circuit and one route.** You must stay on it; you cannot switch circuits or enter closed areas (RM 528-2023-MC, art. 8 and 10).
- **Entry from 6:00 to 15:00.** You can stay up to 2 h 30 from entry; mountain routes have their own maximum. The Llaqta closes at 17:30.
- **No re-entry**, except in force majeure (art. 16).
- **Entrance and exit are side by side** at the south-east end, where the buses arrive. Toilets, the restaurant and the bus stop are outside, next to the exit; the plans show no toilets inside.
- **Circuit 1 does not enter the city.** If you want the classic photo and the temples, you need two tickets.

The 10 routes: distance, daily quota, entry times and price

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Route	What you walk through	km[1]	Effort[1]	Sold	Entry times (per slot)	Daily quota low · high	Max. time	General fare
1-A Machu Picchu Mountain	Terraces (1, 2) and the climb up Machu Picchu Mountain. Does not enter the city.	3.8	High	All year	07:00 · 09:00	350 · 350	6 h 30[3]	**S/ 200[4]**
1-B Upper terrace	Lower and upper platforms (1, 2): the classic view. Does not enter the city.	1.6	Medium	All year	Every hour, 06:00–15:00	950 · 950	2 h 30	**S/ 152***
1-C Intipunku (Sun Gate)	Terraces (1, 2) and the Inca Trail up to Intipunku.	3.4	Medium	High season only	07:00 · 08:00 · 09:00 · 10:00	– · 130	4 h[3]	**S/ 152***
1-D Inca Bridge	Terraces (1, 2) and the trail to the Inca Bridge.	2.6	Medium	High season only	08:00 · 09:00 · 10:00 · 11:00	– · 80	3 h[3]	**S/ 152***
2-A Classic designed route	Middle terrace, Dry Moat, quarries, Plaza of the Temples, foot of the Intiwatana, Sacred Rock and the eastern sector (3–14).	1.3[2]	Medium to high	All year	Every hour, 06:00–15:00	1,400 · 1,600	2 h 30	**S/ 152***
2-B Lower terrace	Same as 2-A, but starts at the Lower Platform (1).	1.4[2]	Medium to high	All year	Every hour, 06:00–15:00	500 · 800	2 h 30	**S/ 152***
3-A Huayna Picchu Mountain	Lower terraces, Temple of the Sun and Inca's House, Twelve Openings, Qolqas, Sacred Rock and the climb up Huayna Picchu.	2.4	High	All year	07:00 · 10:00	400 · 400	5 h 30[3]	**S/ 200[4]**
3-B Royalty designed route	Lower terraces, Temple of the Sun and Inca's House, Twelve Openings, Qolqas, Water Mirrors and Temple of the Condor. Has a wheelchair-accessible section.	1.3	Medium	All year	Every hour, 06:00–15:00	900 · 1,200	2 h 30	**S/ 152***
3-C Great Cavern	Same as 3-A up to the Sacred Rock, then the trail to the Great Cavern.	3.0	High	High season only	08:00 · 09:00	– · 50	7 h[3]	**S/ 200[4]**
3-D Huchuy Picchu	Same as 3-B, on to the Sacred Rock, then a short trail up Huchuy Picchu.	1.7	Medium	High season only	09:00 · 11:00	– · 40	3 h 30[3]	**S/ 152[4]**

[1] Round-trip distance from the official panels at the site; effort from tuboleto.cultura.pe (13 Oct 2026). [2] For 2-A and 2-B, tuboleto gives 2.5 and 2.7 km; for every other route both sources agree.

[3] 1-A and 3-A: maximum set by RM 528-2023-MC (the 2024 plans say 7 h and 6 h). 1-C, 1-D, 3-C and 3-D: from their plans. Everywhere else in the Llaqta the maximum is 2 h 30.

[4] S/ 200 = S/ 152 + mountain supplement (RM 099-2025-MC and RM 317-2025-MC). 3-D has no supplement (RM 317-2025-MC). * S/ 152 for 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 2-A, 2-B and 3-B is confirmed by the press (Andina), not by a regulation we have read.

Students and children aged 3 to 17: S/ 125 and S/ 118 on the S/ 200 routes; S/ 77 and S/ 70 on the S/ 152 routes. Peruvians, residents and Andean Community citizens pay a reduced fare (RM 284-2025-MC).

High season 2026

1 January, 2–5 April, 19 June – 2 November and 30–31 December (RM 285-2025-MC). Routes 1-C, 1-D, 3-C and 3-D are sold only on those dates. Dates and quotas for 2027 have not been published yet.

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Sources

Route plans 1-A to 3-D and circuit panels (Ministry of Culture, DDC Cusco, machupicchu.gob.pe); RM 528-2023-MC (regulations); RM 285-2025-MC (2026 quotas and entry times); RM 099-2025-MC and RM 317-2025-MC (fares); RM 284-2025-MC (reduced fare); tuboleto.cultura.pe (13 Oct 2026). This schematic is not an official map.