

# WELCOME TO MACHU PICCHU





## LOCATION OF MACHU PICCHU

It is located in the Cuzco Region, Urubamba Province, Machu Picchu District in Peru, above the Sacred Valley, which is 80 kilometres (50 mi) northwest of Cuzco and through which the Urubamba River flows.



# Above the Urubamba

The Inca ruins lie on a high ridge, surrounded on three sides by the windy, turbulent



### **HISTORY OF MACHU PICCHU**

Once upon a time in Peru, South America, around 1450, a beautiful 32,592 hectares estate was constructed in the Andes mountains. It was amidst two mountain peaks and built for Pachacuti, an Incan Emperor. This place was called MACHU PICCHU, meaning Old Peak in the Incan language.

It was abandoned just over 100 years later, in 1572.



#### MACHU PICCHU'S "DISCOVERY" BY HIRAM BINGHAM

When Hiram Bingham first saw the maze of terraces and walls rising out of the thick undergrowth in 1911, he found himself in a ghost town that had been hidden from the outside world for nearly 400 years. He wrote "It seemed like an unbelievable dream, What could this place be?"



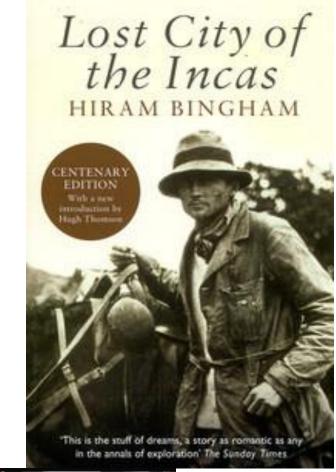


The excited Bingham spread the word about his discovery in a best-selling book, <u>"The Lost City of the Incas"</u>.

He also excavated artifacts from Machu Picchu and took them to Yale University for further inspection, igniting a custody dispute that lasted nearly 100 years.









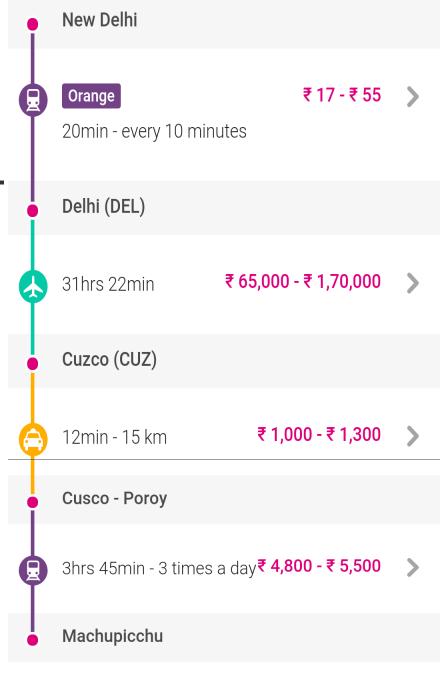


### HOW TO REACH MACHU PICCHU

BY AIR: There are no direct flights and so air travel time easily totals 30 hours & above one way.

After reching Cuzco you can take a taxi to Poroy Railway Station.

Then take a Train from Poroy to Machu Picchu. (Frequency 3 times a day )





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## BELMOND

# HIRAM BINGHAM

MACHU PICCHU

Belmond Hiram Bingham was launched in 1999 by Orient-Express





Belmond Hiram Bingham is a luxury train operating day return trips from Poroy station outside Cusco to Aguas Calientes, the station for Machu Picchu.

#### ROUTES TO GET TO MACHU PICCHU

#### TRAVEL BY TRAIN





Cuzco (Poroy) - Machu Picchu

4 hours from Cusco (Poroy station).

Sacred Valley (Ollantaytambo) - Machu Picchu

2 hours from the Sacred Valley (Ollantaytambo station).

#### **ADVENTURE TREKKING**

The "Caminos Del Inca" (classic Inca Trail) is a 4-day trek to Machu Picchu.







# Inca Jungle Trek to Machu Picchu

The Inca Jungle Trek to Machu Picchu (Inca Jungle Trail) is the best option for those who prefer a more adventurous and adrenaline pumping way to hike to Machu Picchu. The trail belongs among so called Alternative Treks to Machu Picchu.

It combines trekking with mountain biking with an opportunity to enjoy rafting and ZIP line too











**House Modeled After The Mountain** 



**The Mountain Shaped Rocks** 



**The Sleeping Woman** 

#### Intihuatana structure holds the Sun

☐ Machu Picchu was an astronomical observatory, and its sacred Intihuatana stone accurately indicates the two equinoxes. Twice a year, the sun sits directly over the stone creating no shadow.



Intihuatana is a sacred structure in Machu Picchu as it was made to hold the Sun along its annual path. Some described it as a celestial clock or a calendar.

- ☐ The Incas were some of the best masons in the world. The structures were so well built with a technique called ashlar (stones that are cut to fit together without mortar) that not even a knife blade can fit in between stones
- ☐ Although many of the stones that were used to build the city were more than 50 pounds, it is believed that no wheels were used to transport these rocks up the mountain. Rather, it is thought that hundreds of men pushed the heavy rocks up the steep mountain side.





#### > Strange gateway rules:

One of the lesser-known is that you may not enter dressed in the traditional costume of another country; so anyone thinking of going dressed in your kilt and sporran, your kimono, or Swiss milkmaid outfit, should think again.

#### > The staff is quite superstitious:

Porters, who often have to sleep on the trail in tents, hide shiny metal mirrors underneath them to ward off ancient spirits within the earth.

#### > It's built on two fault lines:

The construction protects it whenever Peru suffers an earthquake. The stones of Machu Picchu are reputed to "dance" or bounce during a seismic event and then fall back into their rightful place.

#### > It hosts a race:

The Original Inca Trail Marathon to Machu Picchu course is unique and is the ONLY event on the Inca Trail that qualifies as the "The Most Difficult Marathon in the World".





#### > Agricultural Sector:

The Incas were expert aqueduct engineers; they built irrigation channels that circulated water throughout the terraces. These terraces blend in with the local nature and seem to be in complete harmony with nature.

# **IMPORTANT YEARS**

- In 1981 Machu Picchu was declared a Peruvian Historical Sanctuary.
- In 1983 UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- In 2007, Machu Picchu was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in a worldwide Internet poll.
- In 2008 Machu Picchu was placed on the watch List of the 100 Most Endangered Sites in the World by the World Monuments Fund.

## **BOLLYWOOD IN PERU, THE LAND OF THE INCAS**

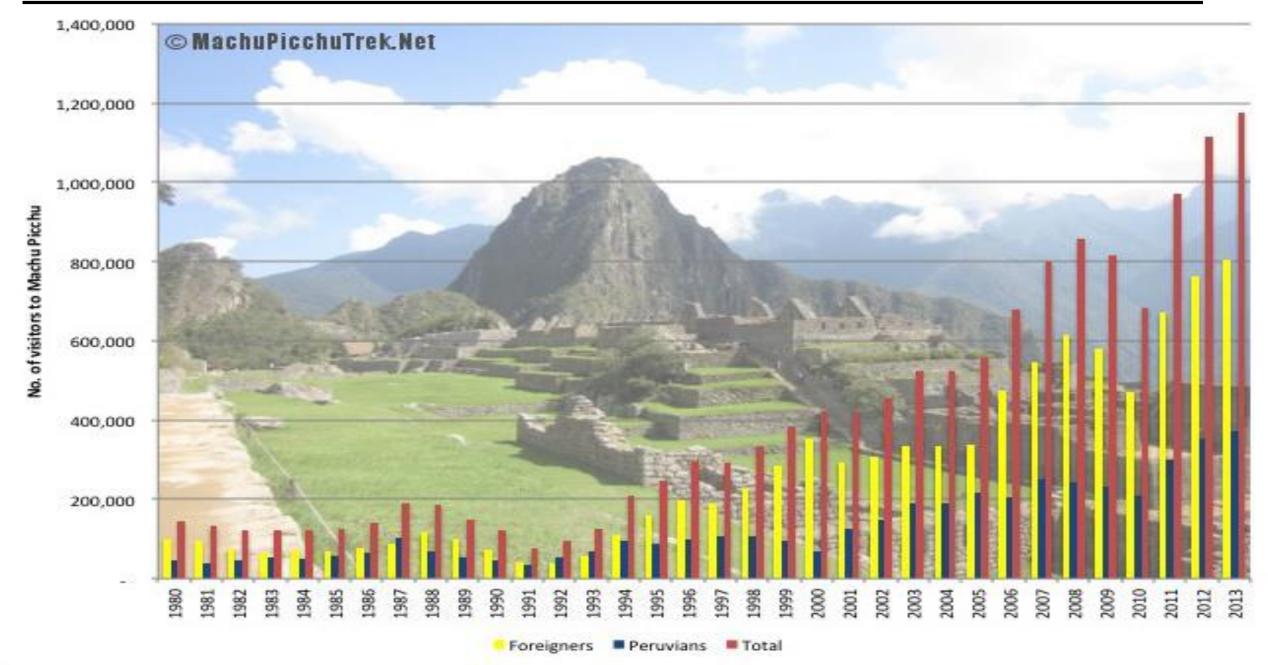
The most expensive Bollywood film ever made, Endhiran, released in 2010, was partly shot on location at Machu Picchu.

The "Kilimanjaro" song at the ancient city of the Incas, viz. Machu Picchu in Peru, makes 'Endhiran' the first Indian movie to be shot there.





#### HOW MANY TOURISTS VISIT MACHU PICCHU ANNUALLY?



"The world is a true classroom. The most rewarding & important type of a learning is through experience, seeing something with our own eyes."





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!

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