The Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu is located in the province of Urubamba, Cusco Region. It comprises an extensive cultural and natural landscape located in various ecosystems, in which there are also other archaeological sites connected by roads that lead to the Inca city. Machu Picchu is the most outstanding Inca archaeological site due to its creative urban design, the beauty of its architecture and the fine stonework of its buildings. In its planning, the topography of the top of the mountain was taken advantage of, which it transformed into an imposing llaqta. It was built in the fifteenth century by the Inca Pachacuteq, abandoned in the early years of the Spanish colony and rediscovered in 1911 by the scientist Hiram Bingham. The architecture of this Inka city, embodied in its 200 enclosures, blends exceptionally well with the wonderful natural environment to which it is closely linked.

The most important monument Machu Picchu, which was planned and built around 1400 AD. The work required the participation of specialists in architecture, engineering and astronomy, in

addition to a large amount of labor. All the effort required in its construction was used in the preparation of the land, foundation and drainage system. Its construction responds to the need of the Inka State to have a religious, political and administrative center within a sacred space considered the link between the Andes and the Amazon.

During the Spanish colonization Machu Picchu was gradually abandoned by the locals, which earned it the reputation of the "lost city of the Incas". Although it was not officially occupied, there is evidence that it was known to the Spanish. However, the mountain remained isolated from economic and social life, a condition that continued even after Peru's independence in the 19th century.



What is the best way to get to Machu Picchu?

There are only 3 ways to get to Machu Picchu: the Inca Trail, the train trip through Ollantaytambo and the alternative route through Hydroelectric. Each of them offers you a totally different experience and varies in the route and prices.