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LLAQTA MACHUPICCHU · CUSCO, PERU

Machu Picchu

Your guide to the 3 circuits & 10 routes

Everything you need to choose the perfect way to explore the Inka citadel — with a map for every route.

Circuit 1 · Panoramic | Circuit 2 · Classic | Circuit 3 · Inka Royalty

THE ESSENTIALS

Machu Picchu at a glance

LOCATION
210 km from Cusco, in the Urubamba Valley

ALTITUDE
2,430 m above sea level

OPENING HOURS
Every day, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

TICKETS
1 to 5 tickets per purchase, booked for a specific circuit, route, date and entry time

How visits work

Since 1 June 2024, Peru's Ministry of Culture organises visits to the Inka city into **three circuits** and **ten routes**. It's a conservation measure: by guiding the flow of visitors through authorised areas, the site is protected and every traveller enjoys a better, calmer experience. When you buy a ticket you choose one circuit and one route — so it pays to pick wisely!

All routes at a glance

ROUTE	DISTANCE*	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
1-A Machupicchu Mountain	3.8 km	High	7 h	All year
1-B Upper Terrace	1.6 km	Medium	2 h 30 min	All year
1-C Intipunku — Sun Gate	3.4 km	Medium	4 h	High season
1-D Inka Bridge	2.6 km	Medium	3 h	High season
2-A Classic Designed Route	2.5 km	Medium–high	2 h 30 min	All year
2-B Lower Terrace	2.7 km	Medium–high	2 h 30 min	All year
3-A Waynapicchu Mountain	2.4 km	High	6 h	All year
3-B Royalty Designed Route	1.3 km	Medium	2 h 30 min	All year
3-C Great Cavern	3.0 km	High	7 h	High season
3-D Huchuypicchu	1.7 km	Medium	3 h 30 min	High season

*Approximate round-trip distance. Max. stay = maximum time allowed inside on that route.

CIRCUIT 1 · 4 ROUTES

1 Panoramic

The high ground. Four routes climb above the citadel for the widest views of Machu Picchu and its sacred mountains.

CIRCUIT 1 · PANORAMIC

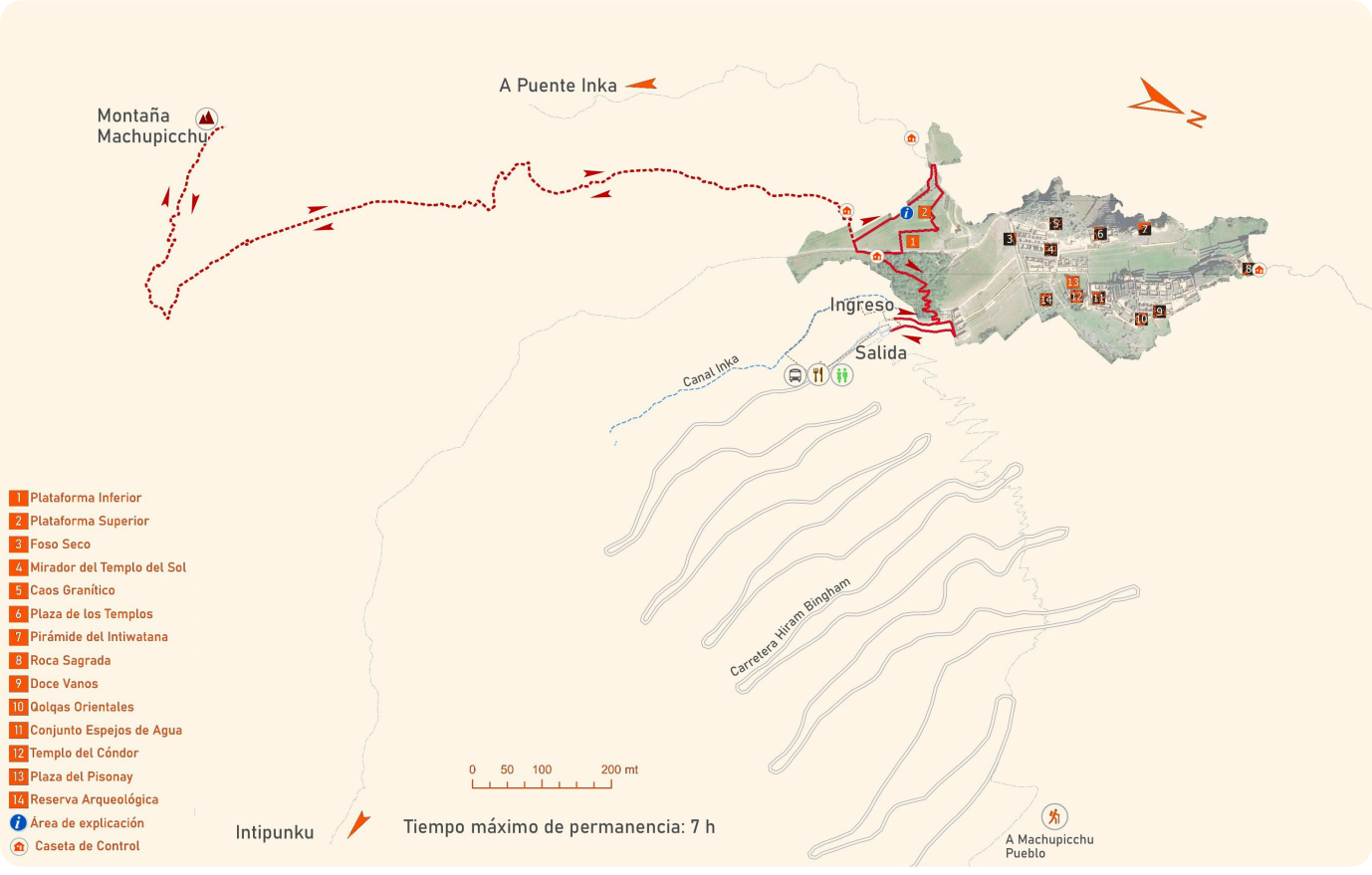
1-A Machupicchu Mountain

DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
3.8 km	High	7 h	All year

The big climb to the summit, with the snow peaks of Salkantay and Pumasillo on the horizon and the whole sanctuary below.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Summit views
- Salkantay & Pumasillo
- Panoramic photos



1-A Machupicchu Mountain · Max. stay: 7 h

MAP KEY

1. Lower Platform
2. Upper Platform
3. Dry Moat
4. Temple of the Sun Viewpoint
5. Granite Chaos (quarry)
6. Plaza of the Temples
7. Intiwatana Pyramid
8. Sacred Rock
9. Twelve Doorways
10. Eastern Qolqas (storehouses)
11. Water Mirrors
12. Temple of the Condor
13. Pisonay Plaza
14. Archaeological Reserve
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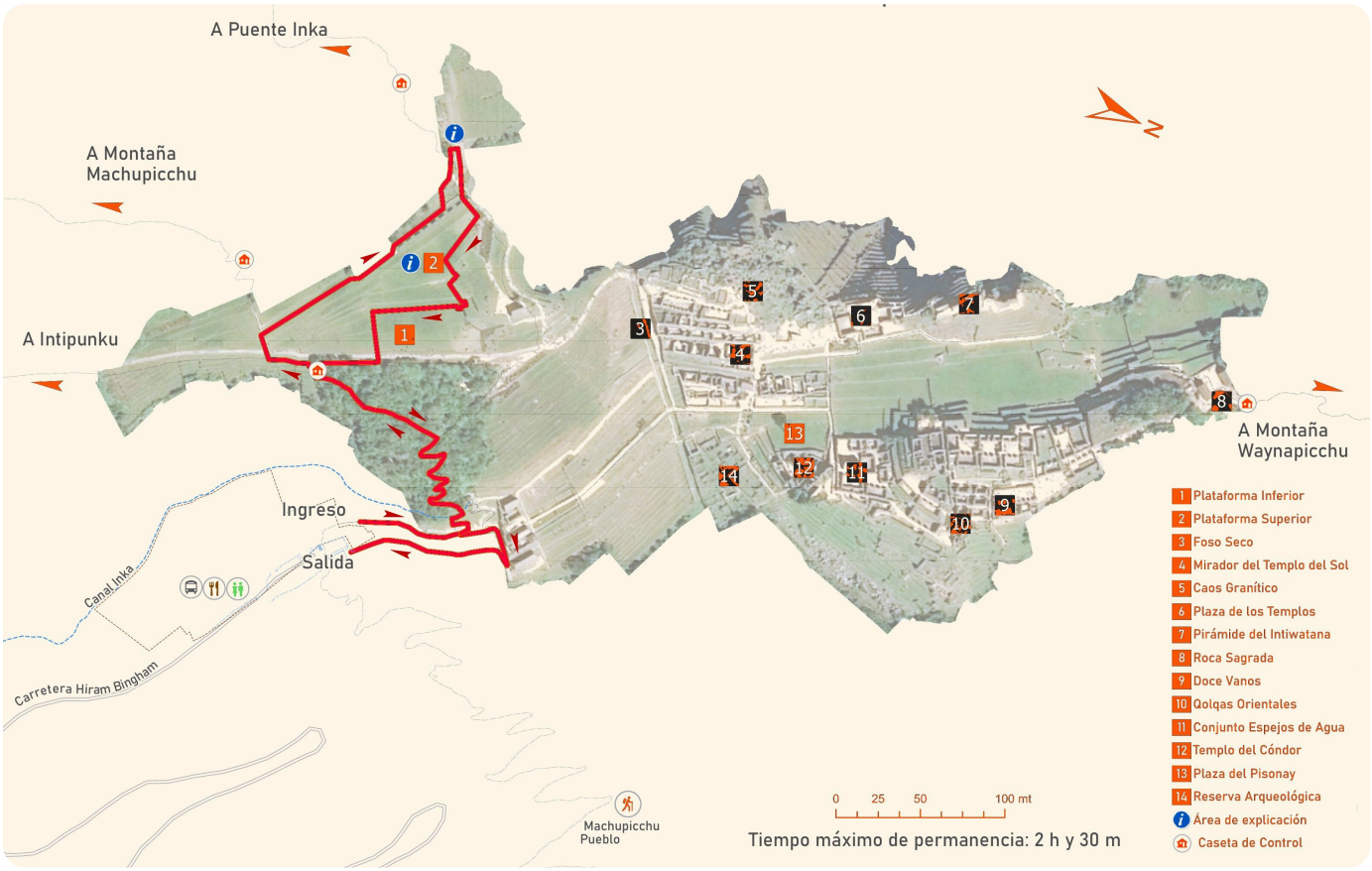
1-B Upper Terrace

DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
1.6 km	Medium	2 h 30 min	All year

Short and spectacular: the viewpoint for the iconic postcard photo, with the Vilcabamba Batholith and the winding Vilcanota River.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The postcard photo
- Vilcabamba Batholith
- Vilcanota River



1-B Upper Terrace · Max. stay: 2 h 30 min

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CIRCUIT 1 · PANORAMIC

1-C Intipunku — Sun Gate

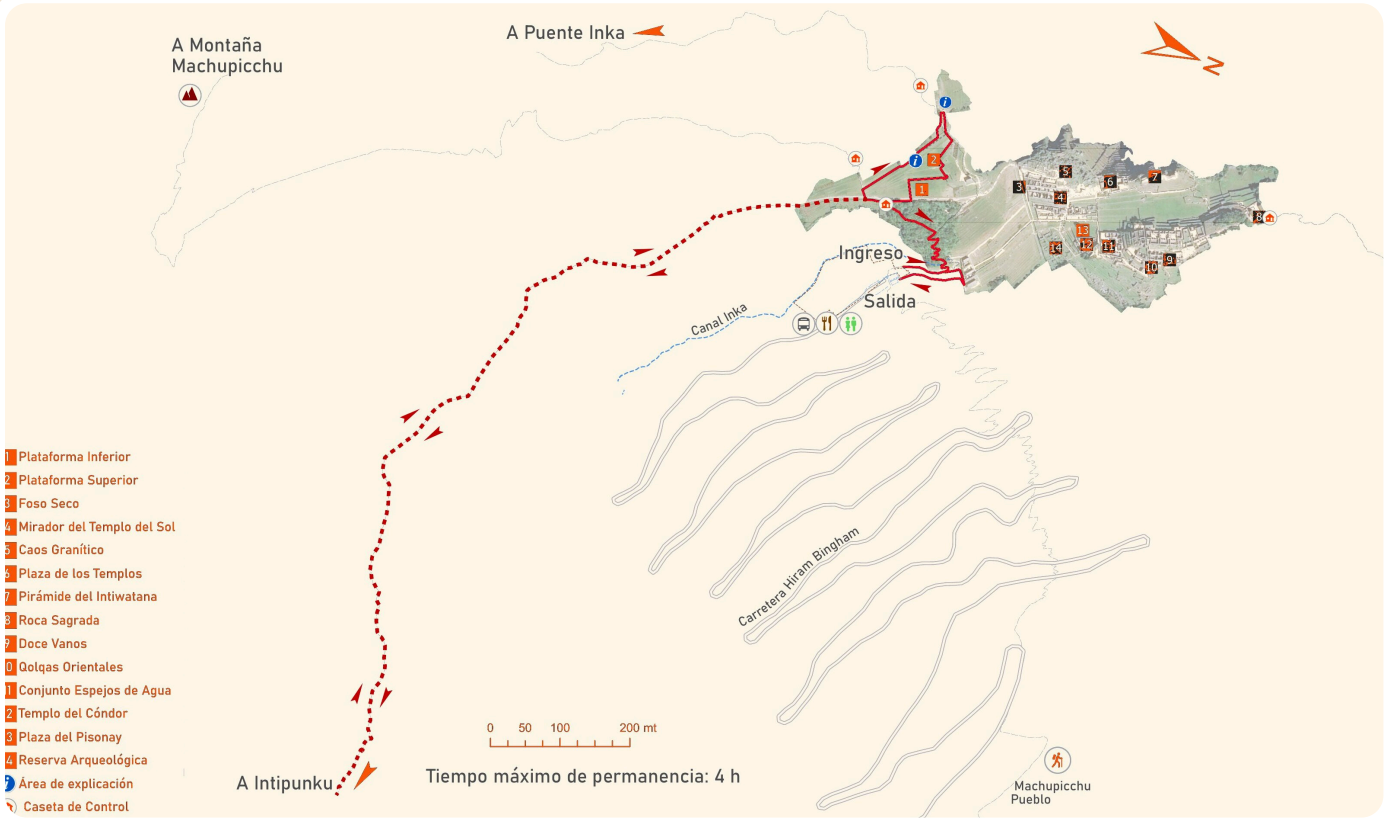
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DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
3.4 km	Medium	4 h	High season

Walk to the Sun Gate, where the Inca Trail enters the city, for a view down the ancient road and a new angle on Machu Picchu.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Inca Trail gateway
- The ancient road
- A new angle on the city



1-C Intipunku — Sun Gate · Max. stay: 4 h

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CIRCUIT 1 · PANORAMIC

1-D Inka Bridge

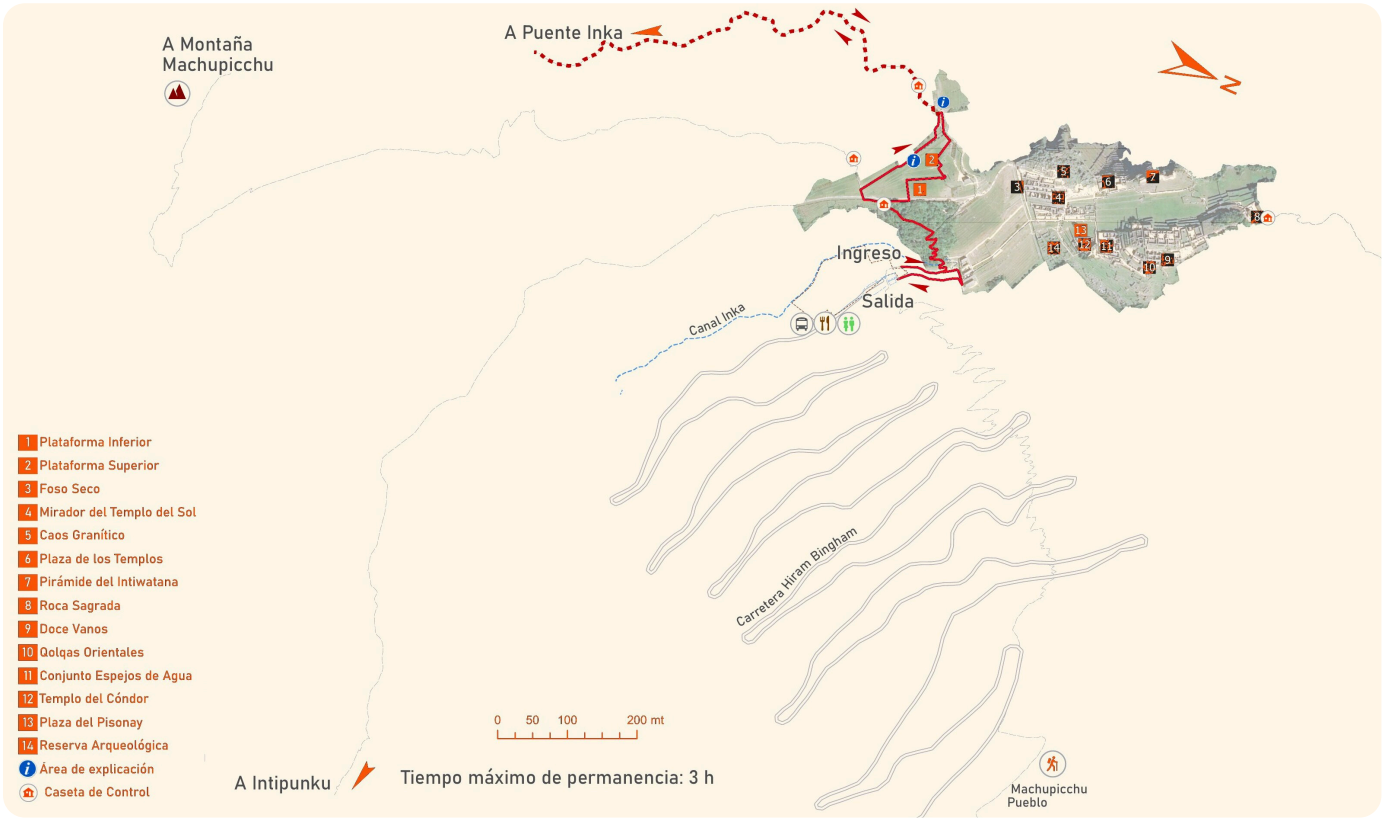
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DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
2.6 km	Medium	3 h	High season

A cliff-side path to the daring Inka Bridge of stone and wood, with views over the Vilcanota valley.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stone & timber bridge
- Cliff-side trail
- Vilcanota valley



1-D Inka Bridge · Max. stay: 3 h

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CIRCUIT 2 · 2 ROUTES

2 Classic

The full Inka city: mid-level terraces plus the whole urban sector — homes, plazas and star-watching spaces.

CIRCUIT 2 · CLASSIC

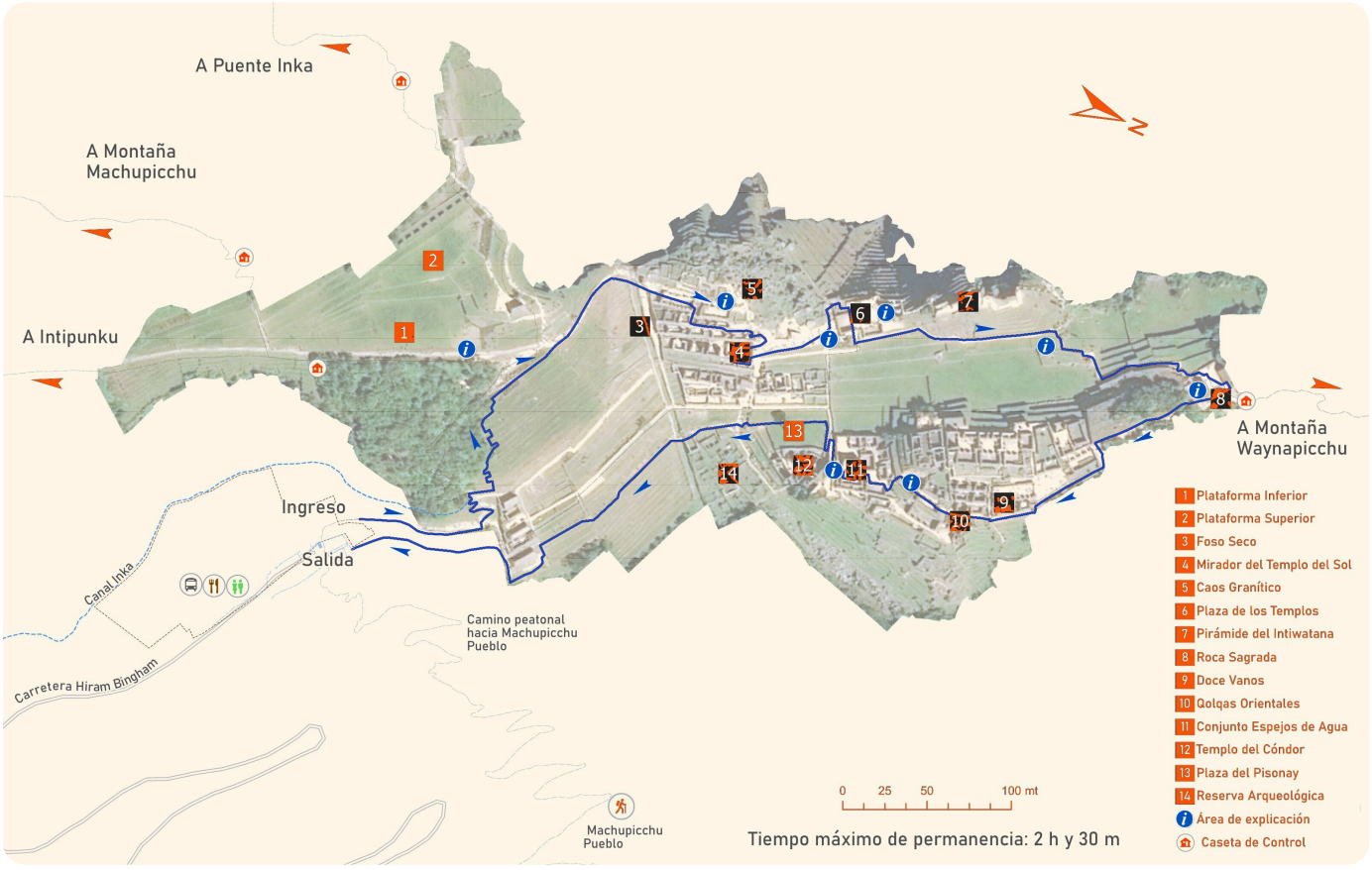
2-A Classic Designed Route

DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
2.5 km	Medium–high	2 h 30 min	All year

The essential city tour: terraces, the main gate (Llaqta Punku), Temple of the Sun viewpoint, Main Plaza, Sacred Rock and Water Mirrors.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Llaqta Punku gate
- Temple of the Sun view
- The classic photo



2-A Classic Designed Route · Max. stay: 2 h 30 min

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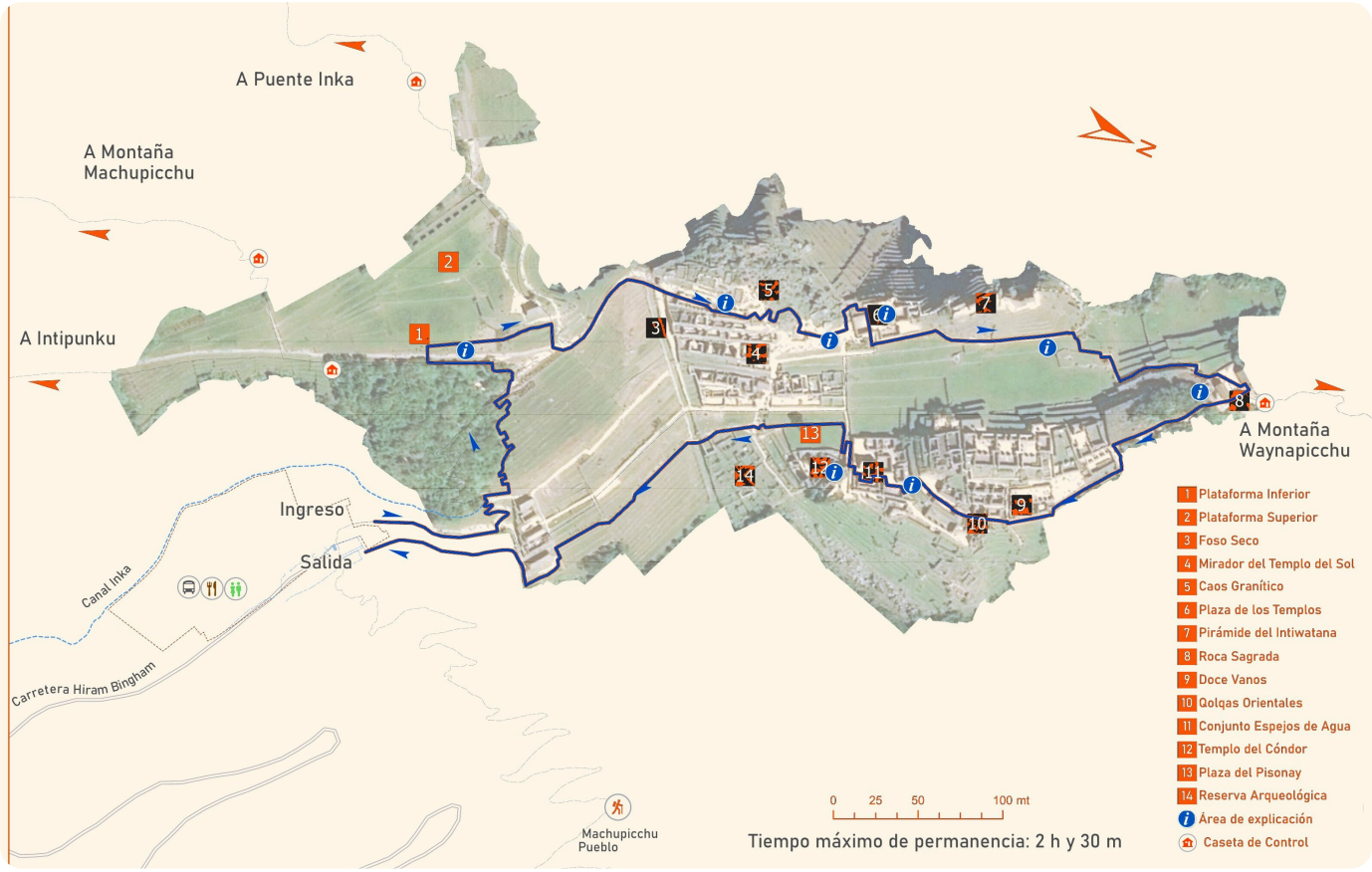
2-B Lower Terrace

DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
2.7 km	Medium–high	2 h 30 min	All year

Photo from the lower terrace, then the main gate, the Inka stone quarries, Main Plaza, Sacred Rock and Water Mirrors.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lower terrace photo
- Inka quarries
- Sacred Rock



2-B Lower Terrace · Max. stay: 2 h 30 min

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CIRCUIT 3 · 4 ROUTES

3 Inka Royalty

The sacred heart: Temple of the Sun, House of the Inka, Temple of the Condor. Add a mountain or the Great Cavern for adventure.

CIRCUIT 3 · INKA ROYALTY

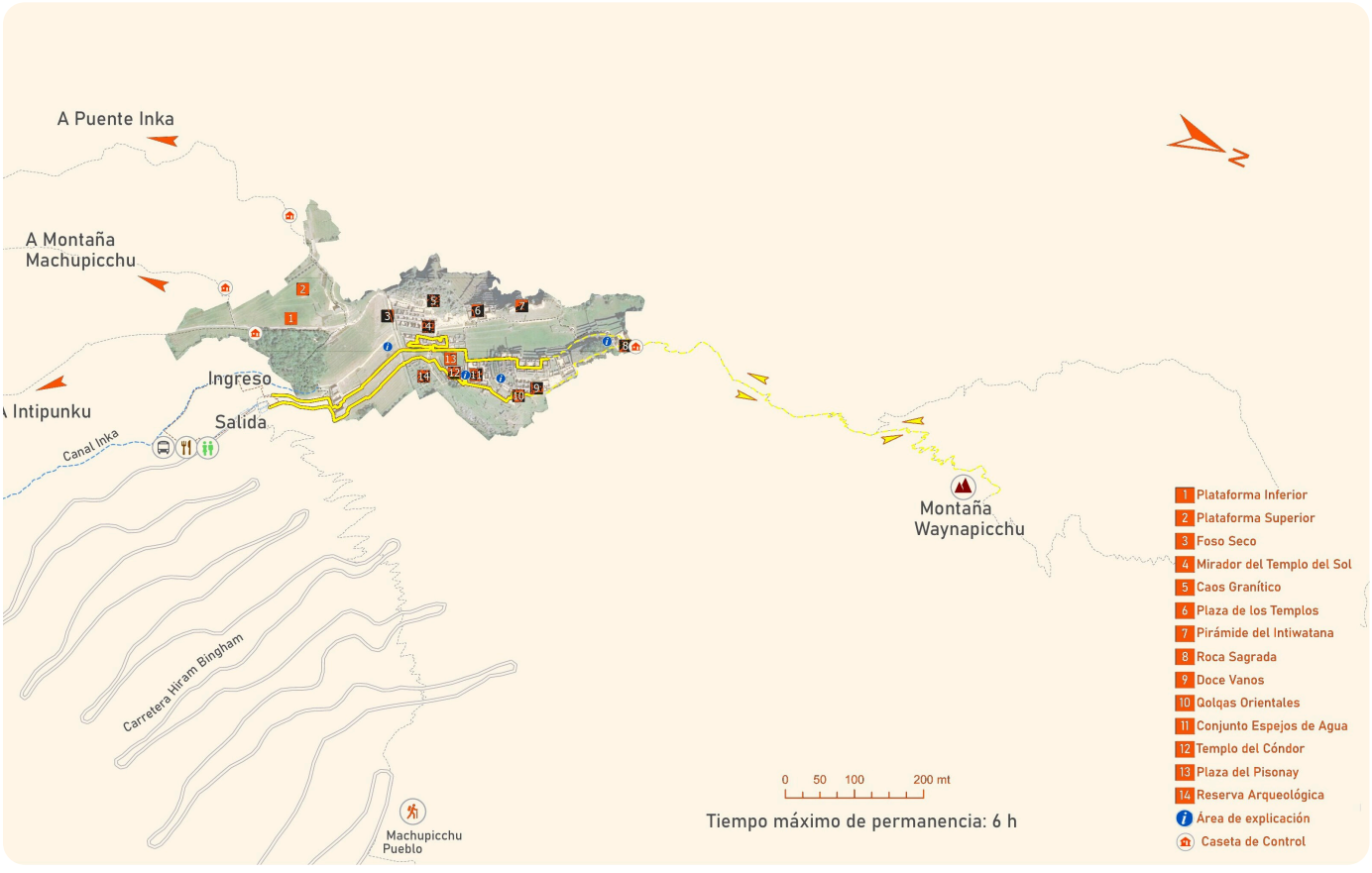
3-A Waynapicchu Mountain

DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
2.4 km	High	6 h	All year

The royal sector, then the steep Inka stairway up Waynapicchu for jaw-dropping views. Return via the Temple of the Condor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Waynapicchu summit
- Temple of the Sun
- Temple of the Condor



3-A Waynapicchu Mountain · Max. stay: 6 h

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CIRCUIT 3 · INKA ROYALTY

3-B Royalty Designed Route

Wheelchair-friendly section

DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
1.3 km	Medium	2 h 30 min	All year

The easiest way into the royal heart: Temple of the Sun, House of the Inka, Ceremonial Fountains, Three Doorways and Temple of the Condor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Shortest route
- House of the Inka
- Partly wheelchair-friendly



3-B Royalty Designed Route · Max. stay: 2 h 30 min

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3-C Great Cavern

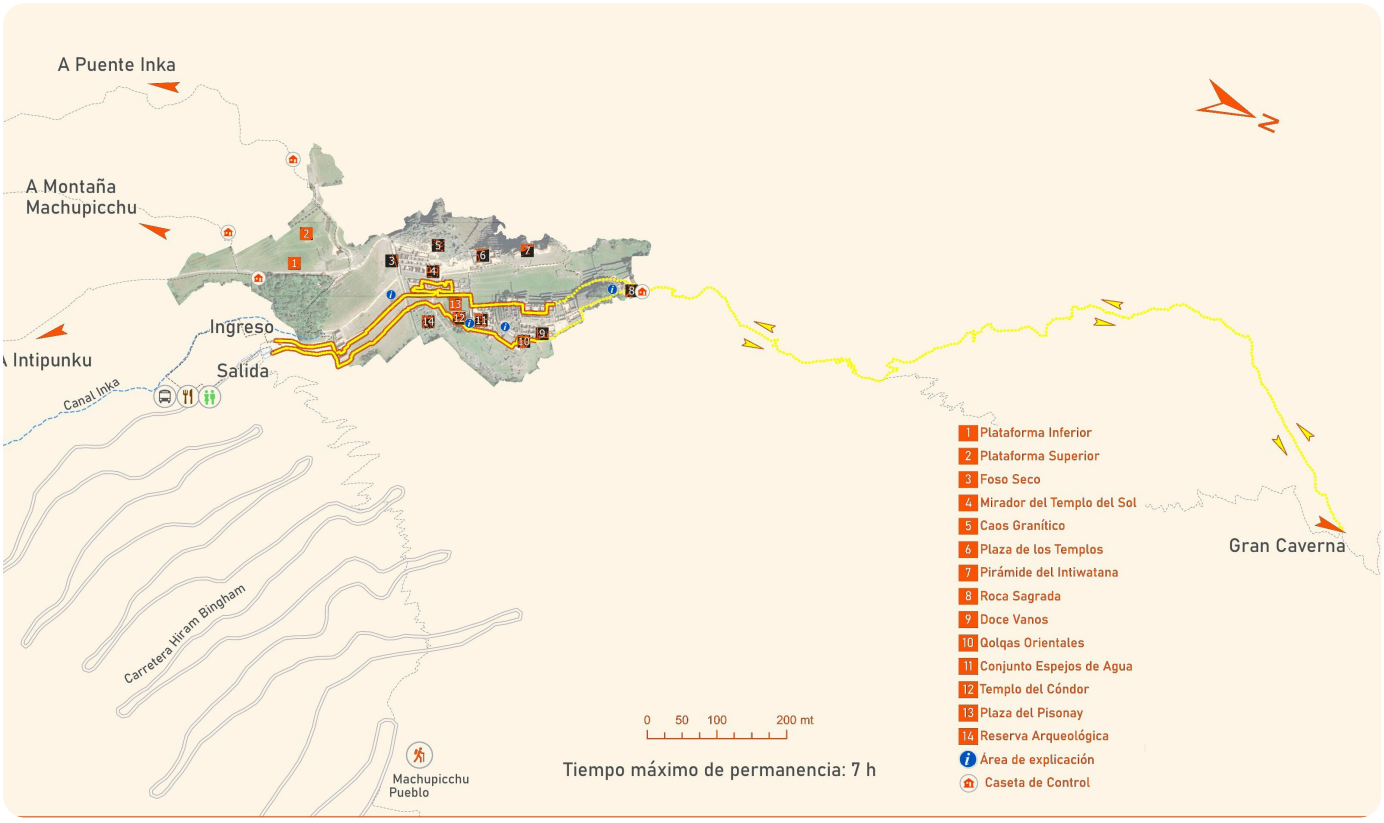
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DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
3.0 km	High	7 h	High season

After the royal sector, a jungle trail drops down the far side of Waynapicchu to the mysterious Great Cavern.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The hidden Great Cavern
- Quiet jungle trail
- Royal sector included



3-C Great Cavern · Max. stay: 7 h

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CIRCUIT 3 · INKA ROYALTY

3-D Huchuypicchu

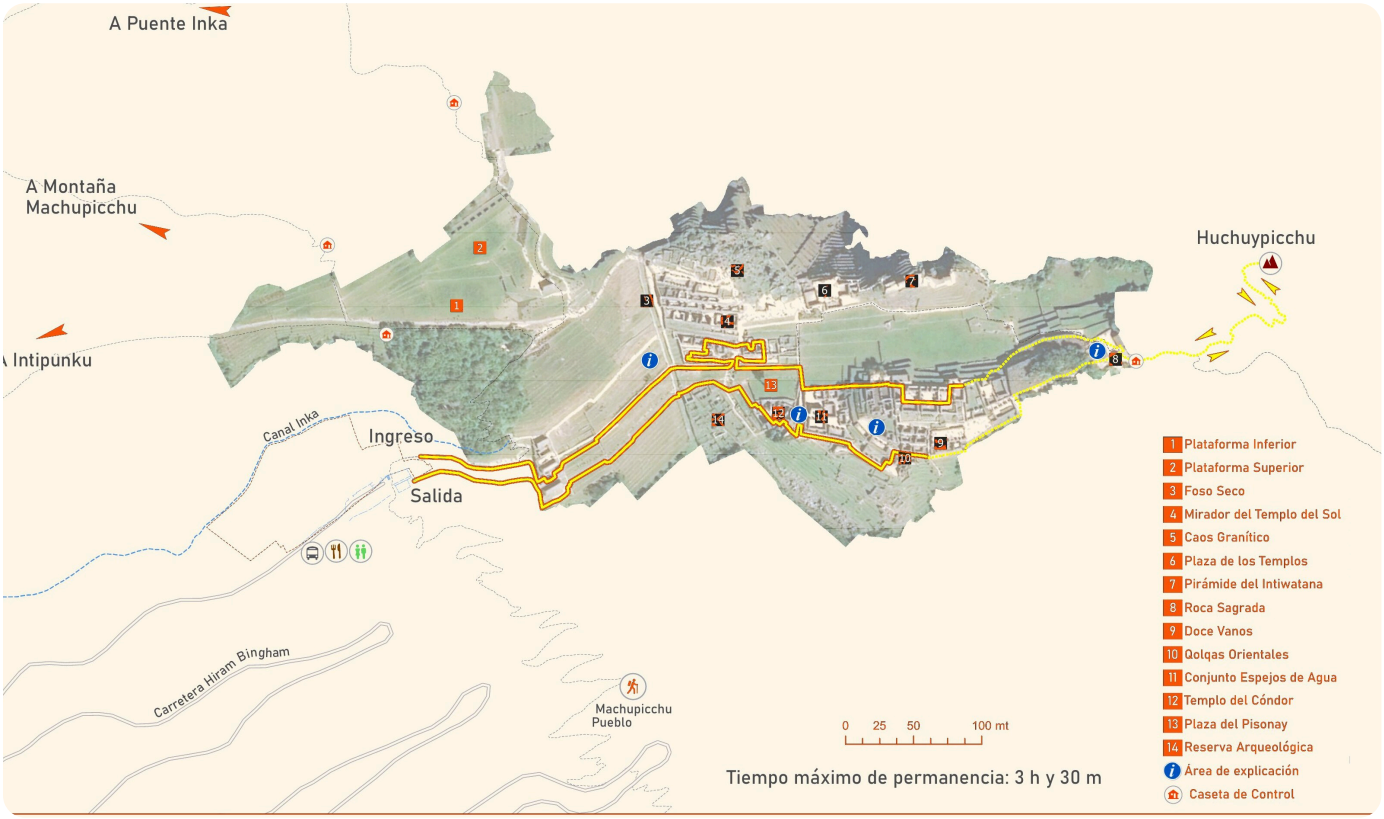
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DISTANCE	EFFORT	MAX. STAY	SEASON
1.7 km	Medium	3 h 30 min	High season

Waynapicchu's little sister: big panoramic views of the Inka city for a moderate climb, after the royal sector.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Huchuypicchu summit
- Big views, moderate effort
- Royal sector included



3-D Huchuypicchu · Max. stay: 3 h 30 min

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Destino Perú travel tips

Book early
Tickets are limited per route and time slot and the mountain routes (Waynapicchu, Machupicchu Mountain) sell out weeks ahead in high season.

Bring your passport
The same ID used to buy the ticket is checked at the entrance.

Dress in layers
Mornings are cool and misty, middays strong and sunny. Wear good shoes, a hat, sunscreen and a rain jacket.

Travel light
Large backpacks, tripods and drones aren't allowed. Bring water — there are no shops inside.

Take it slow
At 2,430 m the air is thinner. Spend a day or two in Cusco or the Sacred Valley first to acclimatise.

Go with a guide
Licensed guides bring the stones to life — and we'll match you with the right circuit for your fitness and interests.



Let us plan your Machu Picchu day

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