Destino Perú
EL MUNDO ES TUYO



CUSCO · SACRED VALLEY · MACHU PICCHU

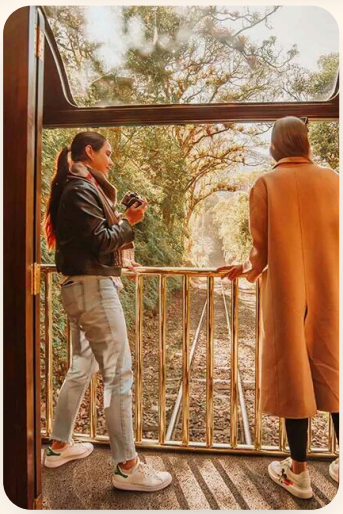
Trains to Machu Picchu

Expedition, Vistadome, Observatory or Hiram Bingham?

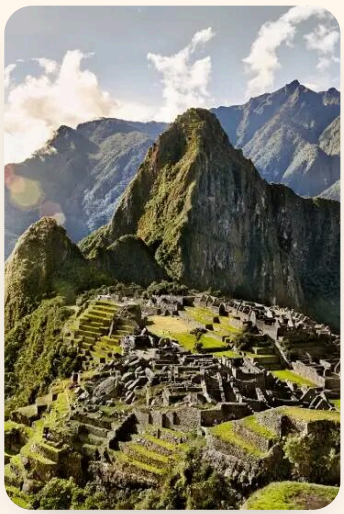
A simple guide to the PeruRail trains from Cusco and the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu: what each one offers, who it suits, where it leaves from and when.

Expedition · Vistadome · Vistadome Observatory · Hiram Bingham









THE ESSENTIALS

The journey at a glance

WHERE TRAINS GO

All trains end at Machu Picchu Pueblo (Aguas Calientes), at the foot of the citadel. No road reaches it.

WHERE THEY LEAVE FROM

Cusco (San Pedro, Poroy, or Wanchaq by bus + train) or Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley.

HOW LONG IT TAKES

1 h 30 – 2 h from Ollantaytambo · ≈ 3 h 30 from Poroy · ≈ 4 h from central Cusco.

NOT INCLUDED

Entrance to Machu Picchu and the bus up to the citadel (except on the Hiram Bingham).

How it works

Four PeruRail services share the same tracks along the Urubamba river. They differ in **comfort, food, entertainment and price**, not in the route. From the station a 25–minute bus takes you up to the entrance of the sanctuary.

YOUR DAY, STEP BY STEP

Cusco or Sacred Valley
Transfer to the station

The train
1 h 30 – 4 h along the Urubamba

Machu Picchu Pueblo
Consettur bus, 25 min uphill

The citadel
Your timed ticket & circuit


Ollantaytambo


Machu Picchu

COMPARE

The four trains side by side

TRAIN	CATEGORY	DEPARTS FROM	FOOD & DRINKS	ENTERTAINMENT	OBSERVATORY CAR	PRICE LEVEL*
Expedition	Essential · best value	Cusco (San Pedro, Poroy, Wanchaq*), Ollantaytambo	Snacks & drinks for purchase	Audio tour & ambient music	No	●
Vistadome	Panoramic · scenery first	Cusco (San Pedro, Poroy, Wanchaq*), Ollantaytambo, Urubamba	Andean snack included	Live show + alpaca fashion show (return trips)	No	●●
Vistadome Observatory	Premium panoramic · open-air balcony	Cusco (San Pedro, Poroy, Wanchaq*), Ollantaytambo, Urubamba	Snack, hot drinks, coffee & water included	Live music & dance in the bar car; alpaca show (return)	Yes — bar car with open-air balcony	●●●
Hiram Bingham	Luxury · all-inclusive day	Poroy (Cusco), Pachar, Rio Sagrado (Urubamba)	Welcome drink, gourmet lunch, dinner & cocktails	Welcome show & live music	Yes — observation & bar cars	●●●●

* Wanchaq = bus + train (Bimodal). Price level is relative, not a fare: tickets are dynamic and vary by date and train — always check the live price at book.perurail.com. All trains have heating/air conditioning, toilets and power outlets. Hand luggage on every train: 1 backpack up to 8 kg (100 cm) or 1 carry-on up to 12 kg (115 cm).

In one sentence

EXPEDITION
Comfortable and affordable, the most departures.

VISTADOME
The scenic one: roof windows, a snack and a show on the way back.

VISTADOME OBSERVATORY
Premium panoramic: open-air balcony, everything included on board.

HIRAM BINGHAM
A luxury day: gourmet meals, guide, bus and Sanctuary Lodge in one package.


Vistadome


Hiram Bingham

ESSENTIAL · BEST VALUE

PeruRail Expedition

CATEGORY	DEPARTS FROM	FROM OLLANTAYTAMBO	FROM CUSCO
Essential · best value	San Pedro & Poroy (Cusco), Wanchaq (bus + train), Ollantaytambo	1 h 30 – 2 h	≈ 3 h 30 (Poroy) · ≈ 4 h (Wanchaq)

The practical, good-value train with the most departures of the day. Comfortable seats, Inca-inspired interiors and large panoramic windows over the Urubamba river.

An audio tour tells the story of the places you pass. Snacks and drinks are sold on board. Some daytime bus + train departures from Cusco make a short photo stop at Huaypo Lagoon.

WHO IT SUITS

Travellers who want a comfortable ride at the best price, and anyone who needs the earliest or latest trains.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Most departures of the day
- Panoramic side windows
- Audio tour included
- Snacks & drinks on sale

FOOD & DRINKS

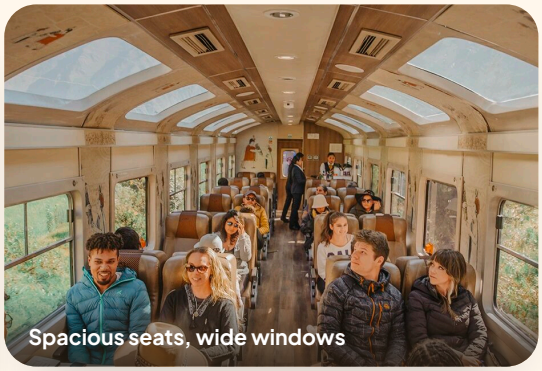
Snacks & drinks for purchase

ENTERTAINMENT

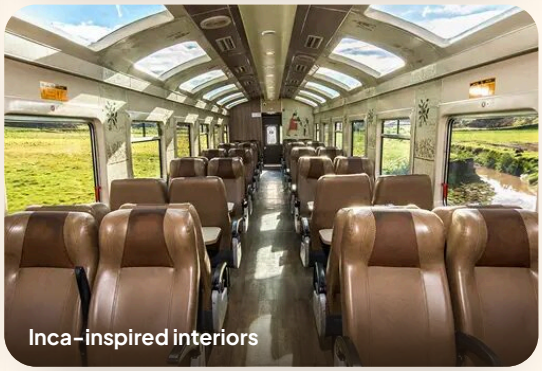
Audio tour & ambient music



The Expedition in the Sacred Valley



Spacious seats, wide windows



Inca-inspired interiors

PANORAMIC · SCENERY FIRST

PeruRail Vistadome

CATEGORY	DEPARTS FROM	FROM OLLANTAYTAMBO	FROM CUSCO
Panoramic · scenery first	Wanchaq, San Pedro & Poroy (Cusco), Ollantaytambo, Urubamba	1 h 30 – 2 h	≈ 3 h 30 (Poroy) · ≈ 4 h (Wanchaq)

The classic panoramic train: wide windows on the sides and in the roof, so you see the mountains and the cloud forest all the way to Machu Picchu.

A snack made with Andean ingredients is included. On the way back from Machu Picchu Pueblo the crew puts on a live cultural show and a baby-alpaca fashion show.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Roof windows for the mountains
- Snack included
- Cultural show on the way back
- Many departures from Ollantaytambo

WHO IT SUITS

Couples and families who want the views and a touch of experience on board. The most popular middle option.

FOOD & DRINKS

Andean snack included

ENTERTAINMENT

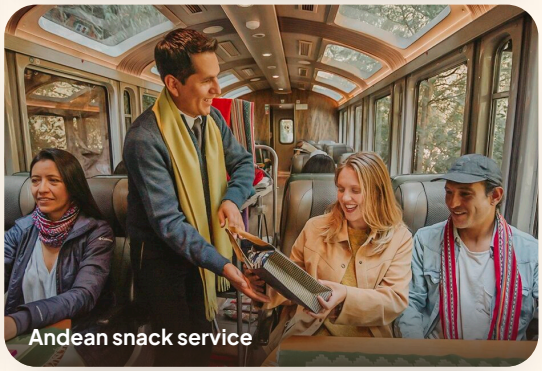
Live show + alpaca fashion show (return trips)



Live performance on the return journey



The Sacred Valley from the window



Andean snack service

PREMIUM PANORAMIC · OPEN-AIR BALCONY

PeruRail Vistadome Observatory

CATEGORY	DEPARTS FROM	FROM OLLANTAYTAMBO	FROM CUSCO
Premium panoramic · open-air balcony	Wanchaq, San Pedro & Poroy (Cusco), Ollantaytambo, Urubamba	≈ 1 h 30	≈ 3 h 30 (Poroy) · 4 – 5 h (Wanchaq)

The premium panoramic experience. Besides the panoramic seats with personal tables, everyone can use the observatory bar car: transparent roof, 360° views and an open-air balcony for photos.

Snacks, hot infusions, coffee and water are included. Musicians and dancers perform live in the bar car; on the way back there is a baby-alpaca fashion show.

WHO IT SUITS

Photographers and anyone who wants the journey itself to be a highlight, at a price still far below the luxury train.

HIGHLIGHTS

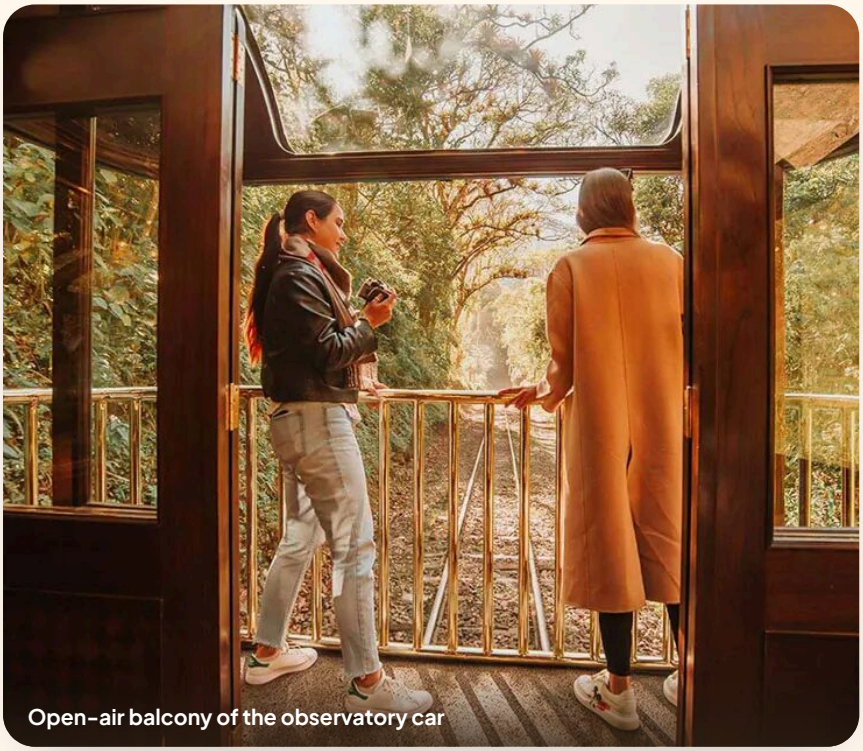
- Open-air balcony & 360° views
- Bar car with live music and dance
- Snack and drinks included
- Personal tables & audio tour

FOOD & DRINKS

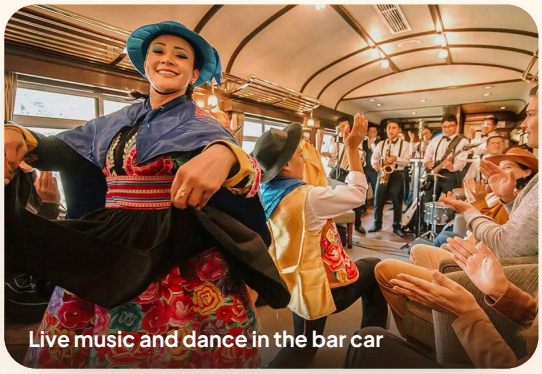
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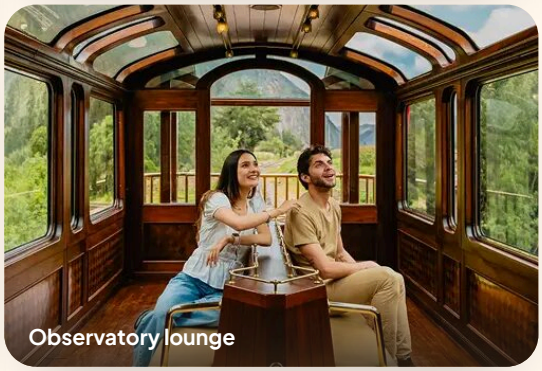
Live music & dance in the bar car; alpaca show (return)



Open-air balcony of the observatory car



Live music and dance in the bar car



Observatory lounge

LUXURY · ALL-INCLUSIVE DAY

Hiram Bingham, a Belmond Train

CATEGORY
Luxury · all-inclusive day

DEPARTS FROM
Poroy (Cusco); Pachar / Rio Sagrado (Sacred Valley)

FROM OLLANTAYTAMBO
≈ 1 h 30 from the Sacred Valley

FROM CUSCO
≈ 3 h 20 (Poroy 09:05 → 12:24)

Peru's luxury train, run by Belmond: 1920s-style Pullman carriages for 84 guests, two dining cars, two bar cars and an observation car with live music.

It is a full-day package: welcome drink, gourmet lunch, tea or cocktail at the Sanctuary Lodge by the citadel, bilingual guide*, private bus up to Machu Picchu and dinner on the return. Daily except the last Sunday of the month.

WHO IT SUITS

Honeymoons, anniversaries and anyone who wants Machu Picchu as one seamless, indulgent day out of Cusco.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gourmet dining & cocktails
- Observation car, live music
- Guide, bus & Sanctuary Lodge included*
- Only 84 guests per departure

FOOD & DRINKS

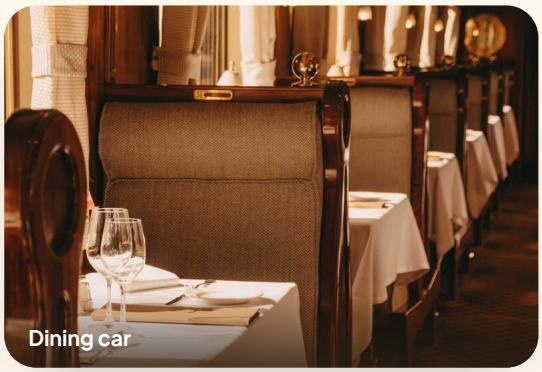
Welcome drink, gourmet lunch, dinner & cocktails

ENTERTAINMENT

Welcome show & live music



Hiram Bingham in the cloud forest


Dining car


Observation car

* As listed on PeruRail's service comparison; Belmond notes the train ticket alone does not guarantee entry, so we secure your Machu Picchu entrance with the booking. No extra luggage on board.

STATIONS

Where the trains leave from

THE LINE, WEST FROM CUSCO

0 km	≈ 15 km		≈ 70 km		≈ 115 km
Cusco	**Poroy**	**Pachar**	**Ollantaytambo**	**Km 104**	**Machu Picchu**
San Pedro / Wanchaq				Inca Trail	Pueblo

← Cusco 3,400 m · Ollantaytambo 2,800 m · Machu Picchu Pueblo 2,040 m →

San Pedro · Cusco

5 MIN FROM THE PLAZA DE ARMAS

Calle Cascaparo s/n, by San Pedro market. Morning trains 31 and 203, evening returns.

Poroy · Cusco

20–30 MIN FROM THE CENTRE

Calle Roldán s/n. The main Cusco station for direct trains, including the Hiram Bingham (09:05). Go by taxi or transfer.

Wanchaq · Cusco (bus + train)

5 MIN FROM THE CENTRE

Av. Pachacútec s/n. PeruRail's Bimodal service: private bus to Poroy, Pachar or Ollantaytambo, then the train. All Cusco departures use it from January to April.

Ollantaytambo · Sacred Valley

1 H 45 BY ROAD FROM CUSCO

Av. Ferrocarril. The busiest station, trains from 05:05 to 21:00. Ideal if you sleep in the Sacred Valley the night before.

Pachar · Sacred Valley

TRANSFER POINT

Small station 10 min before Ollantaytambo, used by some bus + train services since September 2025.

Machu Picchu Pueblo

ARRIVAL

Machu Picchu Pueblo station (a few Expedition trains stop at Av. Imperio de los Incas). Free luggage storage 05:00–22:00.



Huaypo



Urubamba

TIMETABLE · MAY – DECEMBER 2026

Typical departures

PeruRail's published timetable for May–December 2026 (checked 22 Oct 2026). Times change by season and for operational reasons; we confirm your exact train when we book. * Also stops at Km 104 for the one-day Inca Trail.

Expedition · Vistadome · Vistadome Observatory · Hiram Bingham

Ollantaytambo → Machu Picchu

TRAIN	SERVICE	DEP.	ARR.
71*	Expedition	05:05	06:37
81*	Expedition	06:10	07:40
301*	Vistadome	07:05	08:27
83*	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	07:45	09:15
601	Vistadome	08:00	09:25
33*	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	08:29	09:54
501	Vistadome	08:53	10:29
31*	Vistadome, Expedition	09:15	10:52
203*	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	10:32	12:11
91	Expedition	11:52	13:34
73	Vistadome, Expedition	12:55	14:25
303	Vistadome Observatory	13:27	14:50
603	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	15:37	17:02
75	Vistadome, Expedition	19:04	20:45
51	Expedition	21:00	22:45

Machu Picchu → Ollantaytambo

TRAIN	SERVICE	DEP.	ARR.
50*	Expedition	05:35	07:44
72	Expedition	08:53	10:52
302	Vistadome Observatory	10:55	12:32
602	Vistadome	12:46	14:19
204	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	13:37	15:04
74	Vistadome, Expedition	14:55	16:31
34	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	15:20	17:08
304	Vistadome	15:48	17:29
504	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	16:22	18:10
32	Vistadome, Expedition	16:43	18:31
604	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	17:23	19:02
606	Vistadome	18:10	19:51
84	Vistadome, Expedition	18:20	20:05
86	Expedition	20:50	22:20
76	Vistadome, Expedition	21:50	23:37

Cusco → Machu Picchu (direct train)

TRAIN	SERVICE	STATION	DEP.	ARR.
33*	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	Poroy	06:40	09:54
31*	Vistadome, Expedition	San Pedro	06:40	10:52
203*	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	San Pedro	07:30	12:11
31*	Vistadome, Expedition	Poroy	07:35	10:52
203*	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	Poroy	08:25	12:11
11	Hiram Bingham	Poroy	09:05	12:24

Machu Picchu → Cusco (direct train)

TRAIN	SERVICE	STATION	DEP.	ARR.
34	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	Poroy	15:20	19:05
32	Vistadome, Expedition	Poroy	16:43	20:23
32	Vistadome, Expedition	San Pedro	16:43	21:23
604	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	Poroy	17:23	20:52
604	Vistadome Observatory, Expedition	San Pedro	17:23	21:52
12	Hiram Bingham	Poroy	17:50	21:16

TIMETABLE · MAY – DECEMBER 2026

Bimodal · Cusco Wanchaq

Cusco Wanchaq → Machu Picchu (bus + train)

TRAIN	SERVICE	BUS DEP.	TRANSFER	TRAIN DEP.	ARR.
81*	●	03:20	Ollantaytambo	06:10	07:40
83*	● ●	05:10	Pachar	07:15	09:15
33*	● ●	05:40	Poroy	06:40	09:54
73	● ●	10:30	Pachar	12:20	14:25
603	● ●	12:30	Ollantaytambo	15:37	17:02
75	● ●	16:30	Ollantaytambo	19:04	20:45

Machu Picchu → Cusco Wanchaq (bus + train)

TRAIN	SERVICE	TRAIN DEP.	TRANSFER	BUS DEP.	ARR. WANCHAQ
72	●	08:53	Pachar	11:10	13:35
204	● ●	13:37	Ollantaytambo	15:04	17:30
74	● ●	14:55	Pachar	16:55	19:00
34	● ●	15:20	Poroy	19:05	19:45
504	● ●	16:22	Ollantaytambo	18:10	20:30
606	●	18:10	Ollantaytambo	19:51	22:15
84	● ●	18:20	Pachar	20:22	22:30
86	●	20:50	Pachar	22:37	00:45

HOW TO CHOOSE

Which train should I take?

BEST VALUE / FLEXIBLE TIMES

Expedition

The earliest train for sunrise at the citadel, or when budget matters more than extras. Same views, comfortable ride.

THE SCENIC CLASSIC

Vistadome

Mountains through the roof windows, a snack served and the show on the way back. The sweet spot for most couples and families.

MAKE THE JOURNEY A HIGHLIGHT

Vistadome Observatory

For photographers, or anyone who wants to stand on the open balcony in the canyon with a coffee in hand.

CELEBRATE

Hiram Bingham

A honeymoon or a once-in-a-lifetime trip: gourmet food, guide, bus and tea at the Sanctuary Lodge, all organised.

Our favourite combination

Go **out on the Expedition or Vistadome** early in the morning and **return on the Vistadome Observatory**: the balcony, the live music and the alpaca show are at their best after a day at the citadel, and you pay the premium on one leg only.

PRACTICAL TIPS

Good to know before you board

Book early

The best departure times sell out weeks ahead, especially June–August and December–January. Book 2–4 weeks in advance, more in high season.

Bring your passport

Tickets are personal and the ID used at booking is checked. Children 3–11 pay 75 % of the fare; under 3 travel free on a parent's lap.

Pack light

1 backpack up to 8 kg (100 cm) or 1 carry-on up to 12 kg (115 cm). Leave big suitcases at your hotel or in the free storage at Machu Picchu Pueblo station.

Arrive 30 minutes early

Boarding closes before departure and stations get busy. The Wanchaq bus leaves on time.

Entry ticket is separate

The citadel ticket is issued for a date, circuit and time slot. We book train, entry and bus together so the times match.

Stay a night

Sleeping in Machu Picchu Pueblo or Ollantaytambo the night before means a shorter morning and a quieter citadel.



Let us plan your Machu Picchu day

Train, entry ticket, bus and guide: we match the times and tell you which train fits your trip and budget. Ask us for a quote.

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