

Why Journey to Machu Picchu with The Explorer's Passage!

World Class Guides

Experience the Inca Trail with the finest guides in the Andes. Our guides have been leading adventures to Machu Picchu for over forty years and are the pioneers of trekking on the Inca Trail. They are native to the surrounding areas of the Sacred Valley and Cusco, which provides our guests with an authentic and cultural travel experience.



Small Group Sizes

On all of *The Path of the Sun* set departures there is a maximum group size of 12 people. This helps to provide a more intimate travel experience for our guests.



Extraordinary Accommodations

For your nights off the trail, relax in the comfort and luxury of our 4 and 5 Star Premium accommodations - featuring some of the finest resorts in Peru.

Exquisite Cuisine

On the Trail

Our stellar backcountry chefs will artfully prepare all of your meals on the Inca Trail. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and hearty snacks are prepared and provided for you. We put an emphasis on local specialties, organic foods, and international favorites that are not only healthy and fresh but also delicious.

Off the Trail

Carefully selected restaurants with three course meals allow our guests to indulge in authentic Peruvian fare. We also start each *The Path of the Sun* adventure with a complementary Pisco Sour, a Peruvian favorite at our welcome dinner.

Private Camping Locations

Because of our stringent adherence to best practices in sustainability we are one of the few tour operators permitted to camp in alternative sites away from the crowds. Why is this important to your adventure? This provides you with a private and relaxing place to camp allowing you to fully take in the mountains and vistas around you.



Unparalleled Trail Support

With extensive support from our team, you will have the luxury of hiking the Inca Trail with support from our team of porters. Our porters carry the camping equipment, food, and your personal belongings during the trekking portion of your adventure so that you hike 'pack-free' along *The Path of the Sun*.

Superior Camping Service

We provide set up and take down of all tents and camp equipment so that you can relax and fully enjoy your time on the trail. We also deliver hot water bags to your tents to help keep you warm on cold nights. In addition, dining tables and portable toilet systems are utilized to help make your experience as comfortable as possible.

Intimate Trekking Experience

Our guests get to trek on some of the special sections of the Inca Trail, staying away from the crowds and allowing us to take our time and enjoy the trail without distraction. This allows us to be at different points of the trail throughout the day resulting in seeing fewer people along the way.



Longer Access To Machu Picchu

On *The Path of the Sun* adventure our guests get to enjoy a FULL DAY at the Machu Picchu Citadel. You will not be rushed through your visit of Machu Picchu but rather have time to explore and soak up the history of one of our world's greatest treasures.

Premier Gear & Equipment

At The Explorer's Passage, we utilize only the highest quality brands. We make it a top priority to ensure that our guests are as comfortable as possible during their adventure and continually evaluate all of our gear and equipment to ensure it meets our rigorous standards.

A few examples of the gear that you should expect on *The Path of the Sun* adventure are:

- Roomy and warm Eureka® tents
- Cozy Thermarest® mattresses

Also, if you would like to rent a high-grade sleeping bag you can conveniently rent one upon arrival in Peru. Please Contact one of our Adventure Consultants for more details.

Sustainability

At The Explorer's Passage, we not only have a great respect for all things history but we also go out of our way to not leave any "history" of us behind! We are proud members of both Sustainable Travel International and Leave No Trace and incorporate their principles throughout each of our adventures.

For *The Path of the Sun* adventure, we work to minimize our impact to the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu so that we can help preserve it for generations to come. We use the least amount of plastic possible for packing and utilize biodegradable soaps and detergents for washing. While on the trail we use environmentally friendly portable toilet systems and help to facilitate the use of reusable water containers for our hikers.

We dispose of garbage very selectively, and make sure that as much garbage as possible is recycled. Also, we use solar-powered lamps for lighting up our campgrounds.

We not only employs local porters, but pays the highest wages in the market to our guides, porters, and chefs to promote fair working conditions in support of the local economy.