

National park Machu Picchu



MACHU PICCHU HISTORIC SANCTUARY: Machu Picchu is situated in 32,000+ ha of Cloud Forest Nature Reserve. Discover the cloud forests that surround the sacred city.

Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary

Few people who visit Machu Picchu are aware of the fact that it lies in the center of a 32,000= ha historical





sanctuary, that keep the surrounding landscape clad in beautiful primary cloud forest in its original state, the way Hiram Bingham found it more than a century ago. On our National Parks Tour, you actually walk down from the hidden city to Aguas Calientes village, watching the forest and the birds as you walk down.

Machu Picchu (Quechua Machu Picchu means "Old Mountain") - the mysterious Inca city built in the middle of the XV century, and tourist center of Peru. It is located about 100 km from the capital of the Inca Empire Cusco in the mountains at an altitude of 2450 meters above sea level and is so secluded tucked away in the Andes, it has not been able to reach the Spanish colonizers. We are about this city became known in 1911 by the American scholar Hiram Bingham of Yale. Although in fairness it should be noted that the locals have always known about Machu Picchu, but in no hurry to share information with outsiders.



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История открытия этого города очень интересна: дело в том, что Хайрем Бингхем искал совсем другой город - легендарную Вилькабамбу, куда, по преданиям Инков, были вывезены многие их сокровища и мумии правителей во время завоевания страны испанцами. Бингхем блуждал по горам в надежде найти какой-то след этого города и по дороге встретил мальчика, несущего керамический кувшин. Бингхем, будучи ученым специалистом, сразу понял, что кувшин не простой, и спросил у мальчика, где тот его взял. Взрослые местные жители не доверяли гринго и старались не выдавать своих секретов, но мальчик по простоте душевной рассказал о Мачу-Пикчу и указал Бингхему дорогу.