Inca Trail -2004

Disclosures: Competing Interests - None

- but I have given an Immortal Memory or two in exchange for a free dinner



Inca Trail -2004

- Inca Civilization
- Travel Advice and Altitude Medicine
- Macchu Picchu



Inca Culture 1300's -1532

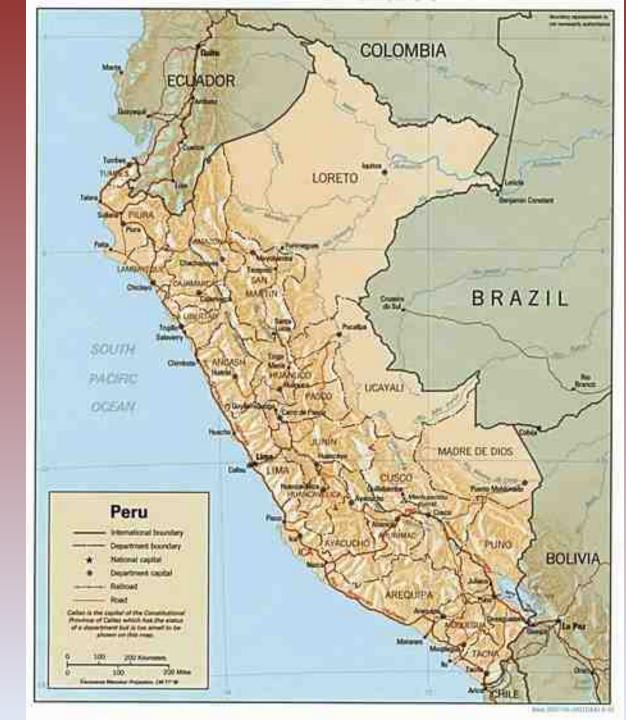
- Lasted 1433 -1532
- Spaniards conquered Ataualpa Inca King
- 150 Spaniards on horses with guns vs Incas leather and cloth armour
- Did not have wheeled vehicles
- No money
- Trade or Barter



Inca Culture 1300's -1532

- Co-operative Federation of Inca led tribes
- In 100 years before Spaniards built 48,000 miles of trails, Cusco and several cloud cities extending from Cusco to Santiago
- Founded on cultivation of coca and trade.
- Macchu Picchu





Inca Trail -2004

- Sacred Valley valley of the Urabamba river
- Rises in Lake Titicaca
- Flows around Cusco which lies over a high ridge beyond the Urabamba
- Macchu Picchu is high above a bend in the Urabamba







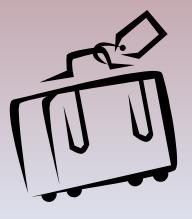


Inca Trail

- Best Time Dry Season busiest
- Can be hot even though it is winter
- Can book it locally in Cusco from local companies
- Cost \$700 includes everything except porters
 tip

Inca Trail

- Cusco 10,000 ft
- Fly there in the morning or evening
- Noon-time thundershowers
- Acclimatise
- Acetazolamide



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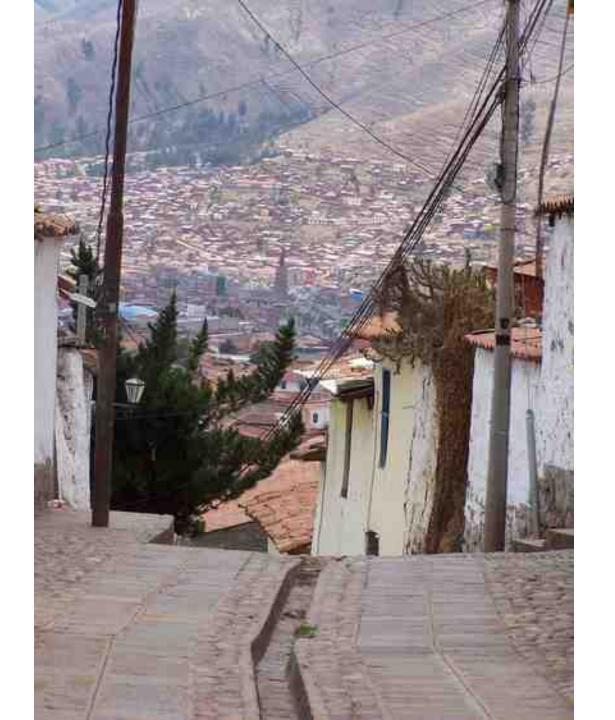
- Altitude Sickness risk factors
- Occurs over 8000 ft
- Previous altitude sickness but no guarantee
- Aesthenic build (Martina Navratilova evacuated from Kilamanjaro)
- People who respire slowly at night.
- Diamox 250mg bid for 3 days starting 48 hrs before going to 10,000 ft

High Altitude Pulmonary Edema

- Stop going up HAPE highest cause of death
- Go down
- Oxygen
- Dexamethasone
- Nifedipine
- Cialis -Tadalafil













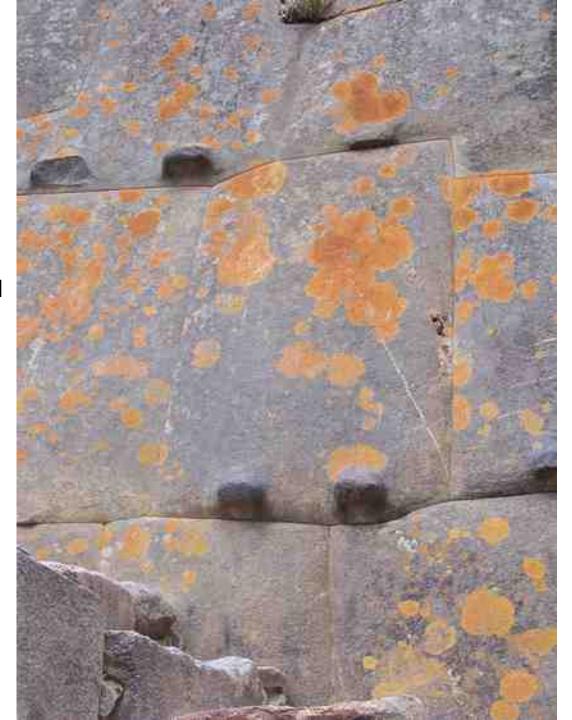






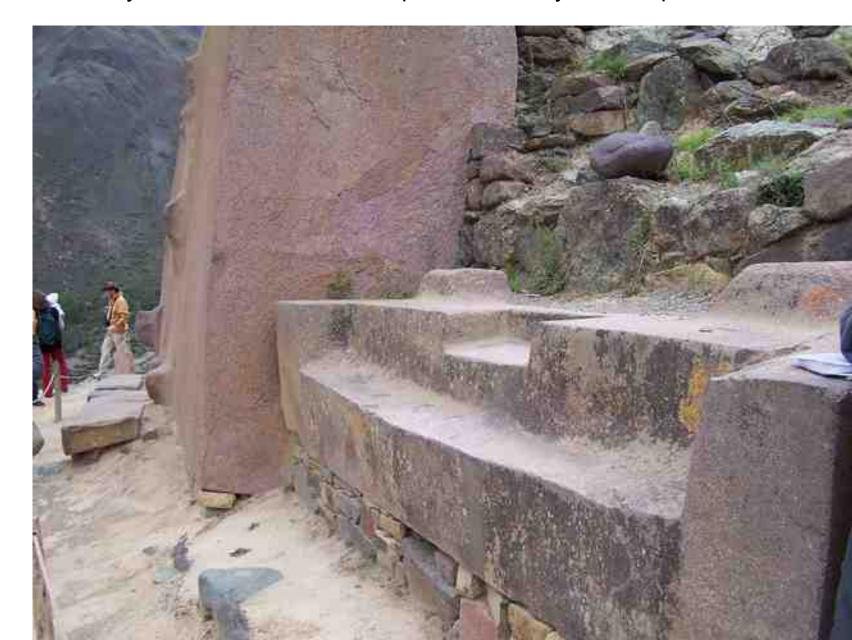
Handholds on stones allow stones to be manipulated and ground to shape.

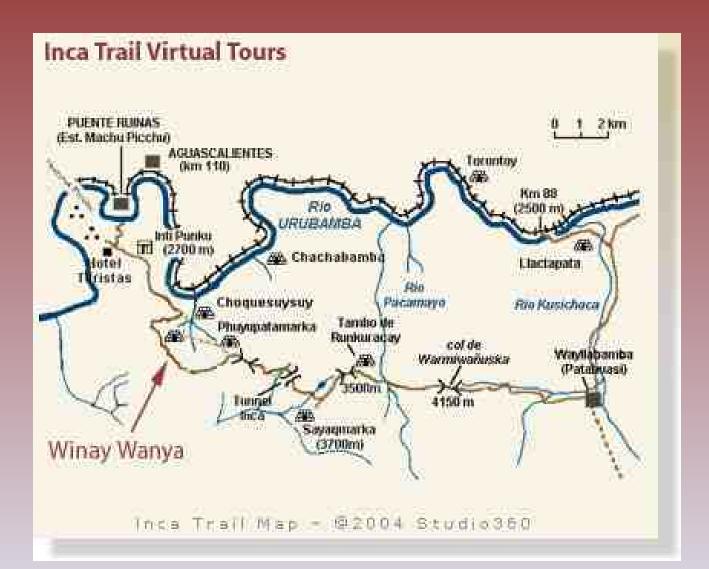
Handholds are removed after shaping is finished



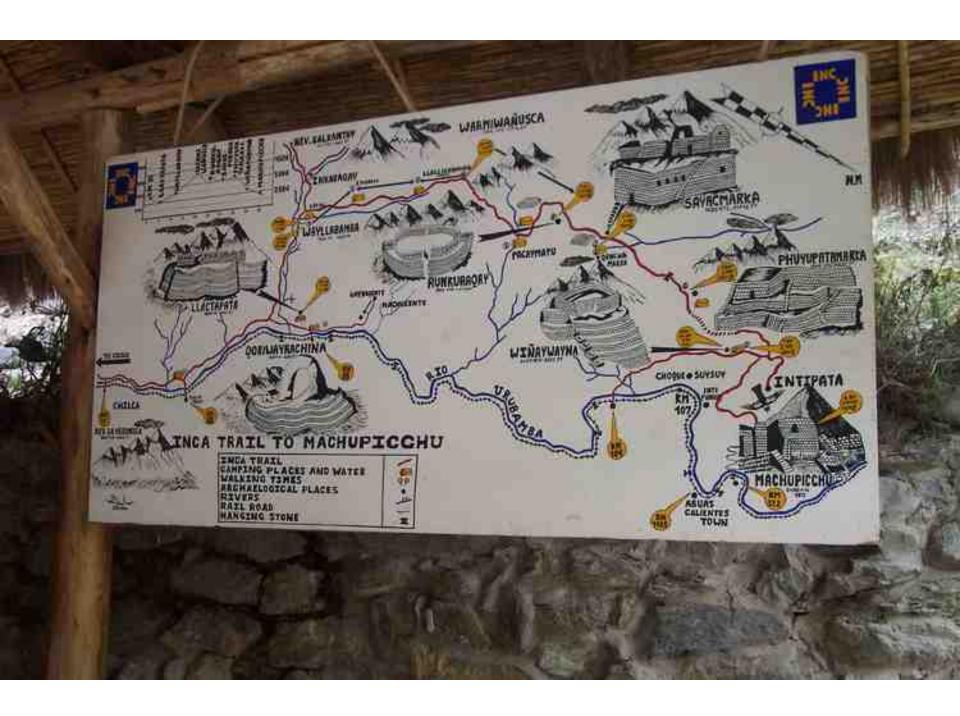


Stones are keyed into the foundation to provide stability in earthquakes

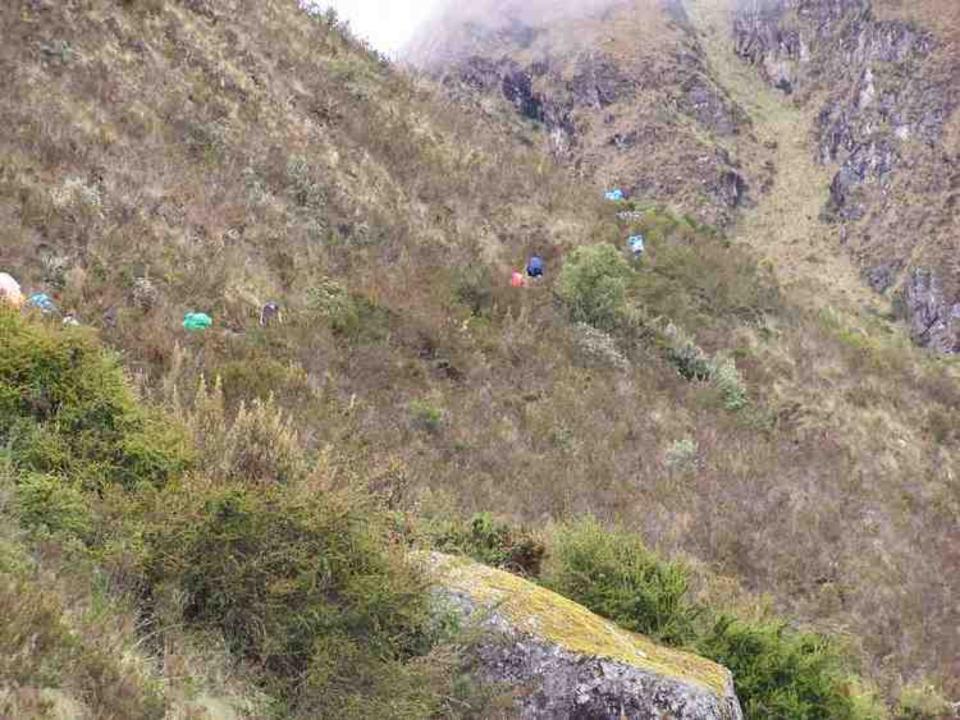












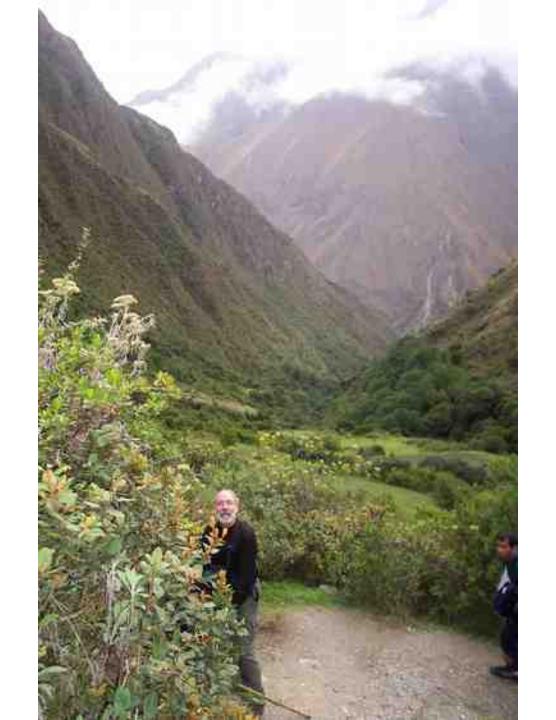


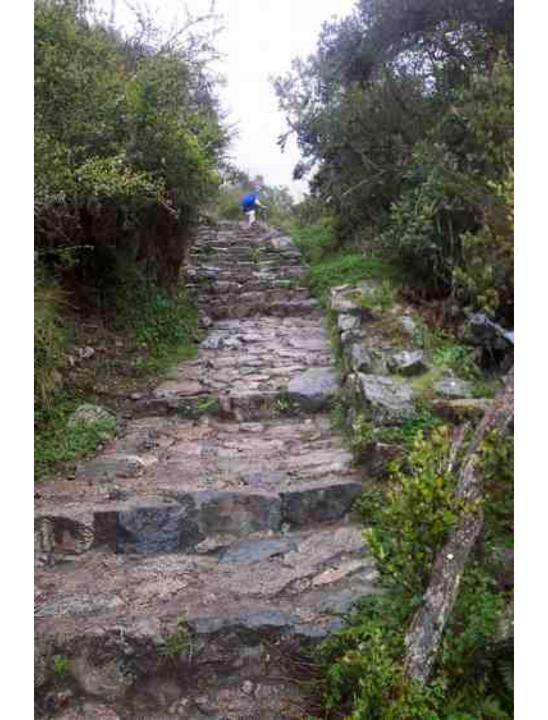


















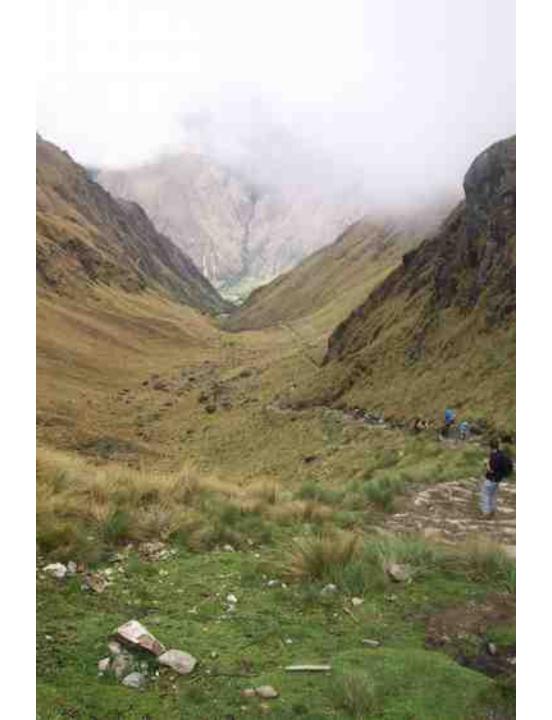




Soccer game – porters vs hikers – porters won – 10000 ft

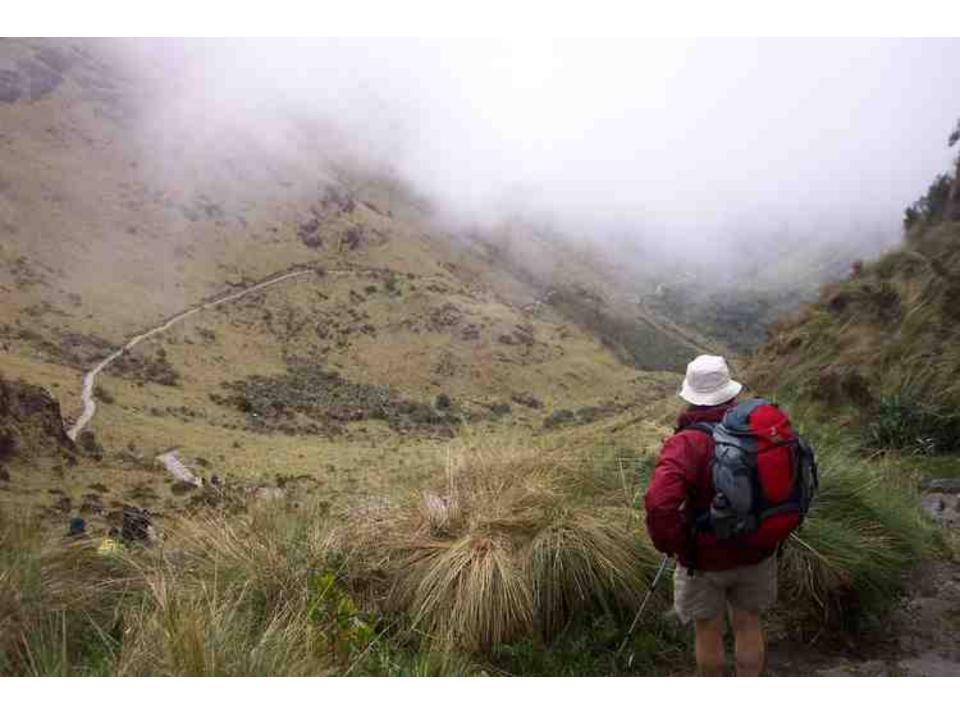


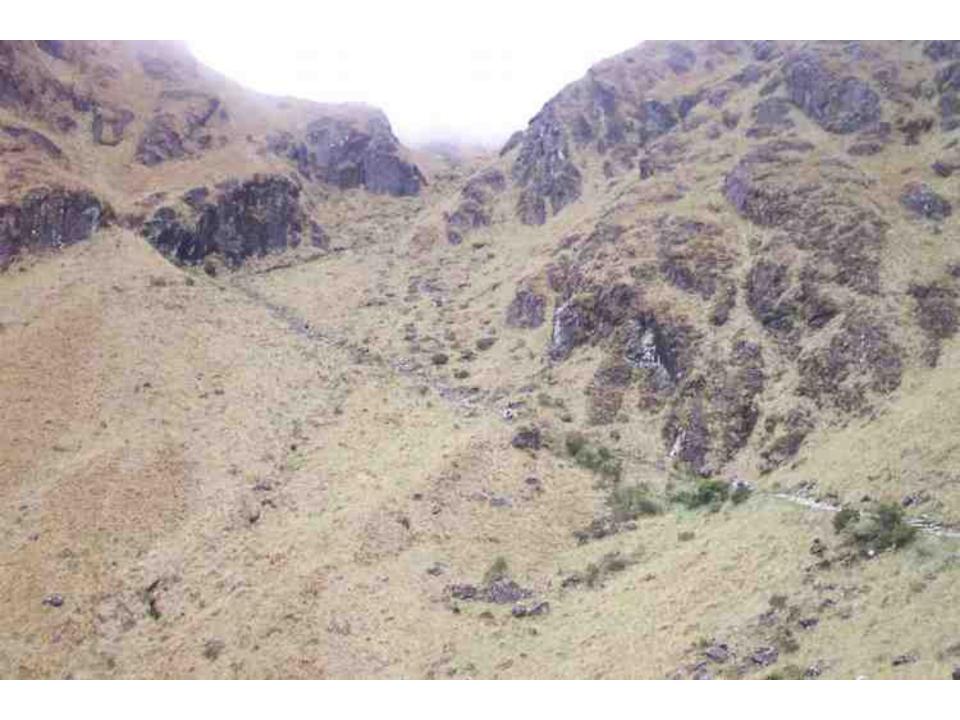












Second night Camp – 13000 ft



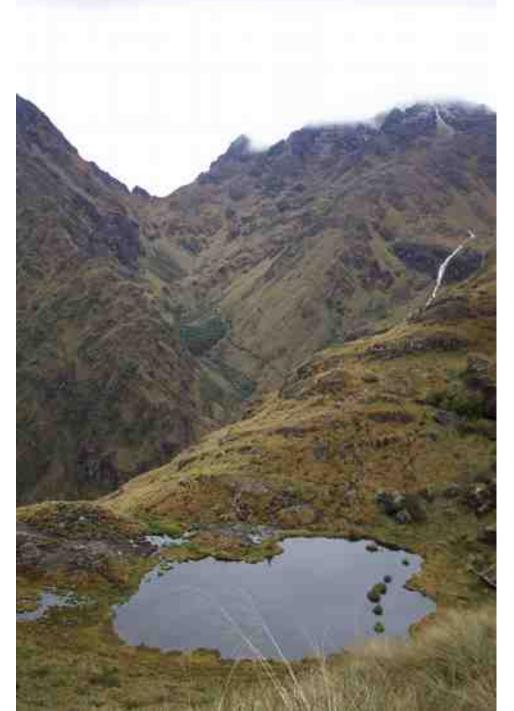


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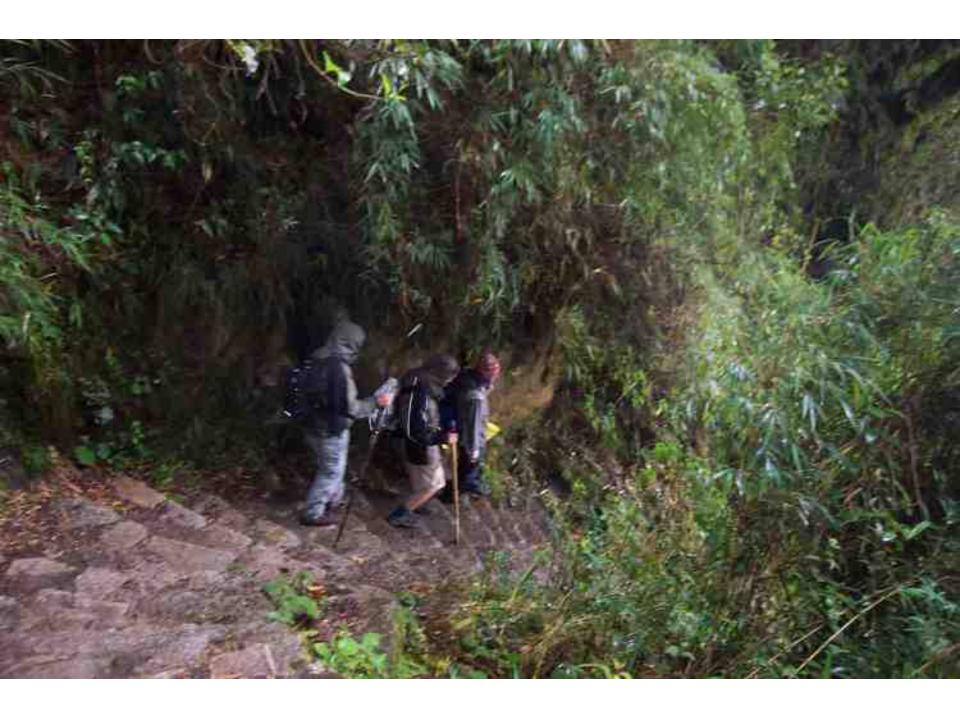
Third day – 2 more passes











Last Day – up at 4am and arrive at the Sungate









