



Inka Porter Project

Questions to ask your agency when booking the Classic Inka Trail from your home country

Please note that special regulations apply to this trail as it is part of the UNESCO-listed Sanctuary of Machu Picchu.

- Does the company follow the International Porter Protection Group's five guidelines on porter safety? These are:
 - Adequate clothing for protection from bad weather and high altitude should be provided
 - Porters should have access to shelter (room, tent or lodge, sleeping bags and mats) and cooking equipment
 - Porters should have the same access to medical care as tourists
 - Adequate procedures should be in place for medical evacuation of porters
 - Porters should carry no more than 25kg according to Peruvian law
- What is the company's policy on equipment and health care for porters?
- What does the company do to ensure its staff are properly trained to look after porters' welfare?
- Does the company ask about treatment of porters in its post-trek questionnaire?
- A question to ask tour operators that hire other agencies to run their Inka Trails (NB: this includes most international tour operators).
What is the company's policy on training and monitoring porter care by its ground operator in Peru?

If you need any other information or have any questions:

- visit our website www.peruweb.org/porters
- email us at porters@peruweb.org

Other information sheets available

- *Porter welfare while on the Inka Trail*
- *Guidelines for independent trekking in the rest of Peru*
- *Environmental guidelines for trekkers*

Enjoy your trek!