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7 Luxury Hotels Near Machu Picchu That Will Make Your Jaw Drop

While many choose to get to Machu Picchu via the arduous Inca Trail trek, you can also take an easier path—namely, cruising up to Aguas Calientes, the town just below Machu Picchu, via the Inca Rail. Along the way, we recommend taking a breather in other Sacred Valley towns like Urubamba and Ollantaytambo, where you can spend time relaxing at beautiful lodges, seeing other ruins, and horseback riding and hiking through the mountains as you acclimate to the high altitude. No matter where you choose to drop your bags, luxury is the way to go on this trip of a lifetime. Below, seven lodges worth the paycheck.





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SUMAQ Machu Picchu

Aguas Calientes, the settlement right below Machu Picchu, once had a reputation as a touristy backpacker spot, but the 62-room SUMAQ Machu Picchu brings a fresh dose of elegance—and Peruvian authenticity—to town with its rich textiles, impressive artworks, and sumptuous red-and-gold color palette and ceramics inspired by traditional Inca designs. Request a river-facing room for the best views, including one of Machu Picchu Mountain itself. While the interiors are stunning, the hotel’s culinary program is the star of the show: Qunuq serves classic Andean cuisine prepared with ingredients special to the high-altitude regions of the Andes, or you can even take it a step further by participating in a Pachamanca feast, where your meal is cooked underground using ancient methods and paired with chicha—a sacred beverage made from fermented corn. Seeking an immersive—and truly unique—Machu Picchu experience? Tours booked through the hotel are led by Andean shamans, who will guide you through spiritual ceremonies and readings before exploring the citadel.

Check Prices for Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel in Aguas Calientes, Peru.

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