

Machu Picchu

The largest and most important of all South American archeological sites. Located on a lush mountain plateau 8,000 feet above sea level.



A view of Machu Picchu as seen from atop the adjacent mountain, Huayapicchu.



An urban section of Machu Picchu.



A highly accurate astronomical calendar which still puzzles astronomers today. The device is like a sundial, but instead of giving the time of day, it indicates yearly events like the summer and winter solstice.



Extremely high quality stonework on the Temple of the Sun. This stonework uses no mortar, yet the fit is so tight you can't slip a razor blade between the stones. In Incan architecture, the tighter the fit, the more sacred the building.



A view of a temple wall overlooking the central courtyard.



The view through a temple window.



Machu Picchu's sister peak, Huaynapicchu.

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