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Machu Picchu: Introduction



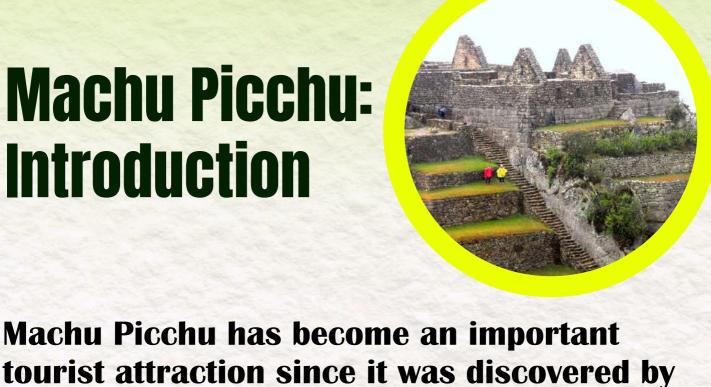
- Machu Picchu is a pre-Columbian era historical site belonging to the Inca civilization, located in the South American country of Peru.
- It is situated at an altitude of 2,430 metres above sea level.
- Machu Picchu was built by the people of the **Inca Empire in the middle of the 15th century** as a royal estate or sacred religious site.



History of Machu Picchu

- The first Inca emperor, Pachacuteq, ordered the construction of Machu Picchu, which was home to 1,000 of his descendants. ■ Spanish invaders destroyed the Inca
- civilization in the 16th century. Despite being ancient, its architecture and
- engineering are spectacular, including stairs, ramps, terraces and walls that have been built into the side of the mountain to avoid the risk of landslides.

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- Machu Picchu has become an important
- American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911. ■ Machu Picchu was built in the archaic style of the Incas, in which polished stones were used. Its primary buildings are the Intihuatana
- (Temple of the Sun) and the Room of the Three Windows. ■ In the year 1983, Machu Picchu was declared

a UNESCO World Heritage Site.