

## Machu Picchu

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Why is in news? Tourist's entry to MachPicchsuspended amid unrest in Peru

MachPicchstands 2,430 m above sea-level, in the **middle of a tropical mountain forest**, in an extraordinarily beautiful setting.

It was probably the most **amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire** at its height; its giant walls, terraces and ramps seem as if they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments.

The natural setting, **on the eastern slopes of the Andes**, encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna.

MachPicchis a **15th-century Inca citadel** located in the Eastern Cordillera of southern Peron a 2,430-meter mountain ridge.

Often referred to as the "Lost City of the Incas", it is the most familiar icon of the Inca Empire.

The **Urubamba River** flows past it, cutting through the Cordillera and creating a canyon with a tropical mountain climate.



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