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# Machu Picchu

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**Why is in news?** Tourist's entry to Machu Picchu suspended amid unrest in Peru

Machu Picchu stands 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.

Machu Picchu is a **15th-century Inca citadel** located in the Eastern Cordillera of southern Peru on 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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