

MACHU PICCHU ATTRACTED 12% MORE VISITORS



The Machu Picchu Citadel celebrates a 12% increase in the number of visitors in the first half of 2016 which translated into \$27.5 million revenue.

The tourist visits to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu in south eastern Peru increased by 12% in the first half of 2016, which represented revenue of \$27.5 million, as reported by the Central Reserve Bank of Peru (BCR).

Foreign tourist arrivals amounted to 465,000, representing an increase of 8% over the first half of 2015, while there was a 25% increase in local tourists or 173,000 Peruvian visitors to Machu Picchu, the main tourist destination in the country.

According to the BCR report, visits to the Inca Trail, a long trek on foot through the Cuzco area to Machu Picchu, generated \$5.15 million, representing an increase of 12% over the same period last year.

At the same time, visits to Machu Picchu, the stone citadel built by the Incas on the top of a mountain, generated \$22 million, which meant an increase of 12% over the first half of 2015.

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