

Machu Picchu Travel February 02, 2010

Beginning January 25, 2010, severe flooding in and around the Machu Picchu tourist site in Peru caused this area to be closed to tourists for an indefinite period of time.

If you purchased a Trip Mate plan underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company prior to January 25, 2010, there is trip cancellation coverage available under your plan if you cancel your Machu Picchu trip due the site being closed (i.e. uninhabitable). Once travel to Machu Picchu becomes possible, this coverage will no longer apply.

Many travel suppliers (i.e. tour and cruise companies) are offering alternate destinations and/or travel dates to accommodate their customers, so you should check with your travel supplier to see what options are available to you. In some cases, your contract with your travel supplier may require you to accept alternate destinations and/or accommodations as a substitute to your original arrangements.

Machu Picchu travel is often booked as a separate tour/trip from another travel destination (such as the Galapagos Islands), and in these circumstances (where two separate trips/destinations are booked back-to-back) the trip cancellation coverage may apply only to the Machu Picchu trip, but not to the other destination(s).