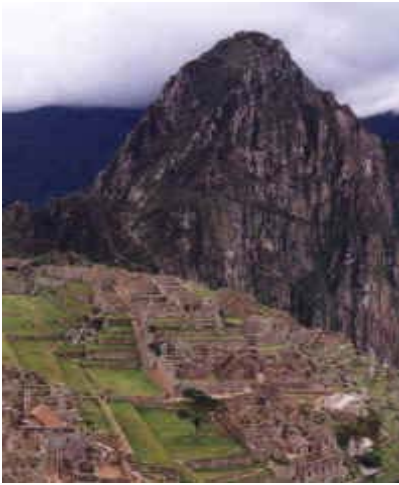


Machu Picchu



High above the Uruamba River, an Incan city lies called Machu Picchu. Believed to be an estate or religious retreat in the Andes Mountains. No military or government was necessary because the inhabitants probably got along well. Thought to be built over 500 years ago this ancient city composed of 200 hundred buildings (approx.) is know for it's advanced terracing and irrigation methods. However, this city has an unhappy ending. Half of the population was killed because of the deadly disease, smallpox. This once thriving place was forgotten for over 400 years but was found fairly recently in the year of 1911.