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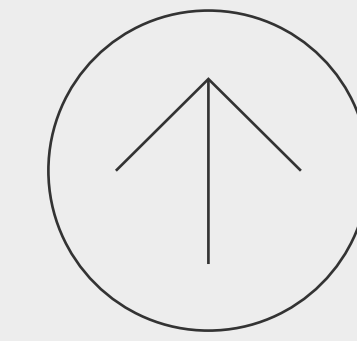
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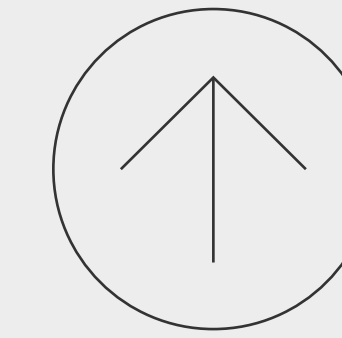
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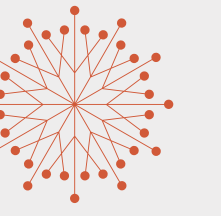
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Visit to the Barbosa-Stern Private Collection

Exclusive access to viceroyalty-era Peruvian artworks.

The Barbosa-Stern Collection gathers paintings, sculptures, silverware and art objects dating from the mid-16th century, when Peru was the epicenter of the Spanish colonies of South America. These artworks display local techniques and aesthetics of the period, when indigenous and European traditions merged to create a unique style.

We will explore one of the most exquisite private collections of colonial art in the world, accompanied by those who inherited and enriched it. And we will learn, first-hand, details about the objects, while also learning more about what it meant for the members of the family to grow up surrounded by such a collection.

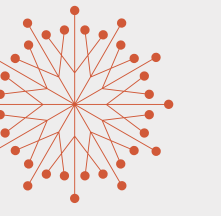
This visit offers privileged access to the artistic and artisanal history of Peru, and is exclusive to COLTUR.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Art in Casa Liébana

Private collection of popular and contemporary Peruvian art.

Casa Liébana, in Barranco, is the legacy of the collector and restorer Jaime Liébana (1947-2017) who, together with his wife Vivian and their sons Joaquín (a sculptor) and Mateo (a painter), traveled throughout Peru in search of treasures dating from the 16th century to the present day.

After the Spanish conquest, Peruvian art was threatened with extinction, until in the 18th century Iberian artists arrived and the two visions were intertwined, creating a new Peruvian popular art form.

This experience is a journey in itself. An exclusive immersion in a rich collection of art objects, most of which are unique pieces once used by indigenous, mixed race or Creole nobility, rural Andean communities, and both Quechua and Aymara speakers. These fascinating works created by the hands of artists and craftspeople include Huamanga stone objects, viceroyalty and republican ceremonial cups or *keros*, Andean dancers' masks, rural Cusco paintings, Ayacucho altarpieces, popular portraits, carved horns, sculptures of angels, and unusual glazed pottery vessels.

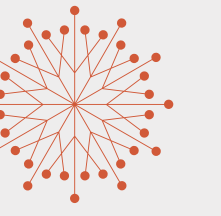
The Liébana brothers, in their different styles, narrate the stories behind the spectacular popular art objects collected by their parents. Works created by Joaquín and Mateo are also exhibited in the house.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 45 min

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** 8



Visit to Casa De Aliaga

The heirs to the oldest residence in the Americas welcome us to their stately home.

There is no other house in the Americas where the same family has continued to live for 17 generations and more than 480 years. This is the case of the residence of the De Aliaga family in Lima. It was built next to the Government Palace in 1535 by Jerónimo De Aliaga y Ramírez, Pizarro's trusted captain, and is a jewel of colonial and republican architecture.

During the tour, we will visit its rooms, hallways and courtyards, which as the result of renovation work over the years form an eclectic mix ranging from the Renaissance to Cusco baroque and Iberian Moorish styles, to name just a few. At the same time, we will learn more about the stories behind the collection of paintings, silverware, furniture and other precious objects. We will also visit the chapel, which was known to major figures in Peruvian history, including Saint Rose of Lima, the first saint of the Americas and a friend of the family.

Casa De Aliaga is not a public museum, it is a home from another time, and a unique example of the colonial and republican maximalism in the City of Kings.

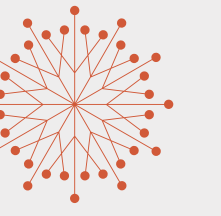


Destination : Lima

Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 14

Add On : Host Wilma Ehni De Aliaga / Dinner at Casa De Aliaga



The travels of Ai Apaec in the Larco Museum

A playful experience for children.

The Larco Museum, considered one of the best in the world, is an 18th century Lima vicerealty mansion that houses treasures from more than 5,000 years of history of ancient Peru. More than 45,000 objects, including an extraordinary collection of gold and silver, help us to understand the intimate relationship between pre-Columbian cultures and the natural world.

Through games, challenges and the recounting of myths and legends, we'll learn about the exploits of Ai Apaec, a mythological being with enormous fangs and snake ears, who was the protector god of Moche culture—the oldest state to develop on Peru's northern coast (from the 1st to the 9th centuries AD). In an experience like diving into the pages of a comic book, we'll recreate his adventures, join him in his battles, and celebrate his victories. The museum's guides will accompany us in this unique experience and, in a fun way, we'll learn by playing.

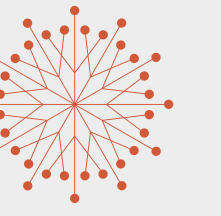
This is a family journey through time, to meet the principal deities of ancient Peru.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 15



Photography walk in Lima with Christian Declercq

A journey through Lima's most classic attractions through the lens of a master photographer.

Armed with a camera, Christian Declercq—a true master of photography, whose talent has led to him becoming a teacher at one of Peru's most prestigious universities—has revealed some of Lima's most photogenic corners, and shared them with other photographers (and with those of us who are absolute beginners).

We will visit the Callao Monumental, a colorful traditional neighborhood intervened by gallery-based and graffiti artists. Nearby, we will climb to the roof of the Fugaz gallery, from where we will be able to photograph the colonial-era Real Felipe fortress, on the Pacific shore. After a well-earned gastronomic break, we will go to Barranco. This is Lima's "bohemian quarter", home to contemporary chefs and creatives. There is good food, as well as avenues to walk, ocean views, and corners just asking to be photographed.

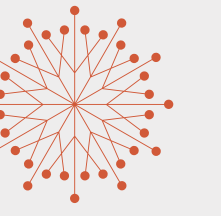
This is a walk which, although it takes in some of Lima's most famous sights, manages to explore the city in a different way to more traditional city tours. And it is ideal for photography enthusiasts, Instagrammers, or travelers keen to experience something different.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 8 h

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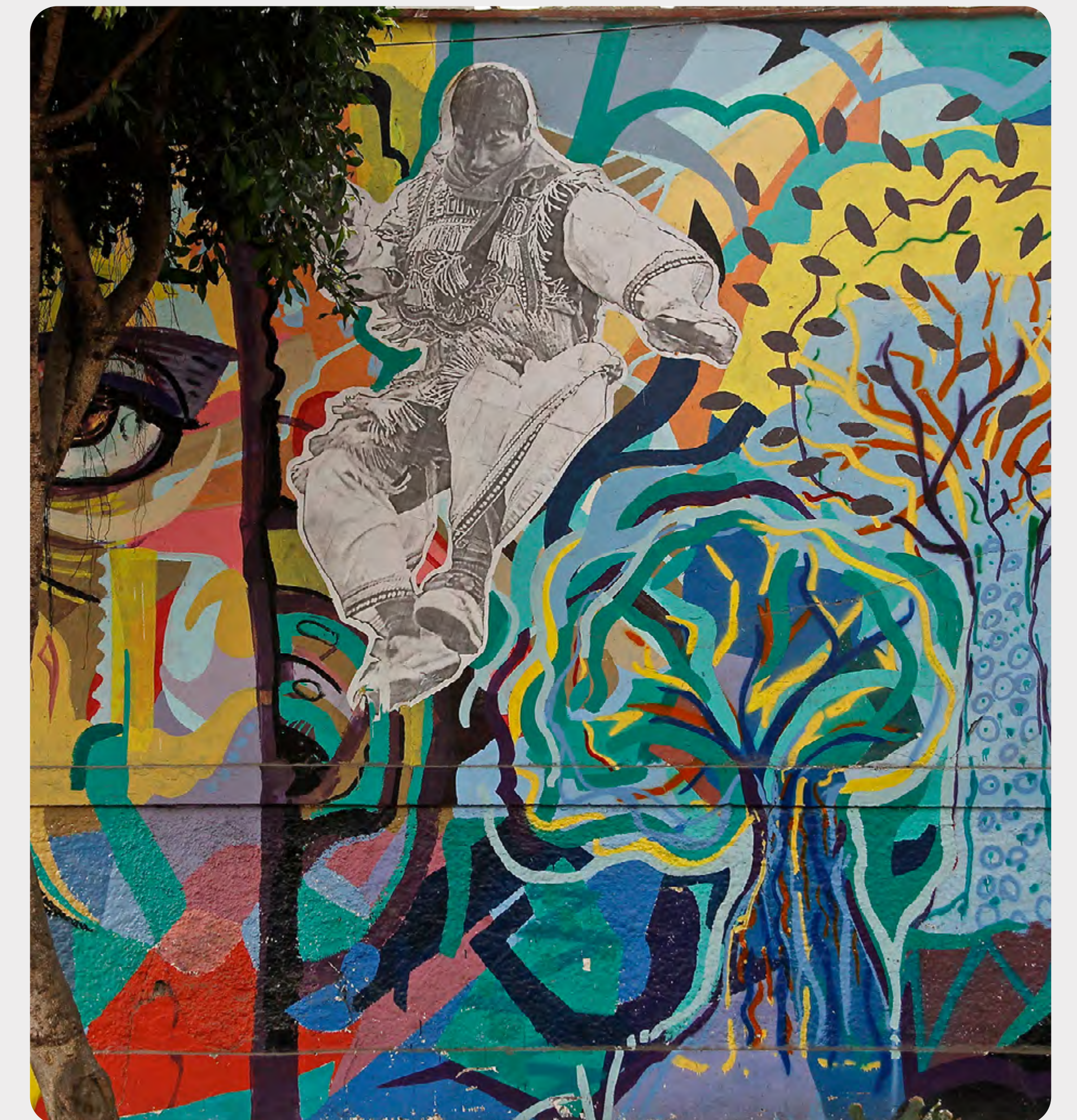


Walk through unmissable Barranco

A walk among mansions, galleries, museums, art and more art.

In Lima, facing the Pacific Ocean, is Barranco: a neighborhood which, during the summers of the 19th century, was home to the aristocracy of the period. Today, tranquility and bustle live side-by-side and modernity rises up amid the historic. Exhibitions and installations flourish in this district, where art and handcrafts can be seen everywhere, and folk and punk music concerts coexist to perfection.

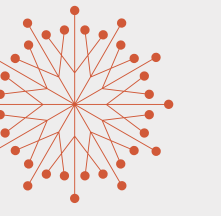
This walk through Barranco brings together history, contemporary art and old architecture. During the journey, we will discover along the way galleries, stores, museums, and restaurants, on streets that include Sáenz Peña, San Martín and Malecón de los Ingleses. Other unmissable attractions include the Bridge of Sighs and the district's Main Square, as well as the Pedro de Osma Museum, with its artworks dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 20



Shopping in Barranco with Penélope Alzamora

A Barranco local will guide us through Lima's bohemian neighborhood.

In Lima, facing the Pacific Ocean, is Barranco: a neighborhood that, in the summers of the 19th century, was home to the aristocracy of the period. Today, it is the bohemian district of Lima and its streets and avenues have been taken over by artists' studios, stores, workshops, galleries, restaurants and bars. It is a place worth walking through, especially if one is in search of the best souvenirs and the best food.

But what is the best way to get around this neighborhood? With the expertise of a Barranco local, of course. The chef Penélope Alzamora has lived in Barranco for almost forty years. She will be our hostess and shopping companion, guiding us to the best stores—both the well-known and the hidden ones—and through the most beautiful corners that would remain undiscovered by a traveler armed only with their instinct and a smartphone. The tour ends at a store selling organic products, one of Penélope's favorites, with a selection of delicious Peruvian chocolates and other gourmet treats.

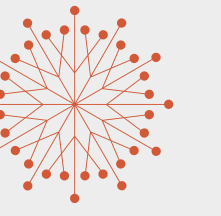
The best way to walk through Barranco, Lima's Soho, is under Penelope's guidance.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Visit to Monumental Callao

A historic neighborhood rescued by art, where graffiti and murals reign.

Callao has had a tumultuous history and it is a testament to the transformative power of the arts. It went from being a lavish and busy port district during the colonial period, to one hit by crime and poverty in more recent times. Fortunately, the business community, philanthropists, architects, designers, and artists came together to rescue and transform the declining neighborhood.

That was how the Fugaz project was created, a sociocultural initiative with the goal of recovering public spaces through art, and gradually the gloomy streets became filled with shops, galleries, restaurants, open-air cultural events, and street art. Here, graffiti and mural art are welcome and sought after, and artists have come from far and wide to add their work to the port district's walls, earning comparisons with Wynwood, in Miami. This tour through the streets of Callao is led in part by young people who have witnessed the change for themselves.

This can be a quick stroll, or a stopover to shop and appreciate local art, or to take part in a graffiti class. And we especially recommend it for fans of street art, cruise ship passengers—because of its proximity to the port of Callao—and families.

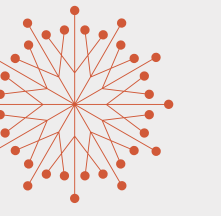


Destination : Lima

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** 25

Add On : Graffiti class



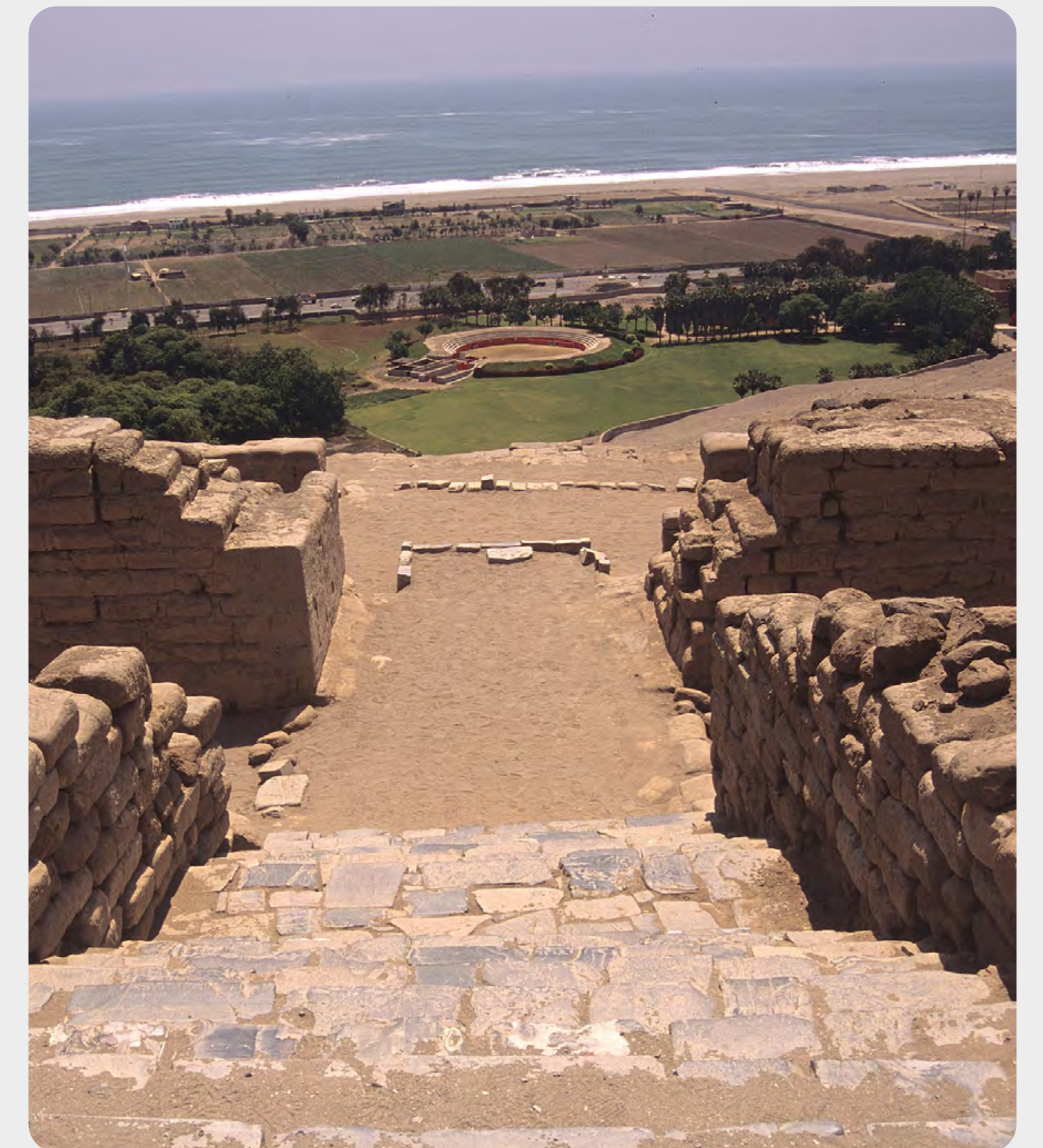
Visit to Pachacamac and lunch with a Peruvian Paso horse show

A cultural experience just outside the capital.

For thousands of years, Pachacamac—30 kilometers south of Lima—was the most important religious center on Peru’s coast. This was the place of residence of the “creator of the world”, whose millenary influence not only survived, but grew over time and among different Pre-Columbian empires.

The visit will begin at the Pachacamac Museum, an acclaimed architectural project designed by Llosa - Cortegana, which houses and contextualizes the site’s artifacts. Continuing our tour, we will encounter a series of Pre-Hispanic structures—including the Temple of Urpi Huachac, wife of the god Pachacamac; the Temple of the Sun; and the Acllawasi. This last building has been restored and is the only surviving structure that truly embodies Inca monumental minimalist architecture in adobe, rather than the stone buildings found in Cusco. Leaving the site, we will continue to coastal valley haciendas, to enjoy lunch and a show featuring Peruvian Paso horses, a unique breed known for its elegance and dancing gait.

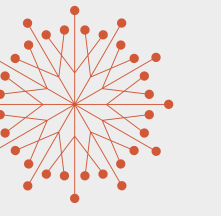
We associate the Incas with the Andes, but their coastal expressions are fascinating because they form part of the rich architectural and religious expressiveness of Inca culture.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 6 h

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** No limit



Origin Route from Lima

A journey into the earliest landscapes of Andean civilization.

North of Lima, the coastline unfolds into fertile valleys, shimmering wetlands, and sandy hills where, more than 5,000 years ago, the first urban centers of the Americas emerged. In this landscape, the societies of Caral built temples, plazas, and neighborhoods that still preserve the memory of the earliest organized life in the Andes.

Between the fields and the sea lies Bandurria, a monumental complex overlooking the Paraiso wetland, a sanctuary for migratory birds and endemic species. Farther on, tucked between quiet ravines, Peñico reveals platforms that show how these ancient communities adapted to the rhythms and challenges of their environment. Night falls as we reach a lodge surrounded by avocado and mandarin trees, a warm and gentle pause filled with the scents of the valley.

Early the next morning, the light settles over Caral pyramids and plazas, a planned city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. And along the coast, in Vichama, clay friezes tell stories of drought, renewal, and collective memory.

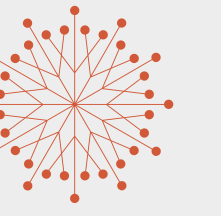
This is one of Peru's essential experiences: a journey that brings us close to the very roots of Andean civilization.



Destination : Caral

Duration : 2 days

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Unveiling the mysteries of Caral and Vichama

Legacy of an ancient civilization

Along the Supe Valley, where the desert rolls between ancient farmlands, the Caral-Supe civilization emerged more than 5,000 years ago, becoming one of the earliest in the Americas. Its cities rose without walls or weapons, shaped by a profoundly collective vision in which ritual and knowledge molded a monumental urban landscape.

In Caral, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, the sunken plazas and ceremonial platforms unfold like open-air stages beneath the sky. More than fifty pyramids—purposefully aligned and connected by streets and plazas—reveal a sophisticated society that shaped its life around observing the natural world and living in harmony with its land.

A few kilometers away, Vichama offers another layer of this same story. On its adobe walls, the reliefs depict faces, gestures, and figures that speak of times of scarcity and the search for renewal. It's a place that stays with you—here, the ancient community left their responses to the environmental changes that shaped their future.

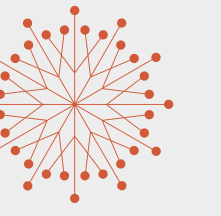
Together, Caral and Vichama offer a window into the origins of Andean urban life—into a culture that balanced science, art, and community to sustain itself for millennia.



Destination : Caral

Duration : FD

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Magical and hidden Cusco

There are many stories beyond the Inca buildings.

Cusco is, without a doubt, one of Peru's most beautiful cities. But in addition to Spanish baroque architecture, a sea of red roof tiles, and Inca walls, the streets of what was once an imperial capital safeguard stories of love, betrayal, and ancient myths and secrets. Discovering these stories that lie somewhere between truth and fiction is the most intimate way to get to know Cusco.

We will discover emblematic squares, Inca buildings and narrow little streets with strange names like "Seven Snakes", "Rainbow" and "Purgatory", to name just a few. And our journey will end with the finest dishes from typical popular cuisine at a traditional *Picantería*, where meals are accompanied by a glass of corn beer.

This is a very different experience from the classic city tour, through which we can get to know the real Cusco, beyond the archaeology and architecture. Instead, we will delve into the lives that have been lived out in its streets, from the Inca to the republican periods.

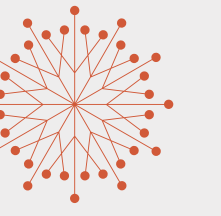


Destination : Cusco

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 1 / Max Guests 12

Add On : Host Jean-Jacques Decoster



Cusco Past and Present

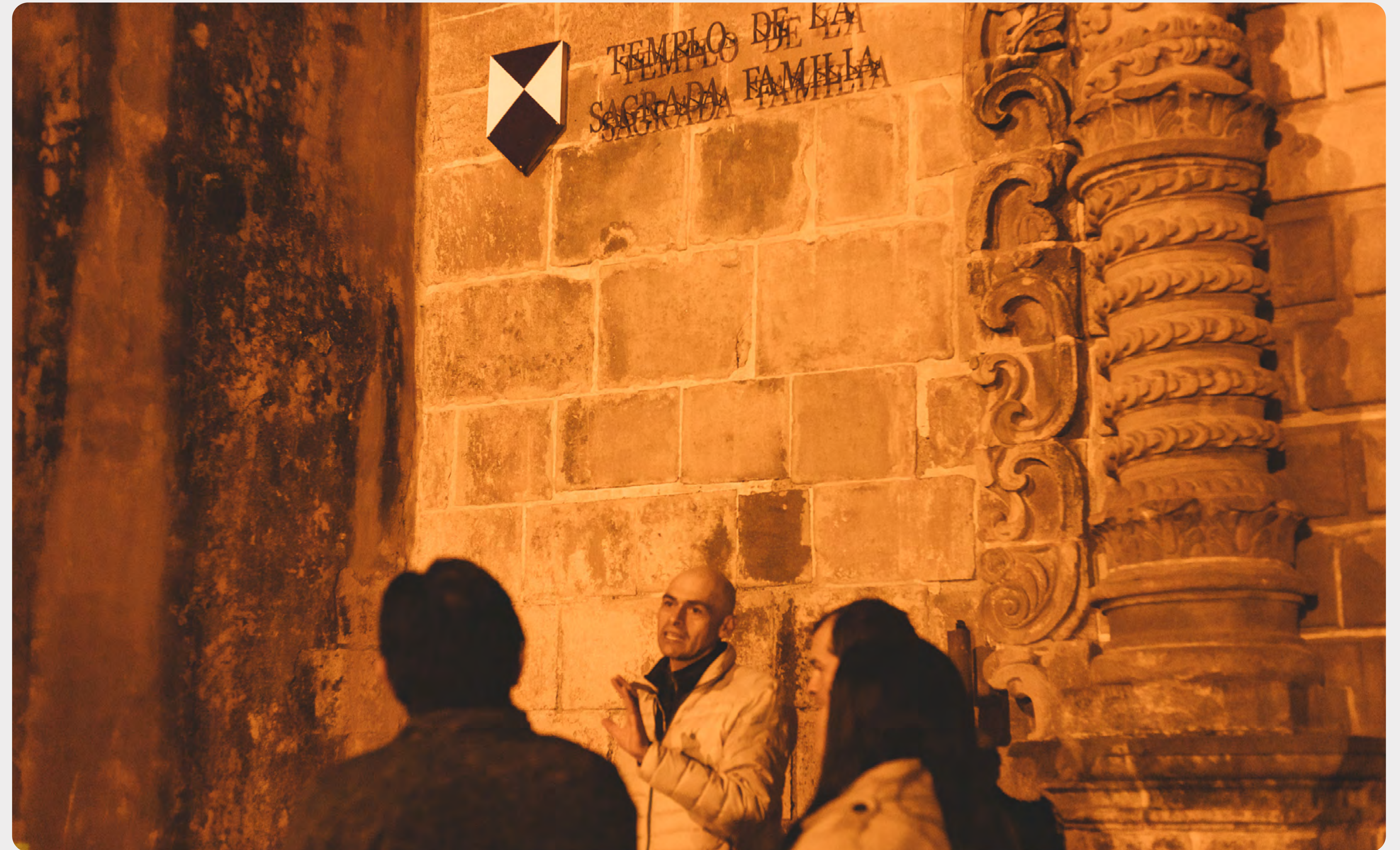
In search of its best legends.

Cusco is a city filled with history, the witness to a saga of conquests, from the Spanish defeat of the Incas, to the Inca victory over the Waris. Its cobbled streets and temples are home to different worldviews that clashed before merging and giving life to one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. To walk through Cusco is to feel its beating heart.

In the company of the expert Boris Bonnett, we will embark upon an evening experience, in search of the past and present of this imperial city.

We will enjoy stories and anecdotes, as we pass the main attractions of the historic center: San Francisco and Regocijo squares, Santo Domingo church and the Koricancha temple, and the Plaza de Armas. Also, thanks to projection devices, the walls of some buildings will be brought to life through images and photographs. But this adventure goes beyond the visual, for it will enable us to delve into the daily life and customs of the vibrant Cusco society of today.

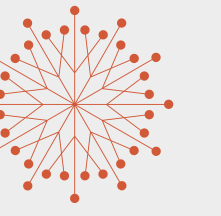
“Past and Present” is a short walking tour that takes us all the way through pre-Columbian, colonial, and contemporary Cusco.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 8



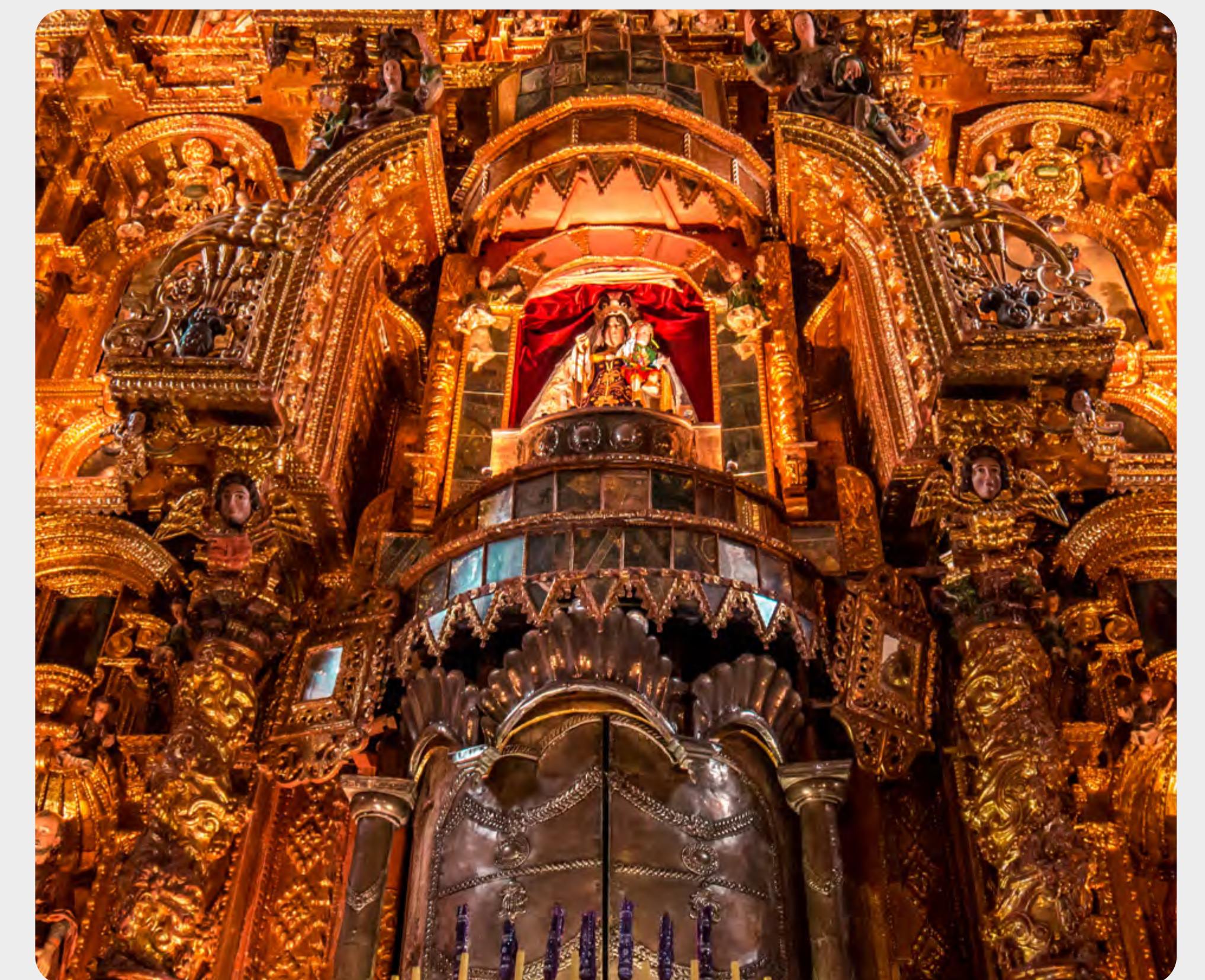
Andean Baroque Route

The oldest, emblematic, and unique churches of the Andean baroque.

In the colonial period, the Catholic Church was the principal patron of the arts: churches became the repositories of evangelizing artworks. On this occasion, we will discover four of the oldest, most emblematic and most unique churches of the Andean baroque, built after the conquest. Despite the passage of time, today these churches are in excellent condition, following meticulous restoration work led by the World Monuments Fund.

One of the visits is to Cusco's Jesuit church, built in 1576 over the Inca Amaru Cancha temple. Another architectural jewel, built over an ancient Wari culture temple, is the Chapel of the Purified Virgin, in Canicunca, next to Lake Urcos. In the village of Huaru, the church of Saint John the Baptist, with its interior covered in frescos and murals, is another of our stops. And finally, in the village of Andahuaylillas, we will visit the church of Saint Peter the Apostle, built in 1610 over an Inca temple. Our journey will end with a gourmet picnic and time to appreciate the matchless scenery.

During this tour we will discover paintings, wood carvings, gold work and architecture, all examples of how European influences were transferred to the Andean context, during the evangelization of the 16th century.

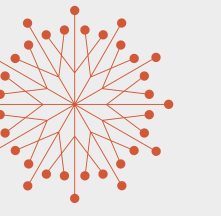


Destination : Cusco

Duration : 8 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit

Add On : Host Jeremy Cornejo



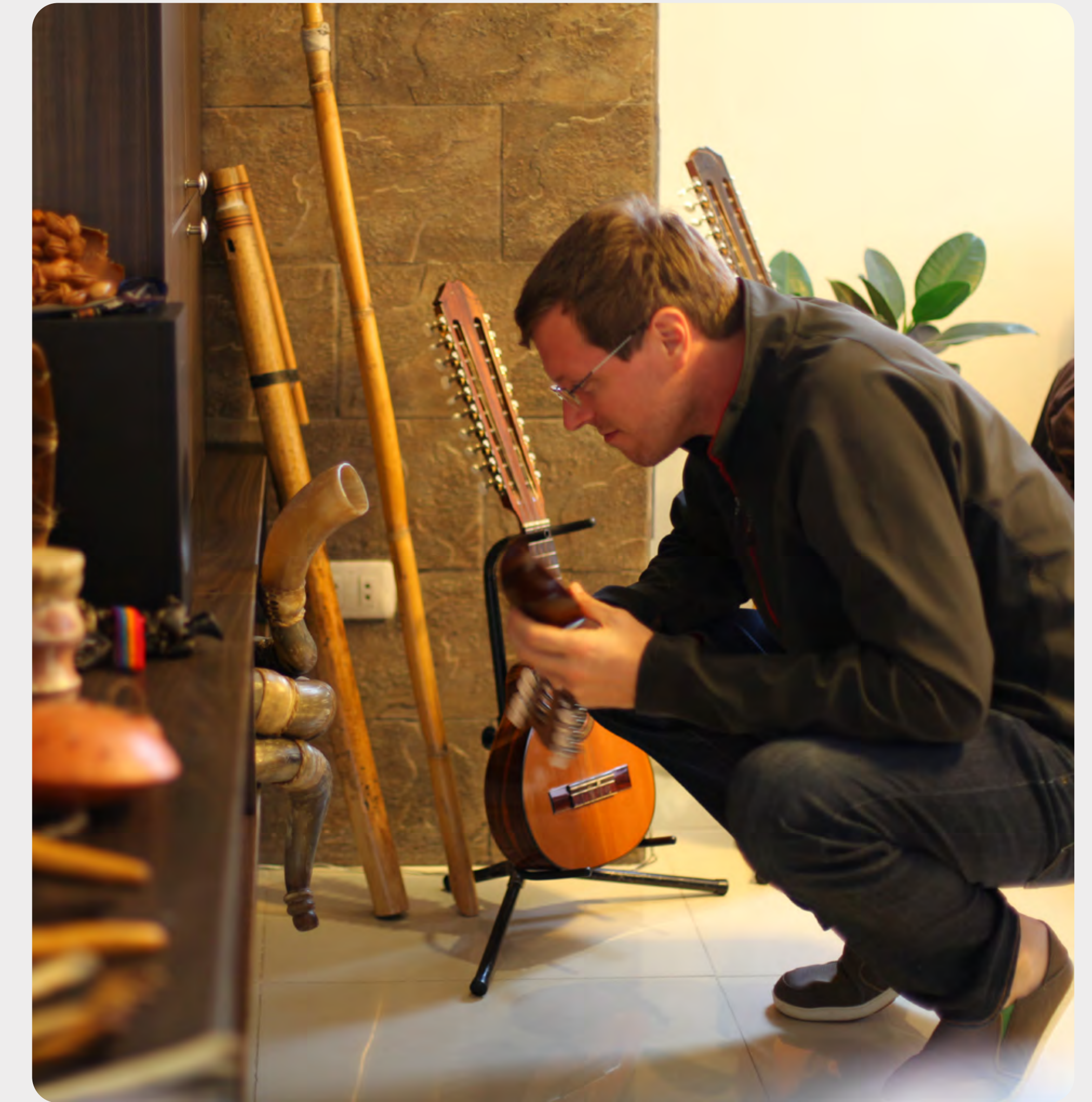
Ancestral melodies with Gustavo León

A historical, private concert, played on ancient and contemporary Peruvian instruments.

Gustavo León is an architect, but he has also been honored for his work in the field of music. This virtuoso Cusco-born musician has investigated, collected and preserved the music and instruments of Peru, from the oldest to those that form part of contemporary folklore.

On this occasion, we will have access to his extensive collection of instruments. Gustavo will tell us the stories behind them, and we will listen to how Pre-Columbian melodies may have sounded like, as well as being played more contemporary tunes that are a fusion of European, Indigenous and African traditions. Some of the instruments are made from bone and clay, while others include the more sophisticated Andean harp used to play *huaynos*—the folk music of the southern highlands—, or the Creole *cajones* and guitars used in the sounds of the coast.

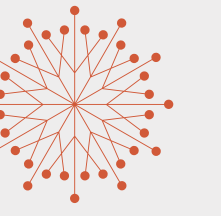
Yes, this is a private concert. But it is also a journey through the sounds of Peru, under the guidance of a master. Those visitors to Cusco who love music shouldn't miss the chance to meet Gustavo.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guest 2 / Max Guests 15



Discovering Tipón

Gentle historical walks, local bread making and traditional medicine.

Just 28 kilometers from Cusco is Tipón, a major Inca site recognized as a Wonder of Civil Engineering by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). It received this honor in recognition of the extraordinary hydraulic engineering skills apparent in the network of aqueducts which to this day irrigate this great, walled complex.

Our walk will begin early, in the village of Patabamba. Along the way, we will pause at the Pukará viewing point to enjoy from above the impressive sight of the Sacred Valley. At Tipón, we will be met with the spectacle of Inca terraces and monumental fountains, water channels running through small temples, residential buildings, and other structures. At this peaceful location, running water is the only sound that breaks the silence.

From here, we will head to Hanaq Wasi, a center for the popularizing of Andean traditions, where we will learn to prepare the local wawa bread, molded in the shape of babies. There, we will also make healing ointments using the valley's medicinal plants.

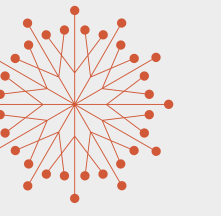
This is a day of gentle walking and immersion in nature, history and the traditions of local communities. It is an opportunity to learn about and experience different aspects of Andean life, which is why we recommend it to families and groups of students.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 6 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 25



Visit to the textile workshop of Nilda Callañaupa

Meet the women behind the conservation of ancient textile traditions.

In the rural town of Chinchero, surrounded by the mountains of the Sacred Valley, there is a revolutionary initiative led by the great Nilda Callañaupa: The Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco. This initiative is responsible for preserving the textile techniques which for centuries, right back to Inca times, have been developed and inherited by women from their mothers and grandmothers.

During our visit we will learn more about Nilda's work, through which she has managed to transform textile art into a profession that generates a decent income. Expert weavers, in their traditional dress, will reveal in our presence their ancient skills, from the production and dyeing of wool—done with local natural pigments—to the weaving on a loom.

This is not just another cultural visit. Here we will contribute directly to the creation of employment for Andean women, and support the preservation of Peruvian textile art.

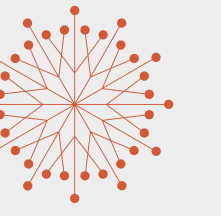


Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 1h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 25

Add On : Host Nilda Callañaupa



Visit to the workshop of Pablo Seminario

An award-winning master of Peruvian ceramics.

With more than 35 years' experience studying techniques and iconography from pre-Columbian pottery, Pablo Seminario has become one of the greatest Peruvian handcraft masters. Through his long years of study, he has developed what we now know as the Seminario Style.

In the heart of the Sacred Valley, he and his wife Marilú will welcome us to their workshop, home and gallery, where clay is brought to life. Together with them, we will immerse ourselves in the rich legacy and wealth of skills and imagery of the Peruvian pottery tradition, with its more than 7000-year history. They are living encyclopedias, and their library and works are representative of this great heritage.

This visit offers an intimate engagement with one of the richest pottery traditions in the world, as well as the opportunity to purchase works created by the hands of a true master.

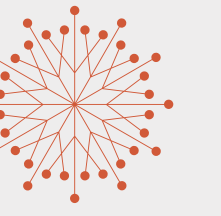


Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 25

Add On : Ceramics class



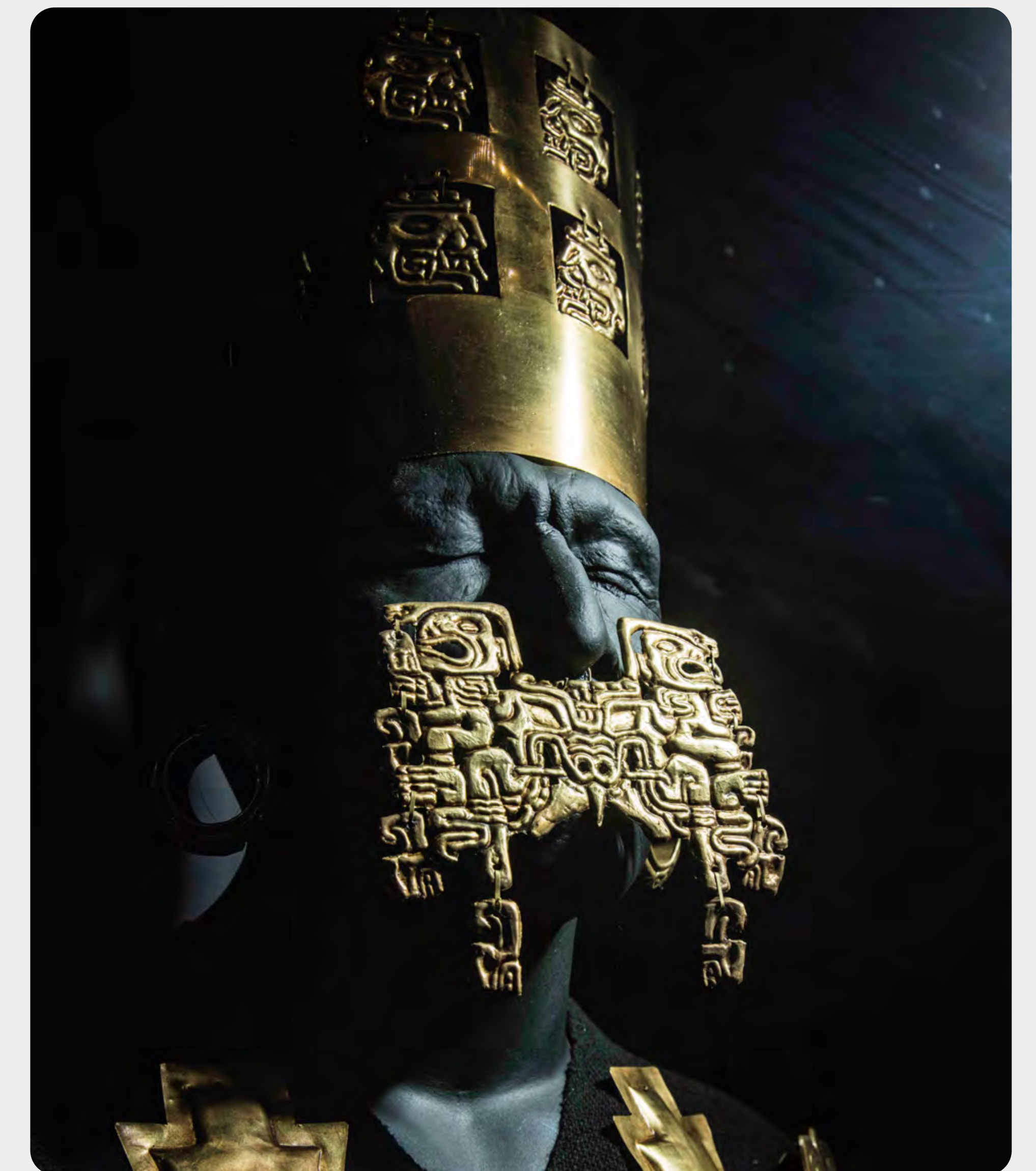
Inkariy Museum

An immersive and experiential journey through time and the civilizations that emerged in Peru before the Incas.

Just as the Mediterranean was the cradle of Western civilization, the coasts and highlands of Peru were home to a similar flourishing. For thousands of years, dozens of peoples and empires emerged, one after the other, each with its own characteristics—cultural expressions which can be appreciated today at the Inkariy Museum.

In the Sacred Valley, the Mérida family—whose members include artists, collectors, patrons of the arts, and now museum directors—have built this experiential and comprehensive museum, where visitors can immerse themselves in Pre-Hispanic history. Composed of archaeologists and artists, the museum's team has brought to life the peoples of the Caral, Chavín, Paracas, Moche, Nasca, Chimú and Inca cultures, along with many others that emerged in Peru, all in life-sized representations.

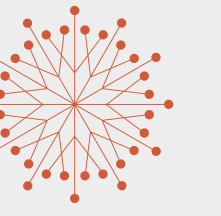
This is a true journey through time, created as an immersive experience to enable a better understanding of the rich history of Peru. And it is just a 90-minute drive from Cusco.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Yucay, Living Museum

An overview of the customs of the Andes.

In the village of Yucay, just over an hour from Cusco, we find the only living culture museum in the Sacred Valley. Here, many of the traditions of the Peruvian Andes are brought together and safeguarded, and it is possible to share them in an experiential way.

The tour is composed of different thematic sections. We will learn about the agriculture and native products of the area, textile techniques and the minerals and plants used to dye yarn, and the raising of llamas and alpacas, among others. The tour is fully guided by local residents of the Sacred Valley, who have inherited these customs from their families and communities.

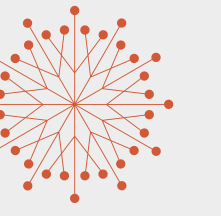
The Living Museum is a synthesis of the intangible cultural heritage of the Quechua communities of the area. After just a few hours spent here, we will gain an overview of life on the Andes. For this reason, we suggest it to groups of travelers, particularly families, who are looking to enjoy an experiential tourism activity in a single day.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 50



Visit to the Alqa Museum with Johana and Antonio

A journey through the artistic expressions of the Andes.

Efforts to evaluate cultural heritage, specifically that related to the art of the Andes, have grown in recent decades, but much more work is still needed. That is why initiatives such as the Alqa project, run by Johana Sarmiento and Antonio Sorrentino, are particularly relevant. Their goal is to recover the traditional artistic expressions of the Andes, and to make them sustainable.

What exactly is the role of Johana and Antonio? They are a combination of collectors, gallery owners, curators and philanthropists, with an enormous passion for the folk arts of the Andes. They will be our hosts, and together we will explore textiles, ceramics and work in precious metals, while also learning more about the stories behind such artworks and the lives of their creators.

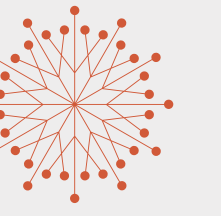
Johana and Antonio show us that Peruvian art is a vibrant tradition. This is an experience that should be on every art lover's list.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 8



Machu Picchu for young explorers

An epic adventure with Allco.

This ancient citadel is one of Peru's most precious treasures. It was built in the mid-15th century and it is believed to have been one of the residences of the great Inca Pachacutec. Its name means "old mountain" in Quechua. In 2007, Machu Picchu was chosen as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World.

The lost city of the Incas was rediscovered by Yale professor Hiram Bingham in 1911. It is an architectural jewel built by thousands of men, who carried huge stones up the biologically diverse slopes of the mountain. An experience like this deserves a playful touch, to make it unforgettable for our youngest travelers.

In an original treasure hunt, accompanied by Allco, a charming crocheted Peruvian dog, we will visit key places in Machu Picchu, and meet some of Allco's many friends, including hummingbirds, butterflies, rabbit-like vizcachas, the cock-of-the-rock and, if we are very lucky, the rare spectacled bear. Each child will receive a fabulous kit: a backpack, a map, a crocheted dog, an explorer's hat, and a magnifying glass.

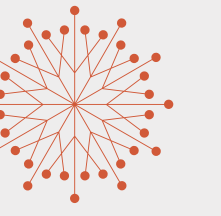
Together with Allco, the children are encouraged to live their own exciting adventure, immersed in the wonderful setting of Machu Picchu.



Destination : Machu Picchu

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 10



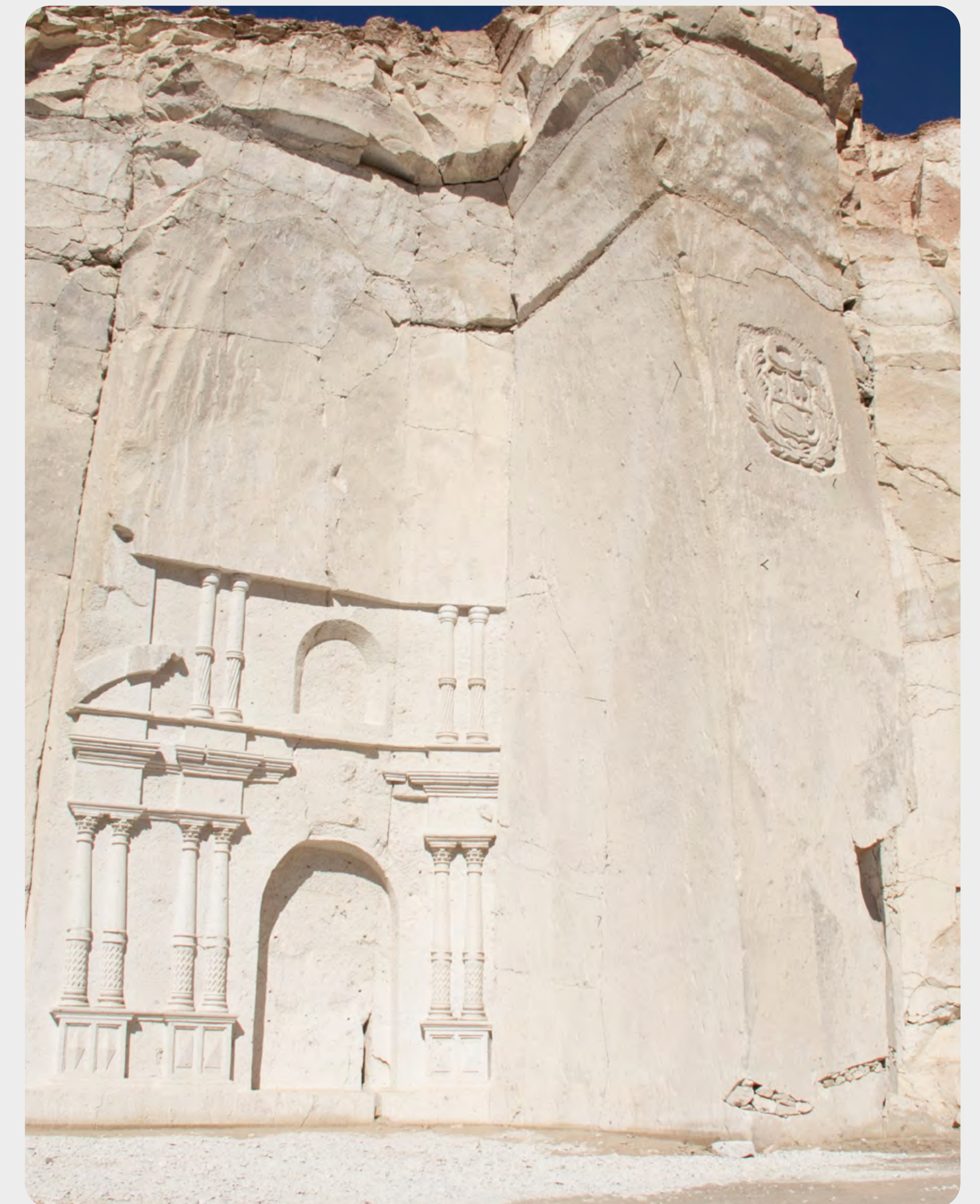
The Sillar route

The artisans and landscapes behind the White City.

Arequipa, in southern Peru, is a picturesque colonial-era city surrounded by three volcanoes. Buildings made from the white volcanic stone known to locals as *sillar* flank the streets of the historic center. This stone comes from white quarries and canyons located in the outskirts of the city, and which cover enormous areas.

This tour will take us through the origins of *sillar*, beginning in the Añashuayco gorge, beneath the slopes of the Chachani volcano. There, we will learn more about the work of the skillful stonecutters who have adorned the gorge with statues carved using the techniques developed by their forebears and handed down from one generation to the next. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Culebrillas gorge and walk through narrow stone passageways. Along the way, we will encounter the petroglyphs left by the Wari empire, a pre-Inca civilization that flourished from the 7th to the 13th centuries.

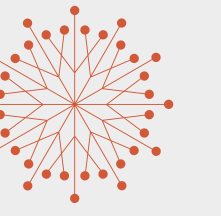
The city of Arequipa itself is a destination worthy of a visit. But those responsible for the splendor of its streets are the artisans and stonemasons who built this White City. And this is their story.



Destination : Arequipa

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 25



Arequipa countryside & Alpaca World

A country valley at the foot of three volcanoes.

Arequipa is a picturesque city in southern Peru known for three things: the volcanoes that ring the city, the countryside surrounding its river, and its colonial architecture made from the white volcanic stone known as sillar. During this tour, we will learn more about all three.

To get into the countryside it isn't even necessary to leave the city; in the protected areas on the banks of the city's river, urban development is carefully controlled. We will visit the Sabandía mill, built in 1621 from *sillar*, and which more than any other building epitomizes the country atmosphere of the valley. Then, we will visit the Inca terraces of Paucarpata and Yumina, which are still used for growing crops. From this valley, there are uninterrupted views of the three volcanoes: Misti, Chachani and Pichu Pichu.

From there, we will head to Alpaca World, dedicated to this South American camelid, its wool and local textile traditions. It is also home to a small exhibition of Pre-Columbian textiles, the Amano - Michell Museum. This visit will culminate with a stop at the Sol Alpaca store.

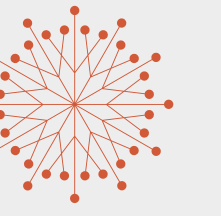
This is a tour of the more rural side of Arequipa, a historic city where the hustle and bustle of urban life exists alongside the serenity of the countryside.



Destination : Arequipa

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 30



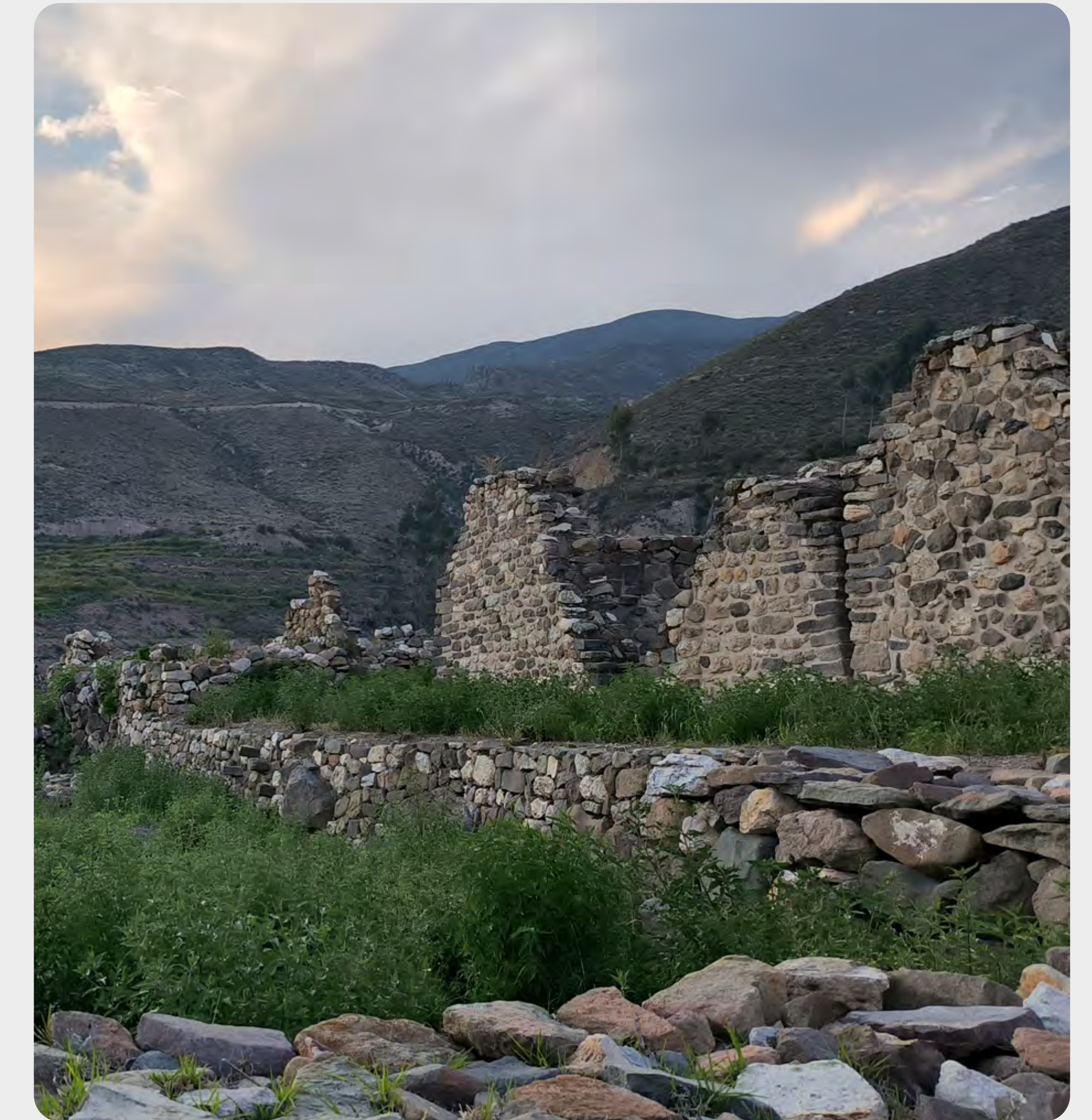
Unveiling Uyo Uyo

Echoes of history in the heart of Colca

Among the majestic peaks of the Colca Valley, at over 3500 meters, lie the remains of Uyo Uyo, a pre-Inca citadel that was home, more than five centuries ago, to the Collagua people. Its strategic location suggests that it was a vital center for trade and administration, while its architecture—featuring trapezoidal doorways and finely-worked stone walls—marks the transition between the Collagua legacy and the influence of the Incas.

Its stone houses, agricultural terraces irrigated to this day by ancient canals, and astronomical clock survive as testaments to a people who mastered engineering and coexisted in perfect harmony with nature. But Uyo Uyo is more than just an archaeological site; it is also an exceptional hiking destination, just a one-hour walk from the village of Yanque. Along the way, natural viewpoints offer breathtaking vistas of the snowcapped peaks of Hualca Hualca and Ampato.

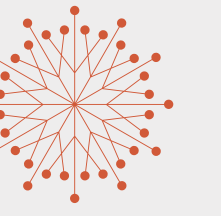
Exploring Uyo Uyo offers much more than the discovery of an ancestral settlement; it means walking among the vestiges of Andean history and connecting with a past that continues to resonate in the immensity of Colca.



Destination : Colca

Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Puno Cathedral

Andean Baroque and syncretism of the Altiplano

In the heart of the Altiplano stands one of the most remarkable expressions of Andean Baroque. Built between 1669 and 1757, during a period of mining prosperity and cultural transformation, the Cathedral was constructed in basalt stone over the ancient ceremonial site known as *Supay Kancha*. Declared a National Historic Cultural Heritage site and elevated to the rank of Minor Basilica, its architecture reflects the meeting of European tradition and the Andean worldview that shaped the cultural identity of the Collao region.

The experience begins at the front façade, a high-relief composition that reveals the encounter of two worlds. Sirens playing *charangos*, guardian pumas, local flowers, and cherubs coexist with saints in a deeply symbolic composition. Inside, the nave covered by a barrel vault leads toward the main altar dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, while the columns, altars, and viceregal artworks reveal how sacred art adapted to Andean sensibilities.

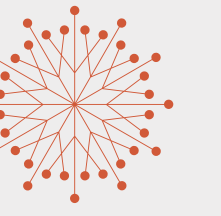
The visit concludes at the bell tower. From above, the city unfolds and Lake Titicaca reveals itself in its full dimension. At this vantage point, the Cathedral is understood not only as a place of faith, but also as one of the key heritage landmarks that strengthen the cultural identity of Puno's historic center and highlight the rich history of the Altiplano.



Destination : Puno

Duration : 1h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Journey across the Altiplano: San Luis de Alba, Cutimbo, and the Sacuyo Forest

History, architecture, and landscape in the Altiplano

The Puno Altiplano is a land where history unfolds in layers: pre-Hispanic cultures, the mining boom of the viceregal era, and landscapes that seem unchanged for centuries. This route connects three essential moments in the region, from ancient ceremonial structures to the historical forces that shaped the city we see today.

Among stone remains and vast horizons, San Luis de Alba evokes the period when silver redefined the destiny of the region, leaving traces of an economy that attracted power, faith, and social transformation. Higher up, the landscape become quiet and expansive. A walk among *queñua* trees—native Andean species known for growing at high elevations—leads to the plateau of Cutimbo, where *chullpas*—prehispanic funerary towers built in stone—rise with striking precision, revealing both technical mastery and symbolic depth. Unlike the better-known site of Sillustani, the experience here is intimate and contemplative. The route then continues to the Sacuyo Forest, where monumental rock formations emerge like natural sculptures, expanding the scale of the landscape and reshaping one's perception of the territory.

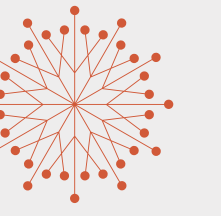
This journey is essential for understanding the Altiplano beyond its most iconic landmarks. By connecting the pre-Hispanic past, colonial transformation, and the strength of the natural landscape, it offers a deeper, and more authentic perspective of the southern Andes.



Destination : Puno

Duration : FD

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Living Altiplano: Cutimbo, Sacuyo, and the Community of *Ayrumas Carumas*

Ancestral architecture, stone landscapes, and living culture

The Puno Altiplano not only preserves traces of the past; it sustains traditions that continue shaping the territory. Between silent plateaus and monumental rock formations, this route integrates archaeological heritage, nature, and community life, revealing a deeper and more authentic dimension of the region.

At Cutimbo, chullpas—prehispanic funerary towers built of stone—rise over an open plateau, precisely constructed and rich in funerary symbolism. Unlike Sillustani, the experience here is quieter and more contemplative, allowing visitors to appreciate how the architecture responds to the surrounding landscape. Further along, the Sacuyo Forest surprises with towering stone monoliths that appear as natural natural sculptures emerging from the earth. The journey culminates in the community of Ayrumas Carumas, where traditional weaving, cooperative work, and a walk alongside llamas toward Qawrani Tiyi—a sacred site located at the summit of the community’s main mountain—connect visitors with a living spirituality. Passing through the Quñuna, a narrow rock corridor resembling a cave, marks a moment of introspection before reaching the summit, where dramatic cliffs dominate the horizon.

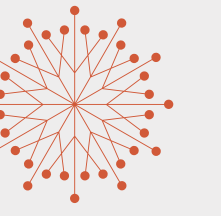
This journey invites travelers to discover the Altiplano from a more authentic perspective, far from traditional routes. Through little-explored landscapes and meaningful encounters with local communities, the region reveals itself in a deeper and more genuine way.



Destination : Puno

Duration : FD

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Lampa and the Puya Raimondii Forest

Andean Baroque and the natural wonders of the Altiplano

In the Puno Altiplano, some towns still preserve the memory of their viceregal splendor. Lampa, founded in 1548, was one of the most important centers of the southern Andes during the 17th and 18th centuries. Its stone architecture and urban layout reflect a period of mining and religious prosperity that left a lasting mark on the region's cultural identity.

The visit includes the Church of Saint James the Apostle, one of the most distinctive expressions of Andean Baroque. Built in pink volcanic stone and crowned by glazed ceramic roof tiles—rare in high-Andean architecture—its austere exterior contrasts with the richness of its interior. Altars and paintings associated with the Cusco School, colonial catacombs, and a replica of Michelangelo's famous *Pietà*, reveal how European artistic models traveled across the Atlantic and were reinterpreted in the Andes.

Further along, the landscape changes dramatically as the route enters the forest of *Puya raimondii*, the largest bromeliad in the world. Rising more than ten meters high and capable of taking up to a century to bloom only once in its lifetime, these extraordinary plants—rarely to encounter—appear here gathered in the same landscape, creating an almost otherworldly scene.

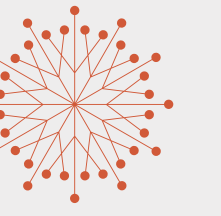
This experience reveals a different dimension of Puno beyond Lake Titicaca. Between heritage, art, and nature, the journey unveils an Altiplano of vast landscapes and singular forms, whose natural beauty contrasts with other mountain regions of Peru.



Destination : Puno

Duration : FD

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Flight over the Nasca Lines

The only way to appreciate one of the largest scale artworks on Earth.

Hundreds of years before the emergence of Inca culture, the Nasca civilization flourished on Peru's coast. The engineers and artists of Nasca traced in the form of furrows more than 20 enormous animals, plants and motifs across a 500 square-kilometer canvas. Today, anthropologists and historians believe that the famous Nasca Lines were once pilgrimage centers, associated with the agricultural calendar and rituals dedicated to water.

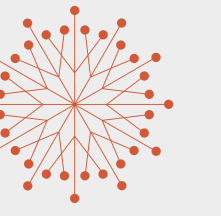
And how can these lines be seen? There is a viewing tower, but it does not do them justice. We will fly over them. These minimalist pictograms depict a monkey, a hummingbird, a condor, a spider, a whale, hands, a tree and a heron, to name just a few. From the air, many other designs can be seen which may have served as grids, stretching for miles and miles towards the horizon.



Destination : Nasca

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 12



Kuelap, the city in the clouds

Exploring the greatest archaeological gem of the Chachapoyas people.

At the top of a cloud-covered mountain, at 3000 meters above sea level, stands the imposing fortress of Kuelap. Once the political, religious and military center of the Chachapoyas people, this imposing complex impresses with its walls up to 20 meters high, protecting around 500 circular structures.

The site—easily accessible via cable car—is remarkable for the perfect finishes of its buildings, its carved friezes with jaguar and snake motifs—symbolizing power—and its temples, plazas and dwellings, all of which blend beautifully with the surrounding landscape. And from any vantage point within the complex, the entire valley below can be seen. For an in-depth appreciation of Kuelap, it is possible to hire the services of Dr. Peter Lerche, a German archaeologist and the former director of the site. The more adventurous can also add a visit to the lesser-known but equally captivating citadel of Macro.

Combining as it does monumental architecture, history and natural beauty, it is no surprise that Kuelap is one of the most popular tourist attractions in northern Peru.



Destination : Chachapoyas

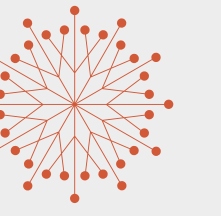
Duration : FD

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 3,030 m / 9,940 ft - Minimum: 2,876 m / 9,436 ft

KMS / MILES : 4.20 km / 2.6 mi.

Max Guest : No limit



Discovering Vilcashuaman

A journey into the ancient Tahuantinsuyo

High in southern Ayacucho, where the landscapes stretch wide and the air grows thinner, lies a land that still beats with the spirit of the Inca Empire. The drive to Vilcashuaman winds through high mountain passes, as the Toccto pass (4,200 m.a.s.l.), forests of centuries-old *puyas*, and Andean lagoons that mirror a timeless sky.

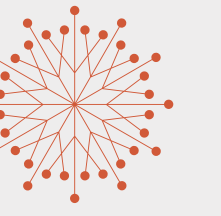
The Pumacocha complex—also known as Intihuatana—was a secluded retreat for the imperial elite, complete with a ritual sundial, imperial baths, palaces, and a ceremonial stone used for sacrifices. Its remnants reveal the deep connection between water, power, and solar ritual. In the valley, Vilcashuamán rises as an important administrative center of the Tahuantinsuyo. Its Ushno—a ceremonial platform—and the Temples of the Sun and Moon were the backdrop for public rituals and state ceremonies.

More than an archaeological trip, it is a journey into the symbolic heart of the Tahuantinsuyo: a place where history and spirit remain bound together in stone, light, and silence.



Destination : Ayacucho

Duration : FD



Traces of history in Ayacucho: Wari, Quinua, and the Pampa de Ayacucho

Archaeology, art and memory.

Just a few miles from the city of Ayacucho, the landscape opens up to some of the most significant sites in Peru's history. The journey begins at the Wari archaeological complex, the capital of the first Andean empire between the 7th and 13th centuries. This ancient culture, precursor to the Tahuantinsuyo, designed complex urban centers, developed ingenious water systems, and cultivated a distinctive geometric aesthetic. Today, wandering through tombs, temples, and galleries, visitors can glimpse the world of a powerful civilization that came before the *Incas*.

Further along, in the town of Quinua, tradition comes alive in the hands of its potters. In their open workshops, clay is shaped into churches, bulls, and figures that have come to symbolize Ayacucho's ceramic artistry.

The experience culminates at the Pampa de Ayacucho, where on December 9, 1824, the final battle for the independence of Peru—and all of South America—was fought. Today, a 44-meter monument rises to honor the liberating army's victory over the royalist forces and to mark the dawn of a new republic.

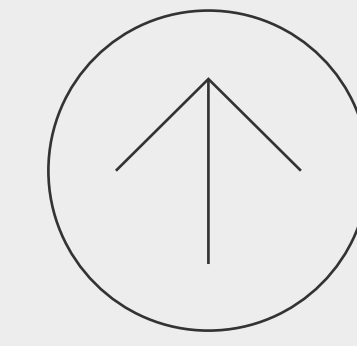
An experience that blends archaeological legacy, folk art, and living memory—three places, united by the symbolic force that defines the spirit of Ayacucho.



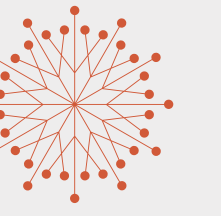
Destination : Ayacucho

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Living Culture



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Visit to a South American camelid farm



Llamas, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos.

The llama and the alpaca have become Peru's most adored overseas ambassadors. And this visit to a farm offers the chance to see these two species and their even more majestic and graceful cousins: guanacos and vicuñas. Yes, vicuñas, those extraordinary animals with the finest and most sophisticated wool.

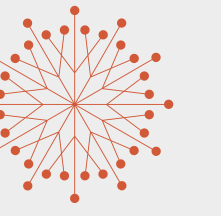
During this visit, we will learn more about these camelids that have always been central to life in the Andes. Historically, in the absence of sheep, horses and cattle, llamas and their relatives provided transportation, food and clothing. The Incas even named constellations in their honor. The farm is also home to an artisanal weaving center, where we will learn more about the traditional process—unchanged since the Inca period—for making textiles from camelids' wool.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 1h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Discovering Q'eswachaka and the four lakes

This is not a ruin; it is the last Inca bridge still in use today.

Above the canyon through which the Apurímac River flows, is an important, centuries-old historical legacy: Q'eswachaka, the last Inca bridge. Included on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list, this suspension bridge is rebuilt every year by the neighboring communities, during the second week of June—as has been the custom for more than six hundred years—during three days of hard work, rituals and celebrations.

On our way to this historic relic, we will visit four of the five lakes in the area: Pomacanchi, Acopia, Asnacocho, Pampamarca and Tungasuca. We will also visit the tiny volcano – yes, a tiny volcano – of Pabellones, which is just four meters high.

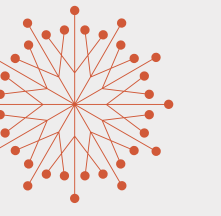
Crossing the narrow bridge made from golden grass ropes is obviously the main attraction. It is not every day that one can walk on a relic from the past in the same condition in which it was conceived more than half a millennium ago. Living history, combined with breathtaking landscapes.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 8 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 30



Visit to the community of Ccorccor

Tradition, games and joy with the locals.

To visit the community of Ccorccor in Chinchero is to meet cheerful farmers, shepherds and weavers who continue to preserve their ancestral customs. Here, authenticity, joy and hospitality are the local hallmark.

Immediately after arrival the festive spirit can be felt. We are welcomed as if we were coming home, with singing and dancing and the finest traditional clothing.

We will immerse ourselves in daily life and learn about local textile traditions and farming practices. We will have the opportunity to go back to our childhood, sharing in the games played by the village children. We will participate in the preparation of corn beer, and witness rites and customs, including the veneration of Mother Earth and carnival celebrations.

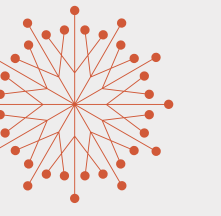
We will end our visit to this rural community that has opened its doors to us and invited us to be part of the authentic living culture of the Sacred Valley with our spirits renewed.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** 25



The magic of the Andean village of Lamay

A taste of the quiet life enjoyed by the villagers of the Sacred Valley.

Visits to the towns of the Sacred Valley are not usually part of classic itineraries, but little Lamay—which is an hour from Cusco by road—merits a stop, to get to know its people and their day-to-day life.

For the residents of Lamay, the day begins around the communal bread oven, and, depending on the time, we will visit it to meet the regular customers. We will walk through the narrow streets to the modest but picturesque 17th century Apostle Saint James church. We will visit the farms where local people raise guinea pigs—an integral part of popular culture since ancient times. We will also visit a traditional *Chichería* — corn beer establishment—, where typical local dishes are also served.

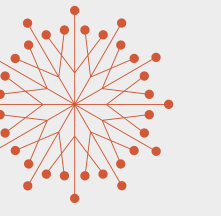
Lamay is a perfect example of the sedate village life of the Sacred Valley. It is not part of traditional routes, and therefore feels 100% authentic.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 18



Farming experience in the community of Huayllafara

A day with expert Quechua farmers in the outskirts of Cusco.

The Lamay valley, less than an hour from Cusco, is home to the Andean community of Huayllafara, whose inhabitants are accomplished farmers. Interestingly, they have created their own Agricultural Interpretation Center, unique in the valley, as a way of transmitting their knowledge. These villagers will be our hosts.

This will be a day for sharing with the local people, during which we will learn about their agricultural calendar, their traditional cultivation techniques and the flavors and qualities of their native plants, which celebrated chefs in Lima, such as Virgilio Martinez, have begun to use in their recipes. The experience in Huayllafara will include a typical local lunch made with produce harvested from the community's fields. We will also take the time to appreciate the textile art produced by the women, and to learn more about their own role in village life.

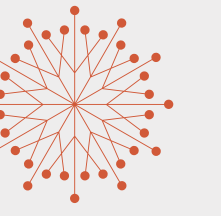
The proximity of Huayllafara to Cusco makes it incredibly accessible, and in a shorter version of the itinerary, it is possible to enjoy an equally rewarding experience in just one morning.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 20



Visit to the community of Cuyuni

A genuine connection with rural life in the Andes, just a few hours from Cusco.

Just beyond the Sacred Valley, a few hours from Cusco and with a view of Mount Ausangate, is Cuyuni, a small Quechua-speaking community that will welcome us with open arms and open doors, to share in their daily life.

Together with the villagers, we will take part in and learn more about their agricultural, religious, festive, textile and culinary activities. We will witness the ancestral rituals through which they maintain their deep connection with nature: the offering to Mother Earth and thanksgiving to the sacred mountains. There will also be local music and dance, as we celebrate Llama Pilluy, a festivity dedicated to the villagers' most important co-workers, their llamas. And, of course, we will also eat dishes with a long history, this time in the form of *huatia*—a meal cooked in a temporary oven dug into the ground and heated with clumps of hardened, hot earth.

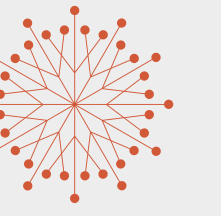
This vibrant community lies off the beaten track in the Sacred Valley, and so this contact with local people feels much more natural and authentic. It is a genuine connection with a slower way of life that is more appreciative of nature.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 8 h

Min Guests 7 / **Max Guests** No limit



Llama Pack

Hiking in the Andes, accompanied by local people and their pack llamas.

For thousands of years, llamas have formed part of daily life in the Andes. They have served as pack animals, and to provide food and clothing, and their essential role is reflected in the constellations that the Incas named in their honor.

The goal of the Llama Pack project—a non-profit organization—is to reintegrate llamas into daily life in the Andes. To achieve this, the organization has created trekking routes where it is possible to appreciate breathtaking landscapes, Andean culture, and the role of South America’s famous camelids.

During the trek, we will immerse ourselves in nature under the guidance of local people, and in the company of their llamas. These animals will carry the ingredients and supplies needed for our ancestral meal: the *huatia*—a banquet of tubers prepared by the local people and cooked in a temporary oven dug into the ground and heated by clumps of hardened, hot earth.

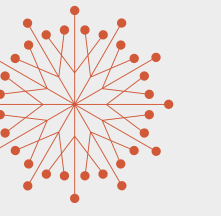
This experience directly benefits local communities and supports the breeding of these animals that embody Andean culture. It is also an excellent learning experience, which is why we recommend it for families and travelers with a background in the educational sector.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 25



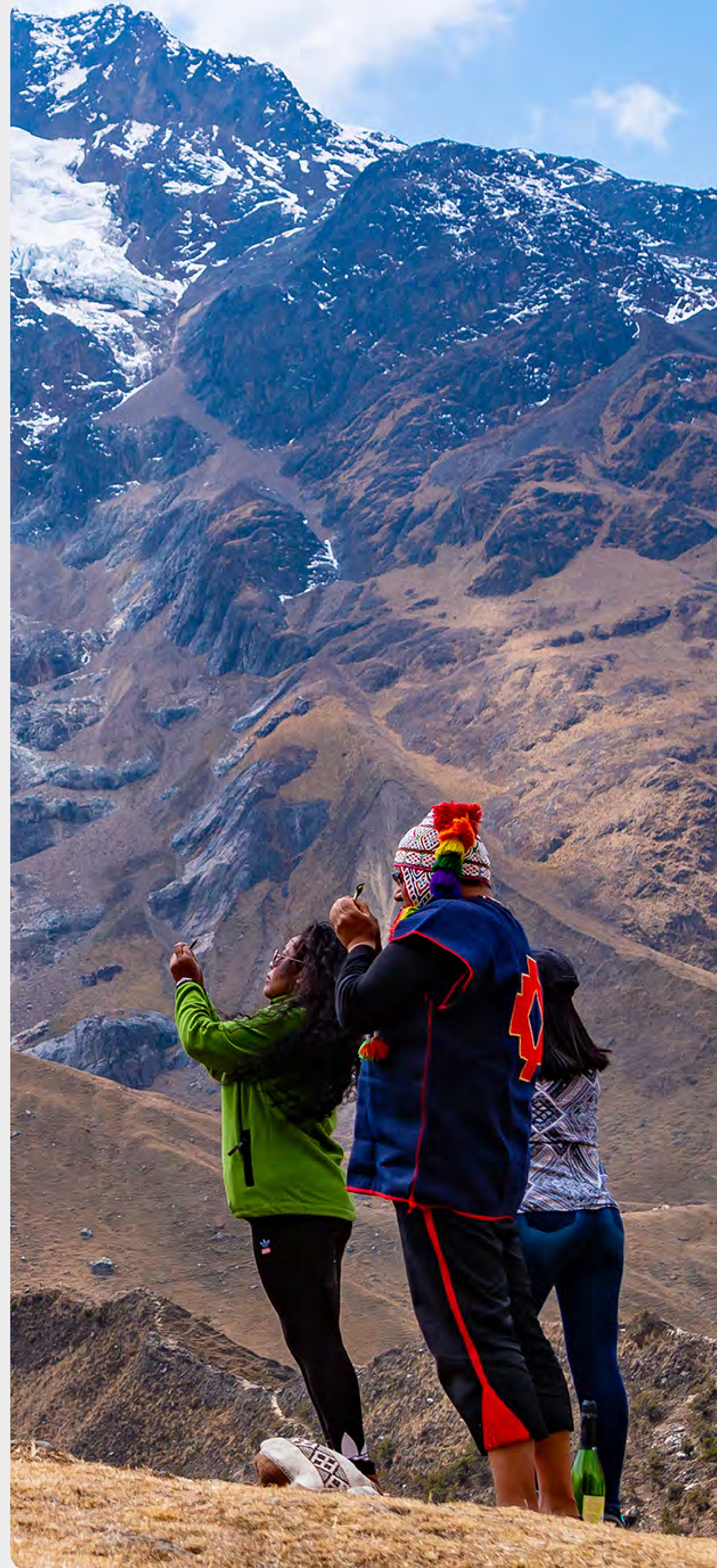
Offering to the Earth

An ancient ritual to express gratitude to Mother Earth.

It is no secret that the Christian evangelization which took place during the conquest weakened the Inca pantheon. Sunday masses became the *de facto* custom, even in the most remote indigenous villages. But one ancestral ritual survived and is maintained to this day, as the product of a process of religious and cultural syncretism: the Offering to the Earth, in thanksgiving to Pachamama.

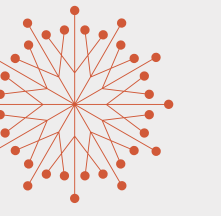
Pachamama—*pacha*, earth; and *mama*, mother—was one of the Inca divinities that has remained present in the collective consciousness of the Andes. And to this day, many Peruvians, particularly in rural areas of the Andes, celebrate the offering, or “payment”, to Mother Earth. In this ceremony, a shaman—known by local people as a *pacco* and acknowledged as the recipient of Andean spiritual wisdom—will be our guide on a journey through the Andean traditions, which is rooted in a deep connection with, and gratitude towards, the natural world.

We will participate in a ritual that gives back to Mother Earth. Something that we, at present, are only just beginning to appreciate.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 1h



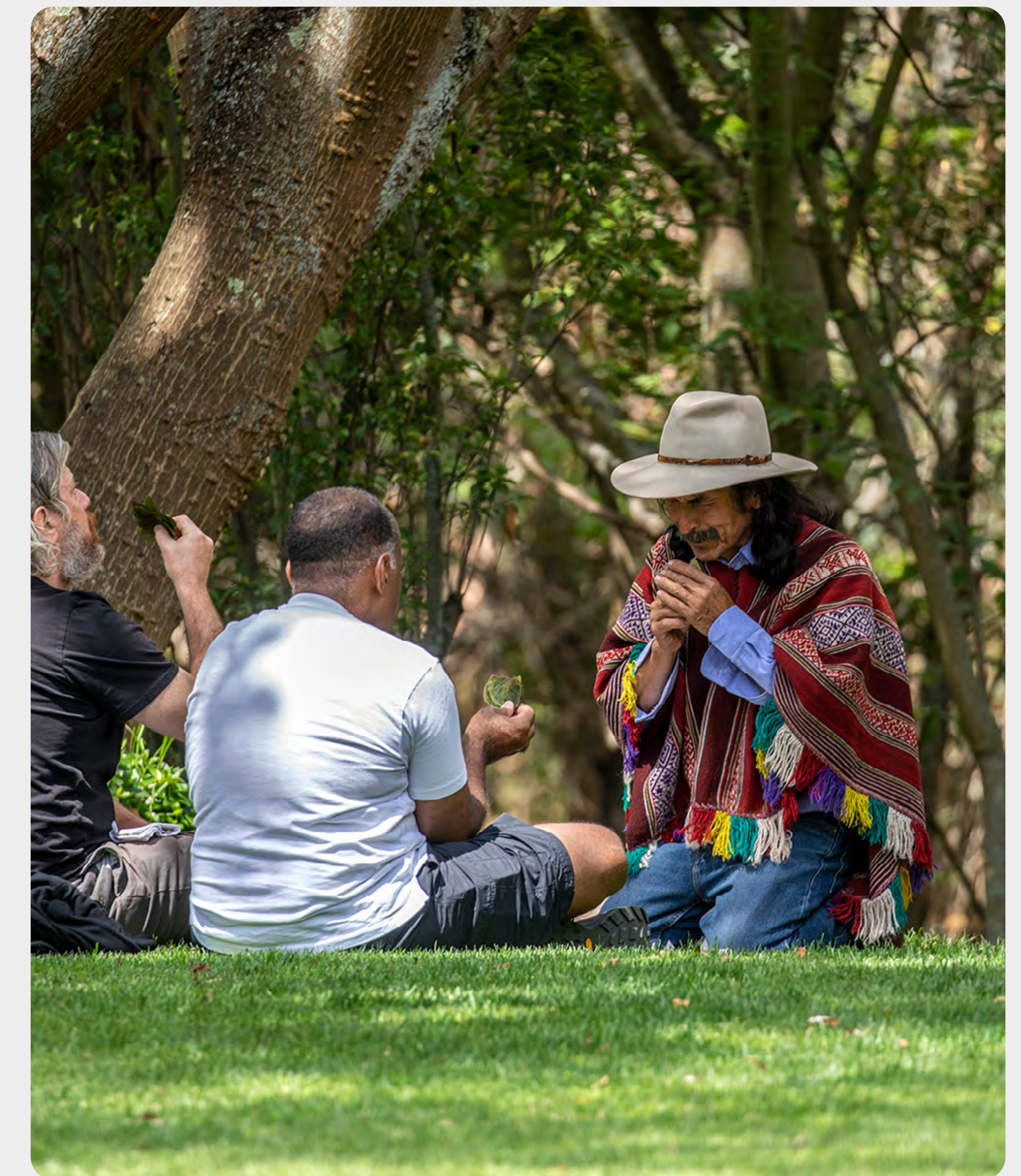
The sacred coca leaf reading

Sharing with those individuals who keep alive the Andean ethos.

For Andean communities, the coca leaf is part of both their everyday and spiritual lives. It can serve as an analgesic or aid to digestion, or as a source of energy. And for traditional healers, it facilitates the trance-like state required in rituals that express the relationship between humans and nature.

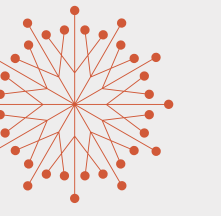
Rituals involving coca leaves include divination: the reading of coca leaves. A shaman—known to local people as a *pacco*—spreads out before him the coca leaves, in order to carefully decipher their encoded messages. But this ceremony involves more than foretelling the future. It is important to first pay tribute to Pachamama—Mother Earth—and give thanks. Local people believe that one must give before taking.

This ceremony will bring us closer to the Andean ethos. And what could be better than to experience this first-hand, with the locals who understand intimately their ancient spiritual traditions.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 1h



Discovering Sibayo

A sustainable and immersive architectural experience.

Within Colca Canyon, on the banks of the river, stands Sibayo, also known as Rumillaqta—stone village, in Quechua—, in reference to its historic stone and mudbrick buildings, with their thatched roofs, preserved intact since the colonial period.

Time stands still here, amid cobblestone streets, adobe houses and serene plazas, where visitors can experience the customs of the local people, including llama and alpaca herding, farming, pottery making and embroidery. These traditions have been conserved and revived in a sustainable, experiential way thanks to a community-based rural tourism program created by the residents.

The suspension bridge over the Colca River is emblematic of the coming together of past and present, as is the colonial church of San Juan Bautista de Rumillaqta, the focal point of annual festivities such as San Juan and the Immaculate Virgin.

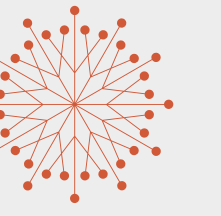
This is a journey through time and a lesson in the importance of preserving ancestral roots and appreciating the essence of Andean culture.



Destination : Colca

Duration : HD

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Visit to the community of Luquina

The most authentic, colorful and welcoming community on Lake Titicaca.

Anyone who has visited Lake Titicaca will confirm that there is a certain mystique surrounding it. This is more than a mere impression: in fact, for hundreds of years the largest lake in South America has been the setting for legends, including the origin myth of the first Incas, who were said to have emerged from its waters. And, close to the lake's magical shoreline, one of our favorite communities is situated: colorful Luquina.

Here, we will have the opportunity to try on traditional clothing, participate in farm work, including the harvesting of potatoes, and learn about the local handcraft tradition. We will explore the lakeshore in a small sailboat, and in the home of one of the villagers, we will enjoy a typical local lunch.

As other travelers have said, this visit feels like an unexpected encounter with new friends. Far from the hubbub of the modern world, it is a celebration of Andean life that can only be found on the remotest shores of Lake Titicaca, in Luquina.

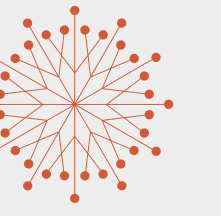


Destination : Puno

Duration : 6 h

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** 12

Add On : Farming and sailing activities / Overnight in the community



Huancas, a community of pottery makers

An introduction to the traditions in clay of an ancestral people.

Long before the arrival of the Spanish, the women of Huancas had already developed an impressive pottery tradition. To this day, they craft their pitchers and vessels in the Chachapoyas style using ancient techniques. In recognition of this tradition, in 2012 their art was declared part of Peru's National Cultural Heritage.

This experience begins at the Huanca Urco viewpoint, from which scenery composed of steep slopes where the Andes merge with the Amazon can be appreciated. Here, it is possible to see the canyons of the Sonche and Utcubamba rivers, and when skies are clear, the majestic silhouette of the Gocta waterfall. The tour continues in the town of Huancas, where master ceramist Buenaventura Vilca opens the doors of her workshop to demonstrate the process of making traditional local pottery, a process she learned from her grandmother and now teaches to her own daughter, as a faithful testament to the history of her community.

In addition to the opportunity to marvel at incomparable scenery, this trip is also a chance to experience firsthand the art of this magical town and purchase some pottery. When you take home with you a piece of this history, you are also helping to preserve this rich cultural heritage.

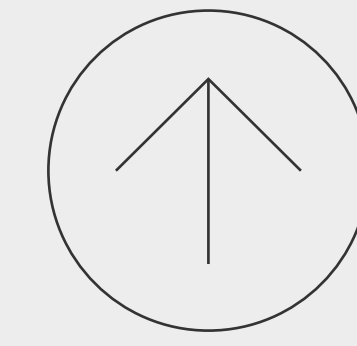


Destination : Chachapoyas

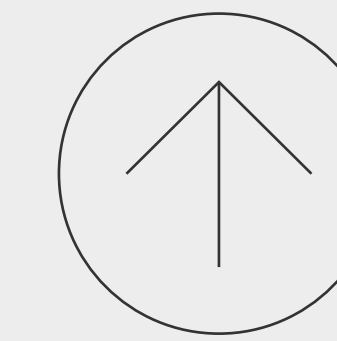
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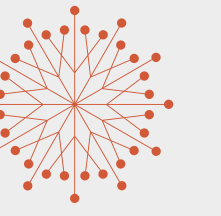
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Discovering Lima by bike

Let's pedal along the seafront through the city's most emblematic districts.

Lima is the only South American capital on the shores of the Pacific. Where the city and the sea meet, high cliffs are formed, and atop these heights cycle paths wind through the city's most emblematic districts: Barranco (Lima's Soho), Miraflores (the heart of the metropolis) and San Isidro (with parks more than 400 years old).

There are several routes to choose from. One of them offers an excursion through the streets of Miraflores and Barranco, which today are filled with art galleries, workshops, coffee shops, restaurants, and bars. Another route passes through San Isidro, more of a residential than commercial neighborhood. At its center is El Olivar, an old olive grove composed of more than 1,500 trees, the history of which dates back to the colonial period. But the best part of the ride is surely the seafront, above the cliffs and facing the ocean, with its spectacular views.

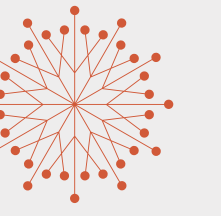
This is a chance to immerse oneself in the daily street life of Lima, and to absorb along the way the city's typical architecture, ranging from centuries-old houses to the more austere modernist buildings, all facing the endless expanse of the Pacific Ocean.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 2 to 4 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 12



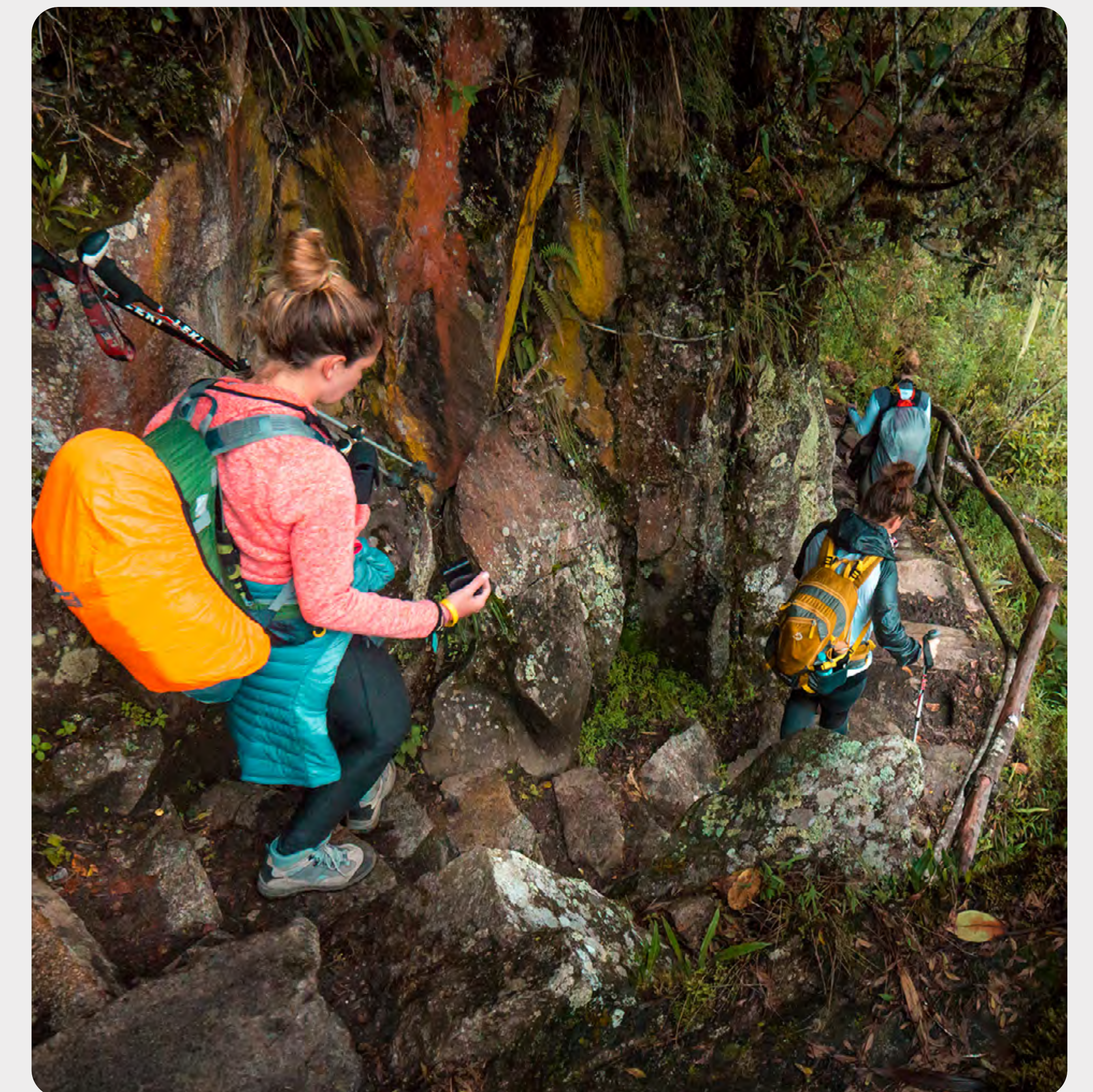
Inca Trail

Indisputably the best trekking route in South America.

In Europe, it is said that “all roads lead to Rome”. But in South America, all roads lead to Cusco. The Qhapaq Ñan, as it is known in Quechua, is a subcontinental network of roads that connected the urban, military and religious centers of the Inca empire and had the capital, Cusco, at its center. However, when travelers talk about this network today, they are almost always referring to the 45-kilometer, 4-day trek, along ancient trails to Machu Picchu. That is the route we will be taking.

Considered by many to be the best trekking route in South America, the Inca Trail winds through a series of Inca architectural gems: Patallacta, Runkurakay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca, Wiñaywayna, Inti Punku and finally Machu Picchu. The scenery is equally impressive, with landscapes ranging from the Andean valleys of Ollantaytambo to the cloud forest habitat that surrounds Machu Picchu itself. And perhaps the finest view of all is the one that can be enjoyed from the Sun Gate, the entrance to the Inca citadel.

The fact that we are walking trails once used by Inca travelers makes this more than just a trek. And as part of the experience, we will learn about the ways of life, engineering, legends and biodiversity associated with this ancient route.



Destination : Cusco

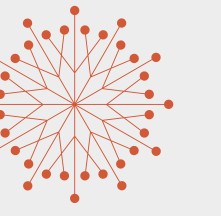
Duration : Multiday

Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 4,200 m / 13,780 ft - Minimum: 2,891 m / 9,000 ft

KMS / MILES : 45 km / 28 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



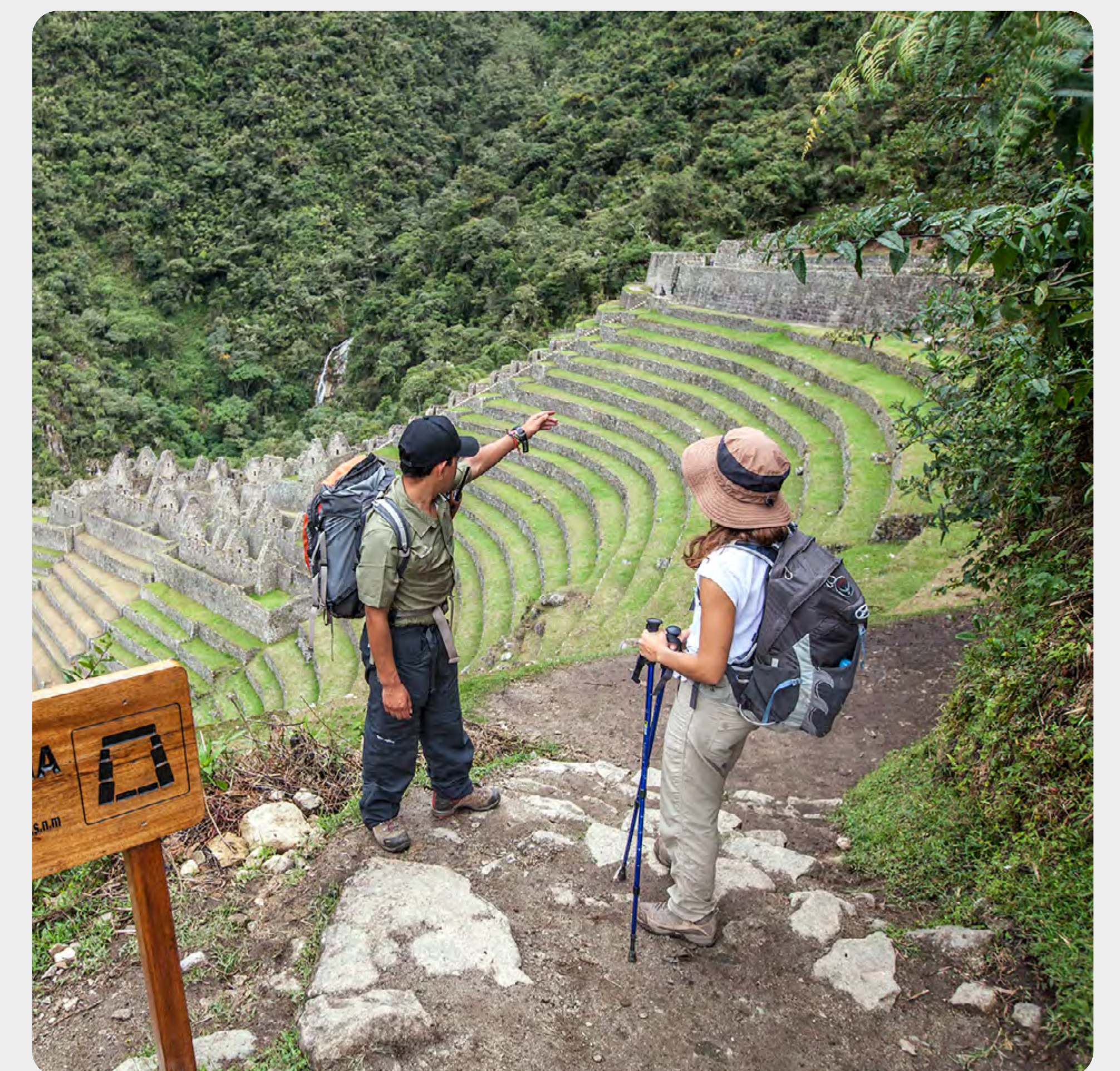
The shorter version of the Inca Trail

A short but profound walk along the historic route to Machu Picchu.

The Incas created a subcontinental network of trails that connected the cities, palaces, fortresses, and temples of their empire. But there can be no doubt that the most famous section is the Inca Trail that leads to Machu Picchu. And in this short version, in just one day travelers can enjoy a less strenuous alternative perfect for those with less time.

This walk covers the last stretch of the famous Inca Trail and is crowned with a visit to Machu Picchu the following morning. During the walk, we will visit other urban and religious centers of the Inca empire, such as the palace of Chachabamba and Wiñaywayna. And we will walk along ancient paths towards the Sun Gate—Inti Punku, in Quechua—, where an exceptional view of one of the wonders of the modern world awaits us.

If walking the Inca Trail is part of your dream itinerary, but you prefer gentler walks without camping, this is the recommended way to explore the best trekking route in South America.



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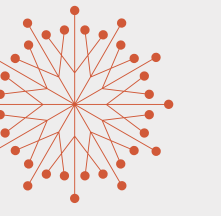
Duration : 8 h

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 2,700 m / 9,800 ft - Minimum: 2,150 m / 9,000 ft

KMS / MILES : 13 km / 8 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



The Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu

A lodge-to-lodge trek designed by expert adventurers. The best alternative route to the Inca Trail.

Varied landscapes converge in the surroundings of Cusco. And the Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu, designed by Mountain Lodges Peru, takes advantage of this variety to offer us an alternative route with an incredible series of panoramic views.

During this seven-day trek, we will visit the archaeological site of Quillarumiyoc, the turquoise waters of Lake Humantay, and its imposing glacier. We will take part in an offering to Mother Earth. We will conquer winding trails up to the Salkantay Pass—the highest point on our trek, at an altitude of 4,636 meters (15,210 feet). We will explore part of the Llactapata Inca Trail and visit an organic coffee plantation. Towards the end of our route, at Llactapata Pass, at the site of a fortress of the same name, we will be met with a panoramic view of Machu Picchu. And the reward: a day spent at the famous citadel.

As we mentioned in the introduction, the nights (including some meals) will be spent in the comfort of MLP's luxurious lodges, with their very welcome massage rooms, and Jacuzzis under the stars.



Destination : Cusco

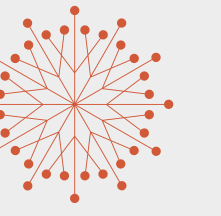
Duration : Multiday

Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 4,630 m / 15,200 ft - Minimum: 1,900 m / 6,232 ft

KMS / MILES : 56 km / 34 mi

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 14



The Sacred Valley & Lares Trek

A lodge-to-lodge cultural trek ending at Machu Picchu.

The Sacred Valley, particularly around the Lares valley, is a place where life continues as it did centuries ago. Here, in these remote landscapes, rural communities keep alive ancient traditions, such as the cultivating of native plants, the raising of llamas and alpacas, the creating of natural textiles, and rituals to honor Mother Earth.

For five days, we will set off on daily expeditions to some little-known corners of the Sacred Valley—as well as to other more famous but unmissable sights—in search of vestiges of Inca culture and living Andean communities. The routes that we'll take will be designed each day by expert explorers and tailored to our interests and abilities. Possible destinations include Pisac market, the Ancasmарca site, the heart of the Lares valley, the village of Huilloc, Pumamarca, the Ollantaytambo fortress, and many more. We will walk surrounded by snowcapped peaks, crossing Andean plains and skirting turquoise lakes. Whatever the route selected, the journey will be crowned by majestic Machu Picchu.

Of course, nights will be spent at remote and luxurious lodges, in properties owned by Mountain Lodges of Peru. And the flexibility of the route means that even families with young children can enjoy these experiences.



Destination : Cusco

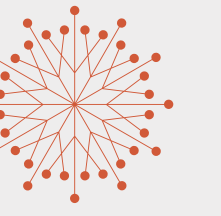
Duration : Multiday

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 4,219 m / 14,200 ft - Minimum: 1,900 m / 6,232 ft

KMS / MILES : 40 km / 24 mi

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 16



Vinicunca Trek

Hike to the mystical Mountain of Seven Colors, the second most popular attraction in Peru.

Rainbow Mountain, the Mountain of Seven Colors, or Vinicunca—just three hours from Cusco by road—hosts mineral deposits on its slopes that color it in shades of turquoise, red, yellow and green. And from a distance, this combination resembles a rainbow.

The road trip is also part of the experience. Among the mountain ranges, imposing snowcapped peaks rise up on the horizon, while picturesque villages and lakes adorn the route. To get to the famous mountain we will walk for around 6 kilometers, reaching almost 5,000 meters above sea level. The route is infused with a mystical aura, and this is no surprise, for the mountain is considered sacred. Also, behind the multicolored slopes there lies another hidden gem; the Red Valley, which as its name suggests is an entirely crimson landscape.

After Machu Picchu, this is perhaps Peru's most popular attraction. In fact, Business Insider has named the visit to Vinicunca one of the 100 trips that everyone should take in their lifetime.



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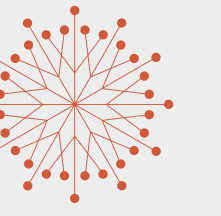
Duration : 9 h (trekking 2.5 h)

Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 5,036 m / 16,522 ft

KMS / MILES : 8 km / 4.9 mi

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



Hiking to Palccoyo Mountain

To the other Rainbow Mountain, one known only to a few.

For lovers of the great outdoors, Ausangate is already a household name. But at the foot of this mountain there is a little-known jewel: a trio of multicolored mountains with the name of Palccoyo. Its photogenic slopes are covered in light blue, terracotta, green and yellow mineral sediments. Palccoyo is comparable to the more famous Mountain of Seven Colors, Vinicunca—which has invaded social media—but without the influx of travelers who find their way there.

The journey by road takes just over three hours, after which a hike to the top awaits us. The two-kilometer stone path is reminiscent of the Inca Trail. And along the route there are viewpoints, where visitors can take a breather while taking a few photos. Upon arrival at the summit, the landscape offers an unbeatable view, with the three multicolored peaks in the foreground and the formidable snowcapped Mount Ausangate rising up in the background.

We know that Rainbow Mountain is on many travelers' bucket list, but Palccoyo is undoubtedly three times more beautiful, and much less crowded.



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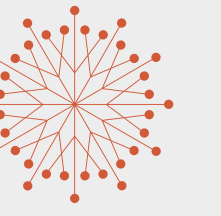
Duration : 9 h (hiking 1.5 h)

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 4,930 m / 16,174 ft

KMS / MILES : 3 km / 1.8 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Hike to Lake Humantay

A turquoise oasis beneath the slopes of Andean glaciers.

In Cusco, in the heights of the Vilcanota range (at 4,200 meters above sea level, to be exact), is Lake Humantay, a natural treasure of turquoise waters, surrounded by imposing snowcapped peaks and glaciers.

We will leave early in the morning for the village of Soraypampa, from where we will begin the journey on foot. The route passes close to imposing Salkantay, one of the highest mountains in the Andes. The valleys nestled between these white peaks are fertile, and there, among the vegetation and snows, live chinchillas and condors. The high altitude makes this walk moderately demanding, but horses are available for travelers who prefer to ride. The lake lies hidden among the slopes of the surrounding mountains, like an Andean oasis, and immediately behind its waters stands snowcapped Mount Humantay.

The beauty of the lake captivates travelers from all over the world. And we can say, without a doubt, that Humantay is one of Peru's most picturesque natural settings.



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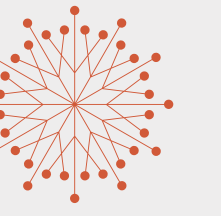
Duration : 10 h (hiking 3.5 h)

Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 4,200 m / 13,780 ft - Minimum: 2,891 m / 9,000 ft

KMS / MILES : 7 km / 4.3 mi

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 18



Visit to the Chonta canyon

Home of the Andean condor, the messenger of the gods.

The Andean condor is a bird like no other. It is one of the largest and longest-living in the world. With a wingspan of more than 3 meters, standing 1.5 meters tall, and with a lifespan of around eighty years, it is capable of soaring through the skies high above its rugged and mountainous habitat. It should therefore come as no surprise that the Incas considered it the link between the heavenly and the earthly worlds. And above the Chonta Canyon, this enormous bird can be seen spreading its mythical wings.

The journey by road is enhanced by views of Mount Salkantay and the scenery of the Limatambo valley. From the village of Chonta, we will head by foot or on horseback towards the so-called “Condor Canyon”, a true natural sanctuary. The Apurímac River flows through this broad canyon, and the surroundings are dotted with small Inca sites, such as Quillarumiyoc and Tarawasi.

For those who enjoy birdwatching, this experience has to be added to their list. This is the habitat of the condor, where there is a great chance of close sightings.



Destination : Cusco

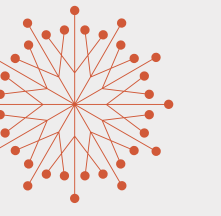
Duration : 8 h (hiking 2.5 h)

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 3,476 m / 11,407 ft - Minimum: 3,279 m / 10,758 ft

KMS / MILES : 7.4 km / 4.6 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 30



Moray – Maras hike

A walk passing two great Inca sites: the agricultural laboratory of Moray and the saltpans of Maras.

The Romans perfected the arch, but it was the Incas who perfected agricultural terracing. And, on this walk, we will visit two complexes representative of the crowning achievements of this technology: Moray, an agricultural laboratory; and the saltpans of Maras. Both sites are beautiful: the first, thanks to its impeccable radial geometry; and the second, thanks to its hundreds of stepped white pools.

Our route will take us first down to the series of circular terraces at Moray, an experimental agricultural center where the Incas developed crop varieties for different altitudes, and which in our own times has served as the inspiration for the altitude-based concept of Lima's celebrated Central restaurant. From Moray, we will continue to the colonial-era village of Maras, crossing the fertile fields of the Sacred Valley towards the stepped saltpans of the same name. This extensive series of more than 3,000 salt pools, fed from a natural spring and arrayed across the green slope of a hill, combine to create an astonishing spectacle.

Agricultural terracing has survived as the most representative feature of Inca architecture, and this walk brings together two magnificent works to create a single, unique experience.



Destination : Sacred Valley

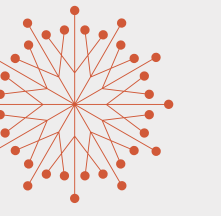
Duration : 4 to 6 h

Effort Level : Light

Altitude : Maximum: 3,570 m / 11,700 ft - Minimum: 2,880 m / 9,451 ft

KMS / MILES : 12 km / 7.5 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Pumamarca – Ollantaytambo Hike

A gentle walk passing through Inca sites that mark the beginning of the Sacred Valley.

The Sacred Valley is filled with archaeological sites with varied histories, and by visiting more than one of them we can create a more complete picture of the range of purposes for which such structures were intended. On this occasion, we will visit two complementary sites: Pumamarca and Ollantaytambo.

The walk will begin at Pumamarca, a major archaeological complex shrouded in mystery, due perhaps to its great antiquity. This location is filled with agricultural terracing, paths and structures which suggest that it was used as a bastion. Our walk will follow the routes of ancient water channels, along pre-Hispanic paths to the village of Ollantaytambo, where Inca streets, aqueducts and plazas have survived intact, and local people live to this day. Here, we will explore the fortress of Ollantaytambo, a strategic Inca military, religious and agricultural center with many terraces, steep stone steps, and temples perched at its highest point.

The hike is relatively short and physically undemanding, visiting two sites that will help us to better understand Inca architecture.



Destination : Sacred Valley

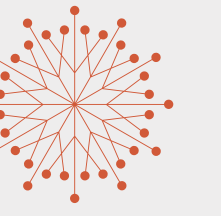
Duration : 6 h (hiking 3.5 h)

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 3,476 m / 11,407 ft - Minimum: 2,967 m / 9,735 ft

KMS / MILES : 6.2 km / 3.82 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Hiking Lamay – Pisac

Walking through the unexplored gems of the Sacred Valley.

The growing fame of the Sacred Valley has brought an increasing number of tourists; that is why we have set out to create routes far from those seen by groups of travelers. One of these untouched routes is the walk through the heights of Lamay and Pisac.

This is a journey composed of encounters with unspoiled landscapes and fauna, rural communities, and outdoor culinary experiences that bring together the best local ingredients. Walkers can see, in their natural habitat, species such as viscachas, deer, condors, Andean gulls, ducks and Andean geese. This is a dream destination for birdwatching enthusiasts. The most breathtaking views include a series of lakes, the waters of which reflect the surrounding sacred mountains.

The custodians of this route are the local communities, and so when you walk here, not only are you helping to conserve the natural environment, you are also contributing to the wellbeing of the nearby villages.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 7 h

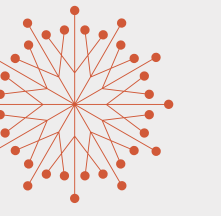
Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 4,316 m / 14,160 ft

KMS / MILES : 14 km / 8.6 mi

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** 20

Add On : Pack Llamas



Hiking to Huchuy Qosqo

A short expedition to the palace of Inca Wiracocha.

Huchuy Qosqo means “Little Cusco” in Quechua and, according to the chroniclers, it was a country estate used by the Inca Wiracocha. In his guidebook “Exploring Cusco”, the writer Peter Frost says that the Spanish found the mummified remains of the Inca at this site. It is fascinating to see how, almost six hundred years after his death, the walls of his palace continue to stand.

After a 1-hour drive from Cusco, we will start our walk and the palace will come into view, its structures harmonizing with the water that flows at the site. During the ascent, we will learn more about the myths and legends surrounding Huchuy Qosqo. At the top of the trail, a stone doorway will appear, announcing the end of an Inca highway that began in Cusco. Here, there will be time to relax and enjoy a picnic made using fresh produce from the Sacred Valley. On the way back, we will begin our descent by passing through a forest of native *chachacomo* trees, as we head to the village of Lamay.

This hike to Huchuy Qosqo, an archaeological treasure beyond the classic circuit, offers the opportunity to truly appreciate the great splendor of the Inca dynasty.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 7 h

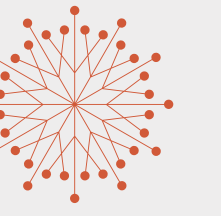
Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 4,410 m / 14,668 ft

KMS / MILES : 12 km / 7.4 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 20

Add On : Pack Llamas



Walking the agricultural terraces of Yucay

A peaceful walk along huge Inca terraces, in use to this day.

A little over 90 minutes from Cusco, we find the Inca agricultural terraces of Yucay. Each of these massive terraces stands over five meters high, and the complex is hundreds of meters long. Neighboring rural communities continue to use and maintain these terraces, and they are the only ones in the Sacred Valley to have remained in continuous use for more than five hundred years.

Our walk will follow the route of centuries-old water channels, crossing walled agricultural terraces and bringing us closer to the daily life of local people. This is a portal into the past, to the world of ancient Peruvians and the heritage of their descendants in Yucay.

Travelers of all ages and all levels of physical ability will enjoy this experience, with its gentle and pleasant walk that will take us to a living historical site, surrounded by the extraordinary landscapes of the Sacred Valley.



Destination : Sacred Valley

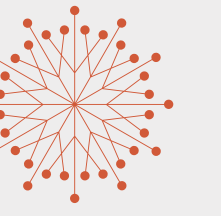
Duration : 2.5 h

Effort Level : Light

Altitude : Maximum: 3,043 m / 9,985 ft - Minimum: 2,856 m / 9,373 ft

KMS / MILES : 5.7 km / 3.6 mi

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 30



Horseback riding in the Sacred Valley



One of the best ways to contemplate the Sacred Valley? From a saddle.

One of the best ways to enjoy the fabulous scenery of the Sacred Valley is on horseback, particularly for those who love country life.

On this ride—at trot or canter, depending on your abilities— we will pass through picturesque Andean villages; we will ride among a multitude of ancient Inca terraces and past lush fields of crops bordered by streams and rivers.

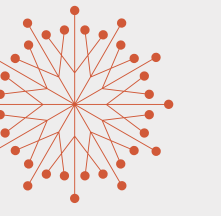
This is a splendid way to get to know the Sacred Valley, and it is suitable for all types of outdoor enthusiasts: young and old, grandparents and grandchildren, the adventurous or more laid back.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 to 4 h

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 12



Stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing on Andean lakes

Snow-capped peaks, golden hills and serene lakes are the perfect setting for a day in the great outdoors.

Few people are aware that the snowcapped peaks of the Andes are home to countless rivers and lakes that make the Sacred Valley a dream destination for lovers of watersports.

We will enjoy one of the best adventure sports destinations in the region to practice a variety of aquatic activities such as SUP, kayaking and canoeing. Nature, fun and living culture create the perfect combination for everyone: from the oldest to the youngest travelers.

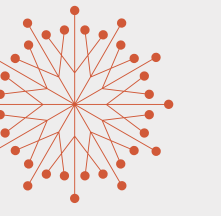
We will experience a physically active morning, during which we will also have time to relax and enjoy the scenery, storing unforgettable moments, particularly if we are traveling with family or friends.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 30



Mountain biking in the Sacred Valley

The adventure of exploring the Andes on two wheels.

The Andes, the longest mountain range in the world, offers the perfect setting for mountain biking. Traversing steep slopes or crossing vast plains, the possible routes to the major attractions of the Sacred Valley are many and varied. The choice of one route over another will depend on the particular interests of each traveler, as well as their level of expertise and preferred activity. We can opt for a gentle cross country section, a steep trail for enduro fans, or routes for practicing downhill. We are an all-terrain team!

This experience on two wheels brings us closer to the place we are visiting in a fun and healthy way, offering exercise and contact with nature as we explore the Sacred Valley at our own pace. The list of places where we'll certainly want to stop includes the Inca complexes of Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Maras and Moray.

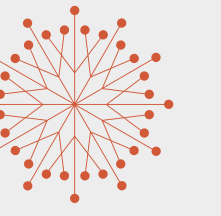
But here the journey is as important as the destination, because along the way we will be met with lakes at the base of mountains, trails that run between fields and agricultural terracing, and the snowcapped peaks that silently dominate the horizon.



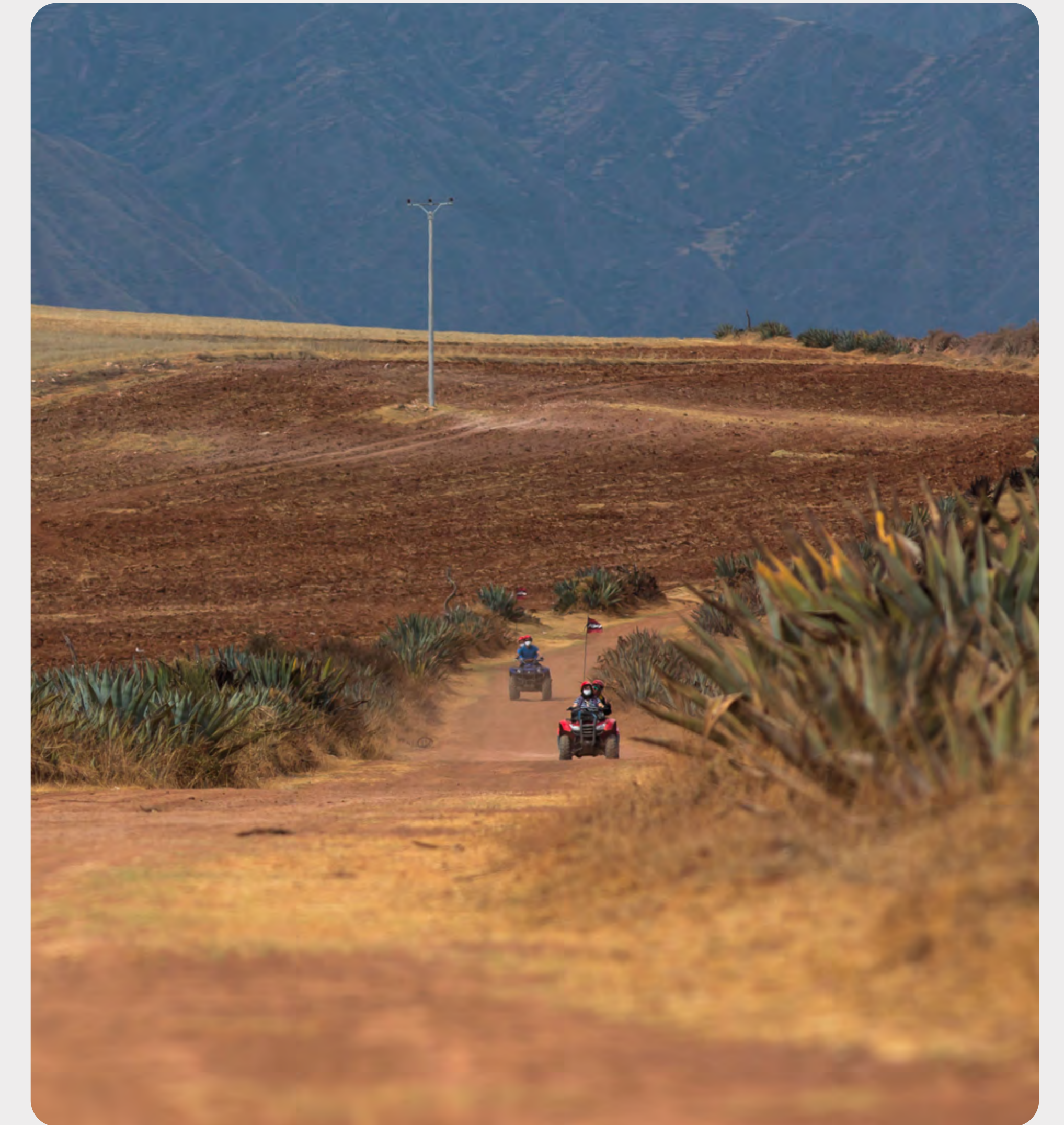
Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 to 4 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 12



Quad bikes in the Sacred Valley



Engine, throttle, landscape, villages and relics.

One of the best ways to explore the Sacred Valley is with an engine and a throttle. The green slopes of towering mountains and the winding rivers that divide them form the dream backdrop to an adventure we can embark upon at whatever speed our individual abilities allow. And, set among the scenery, dozens of picturesque villages and archaeological sites are dotted throughout this historic valley.

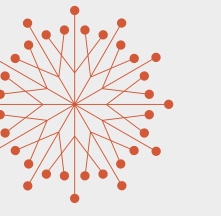
Our recommendation: for those traveling with family or friends, this is a flexible, fun and versatile activity that will please everyone. There's no need to be an adventurer to enjoy this ride. In fact, at four thousand meters above sea level, the help of four wheels is more than welcome!



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 20



Rafting in Andean rivers

An adrenaline rush in the waters of the Apurímac and Urubamba rivers.

Few realize that the snowcapped peaks of the Andes nourish countless streams and rivers; in fact, the source of the mighty Amazon itself has been traced to these mountains. Two rivers in particular offer ideal conditions for rafting; the Apurímac and the Urubamba.

Our expedition on the Apurímac presents a range of scenarios. At times, the river opens up and is wide and serene, and at other times it rushes through narrow granite canyons. There, between walls towering thousands of meters, white waters welcome us with Class III, IV and V rapids. For its part, the Urubamba River offers us a calmer descent towards the Amazon basin, with Class II, III and IV rapids throughout the year.

The possibilities and the levels of adventure are varied. An expedition can last one or several days, with camping and hikes to other natural settings and historic sites. And with waters that in some sections can be kind to novices, while in others they are better suited to professionals.

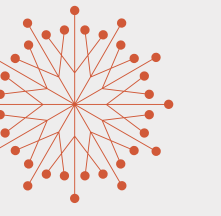


Destination : Sacred Valley | Southern region

Duration : Varies

Effort Level : Moderate

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 18



Via Ferrata & Zip-line

Pure adrenaline and matchless views.

In a travel publication or on social media, you may have come across images of a series of glass capsules suspended from a precipice. Well, this is SkyLodge, in the Sacred Valley, which also features an award-winning via ferrata and zip-line center, perfect for adventurers!

The ascent through the ravines does not require any free climbing; there is a vertical path composed of metal ladders and suspension bridges. From this exceptional point—400 meters above the valley—we will gaze out with a new perspective upon the incomparable scenery of the Andes. Once at the top, what is perhaps the best part comes next: sliding down via a system of seven zip-lines, each between 250 and 700 meters long.

The metal ladders and expert guidance of SkyLodge climbers cushion this experience, meaning that it can be enjoyed as much by novices as by those who already have some experience.

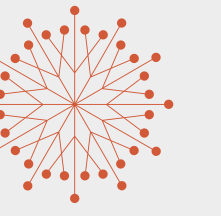


Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 4 h

Effort Level : Intense

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 20



Glamping in the Sacred Valley

The best accommodation beneath the heart of the Milky Way.

Any camper will say that the best accommodation is under the stars. But that experience gets even better with all that a luxury hotel can offer. That is where glamping comes in, with beds in private tents, bathrooms with hand-carved dressing tables, and dishes prepared by real chefs, creating a nomadic retreat from where it is possible to truly explore nature.

The morning presents us with a range of possibilities: stand-up paddle boarding on the lake, mountain biking, or a walk at the salt pans of Maras. And in the afternoon, perhaps a visit to the local communities to learn about their ancestral teachings and relationship with Mother Earth, or Pachamama, in Quechua.

We will camp amid the landscapes of the Sacred Valley, with an impressive view of the snowcapped mountains, illuminated by the sea of constellations that can only be seen in this part of the world.

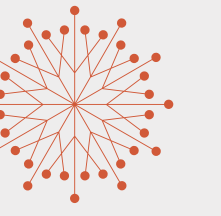
Glamping is not only about overnighting in wilderness landscapes, it is also about creating memories with family and friends that will last a lifetime.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : Multiday

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 14



Ascent of Huayna Picchu

The best view of Machu Picchu is reserved for the adventurous.

We have all seen the picture postcard image of Machu Picchu: the citadel laid out below an enormous mountain. Well, that enormous mountain is Huayna Picchu, and the path that runs to its summit is flanked by small hidden Inca temples and terraces.

The ascent traces a route of approximately 2 kilometers, which is certainly one of the best short walks on the planet, particularly for the more adventurous among us. To begin with, this narrow path is not a simple stairway. On occasion, it is necessary to haul one's self up using ropes. In some places, steep slopes border the path, and in other places Inca terraces allow walkers to catch their breath and take a few photos. But, without a doubt, the greatest attraction is at the mountain's peak: an alternative panoramic view of the ancient citadel and the cloud-wreathed landscapes that surround it.

For most adventurers this is the best part of their visit to Machu Picchu.



Destination : Machu Picchu

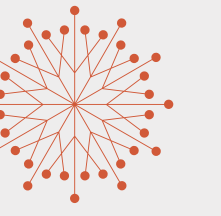
Duration : 2 to 3 h

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 2,638 m / 8,554 ft - Minimum: 2,390 m / 7,840 ft

KMS / MILES : 3.60 km / 2.20 mi

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



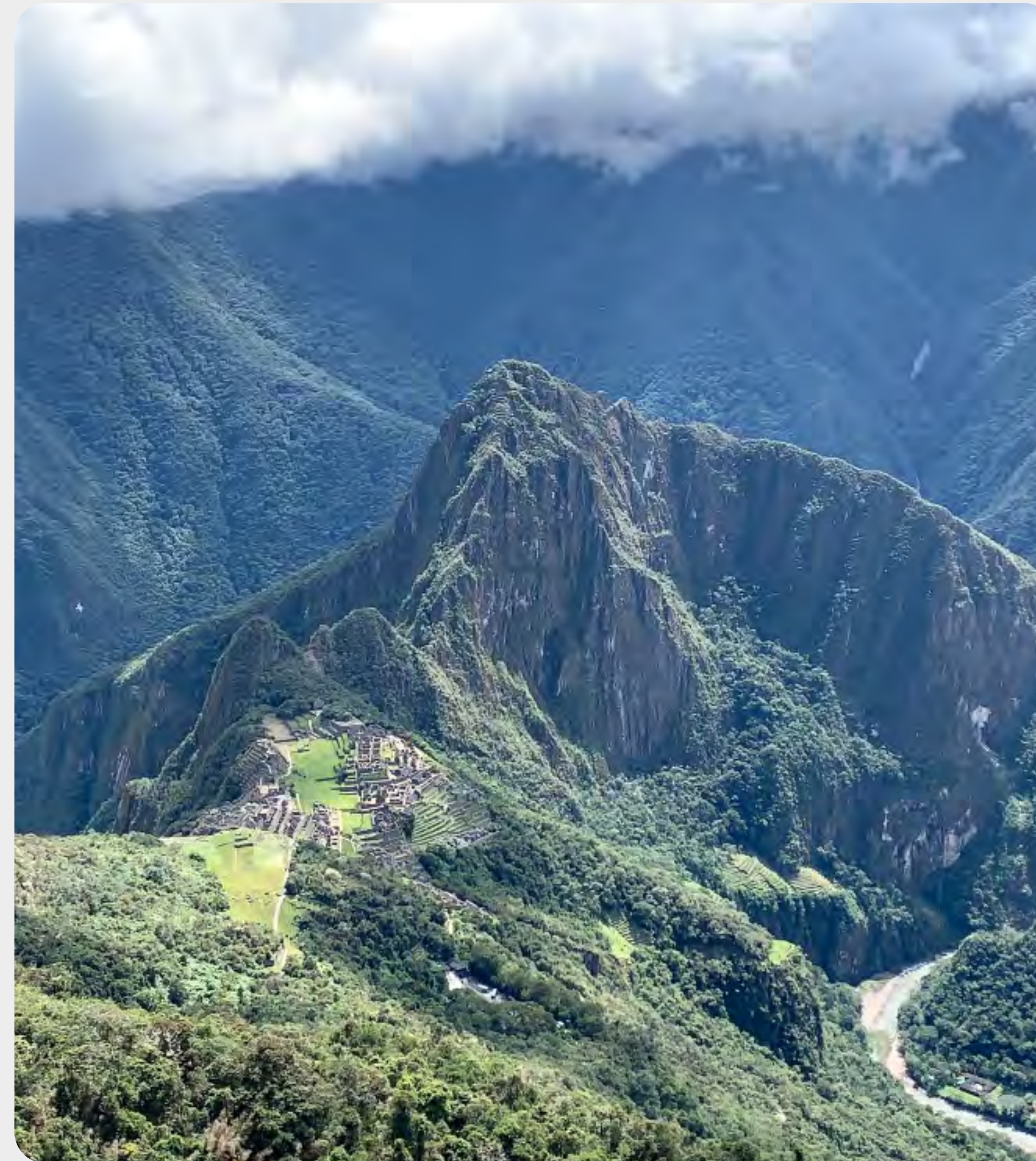
Ascent of Machu Picchu Mountain

The best view of the citadel, the surroundings, and sacred mountains.

We all know one picture postcard image of Machu Picchu: the citadel laid out in front of the enormous Huayna Picchu mountain. But on the opposite side, along the Inca Trail that leads to the Sun Gate, is one of the highest mountains in the area, known by the same name as the citadel.

Like the ascent of Huayna Picchu, this is also a walk of approximately two kilometers. But there is a difference that is worth bearing in mind: the level of difficulty. In comparison, the route to the summit of Machu Picchu is more friendly. The path is less steep and can be walked even by those who are not experienced walkers. The reward at the top is incomparable: a complete view of the citadel, the Willcamayu River curling around the mountain, Mount Salkantay in the distance, and the white peaks of the Veronica range.

For those who want to capture the true magnificence of Machu Picchu and the sublime surrounding landscapes, this is their mountain.



Destination : Machu Picchu

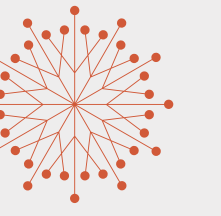
Duration : 4 to 5 h

Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 3,082 m / 10,111 ft - Minimum: 2,398 m / 7,865 ft

KMS / MILES : 3.8 km / 2.39 mi

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



Ascent of Huchuy Picchu

A small mountain with a spectacular view.

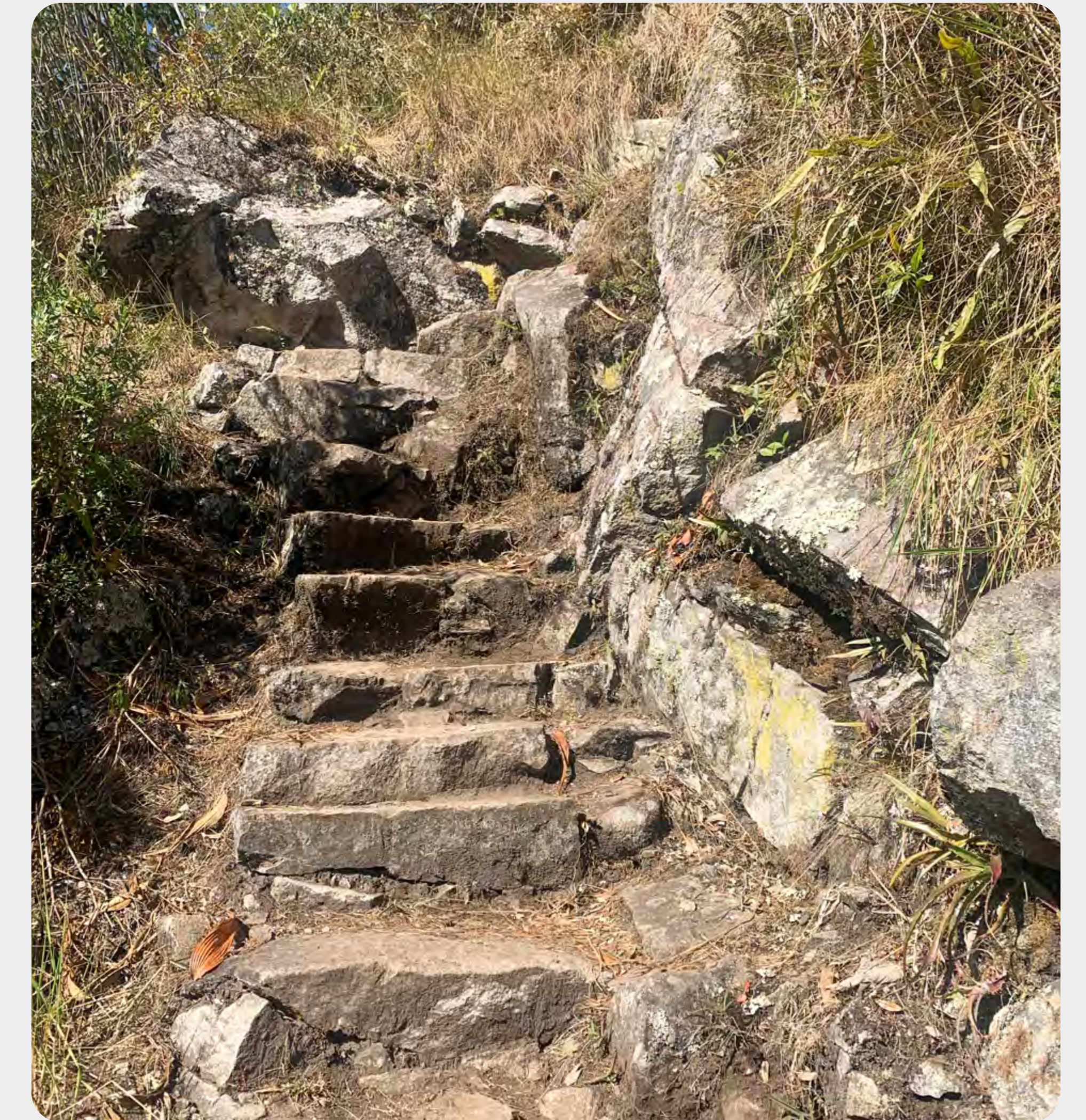
The name of Huchuy Picchu, the smallest mountain located within the Machu Picchu archaeological site, is a reference to its size: in Quechua, “Huchuy Picchu” means “small mountain”.

Its summit stands 2,497 meters above sea level (8,192 ft), and it is just 50 meters (164 ft) from Machu Picchu itself; the perfect distance for an unforgettable view of the citadel, the Sacred Rock, the Intihuatana, the Main Square, and much more.

The route up the mountain is suitable for all abilities: it is just a 1-kilometer walk, and in around 30 minutes we will walk up and back down a series of stone steps built by the Incas more than 400 years ago.

The characteristic flora of the mountain includes many species of orchids, and trees such as cedars and native *queñua*, ferns and Peruvian pepper trees. Along the route, it is possible to see an enormous diversity of butterflies and bird species. One of the most striking (and most difficult to spot) is the cock-of-the-rock, Peru’s iconic national bird.

This is a perfect excursion, for both those looking for a less physically demanding experience, and those seeking to appreciate Machu Picchu from an unconventional angle.



Destination : Machu Picchu

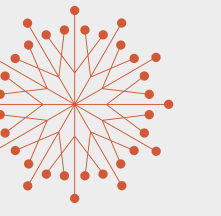
Duration : 40 min

Effort Level : Light

Altitude : 2,500 m / 8,228 ft

KMS / MILES : 0.46 km / 0.3 mi.

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



Hiking Canocota

Biodiversity and history along the Colca River

Exploring Canocota Canyon means venturing into a landscape sculpted by volcanic activity, where time has shaped imposing geological formations and ancient cultures have left their mark. This three-hour hike is an accessible option for travelers seeking a combination of scenery, biodiversity, and Pre-Hispanic heritage.

The tour begins with a hike to a panoramic viewpoint, from where the trail ahead can be seen. The route passes centuries-old agricultural terraces—testimonies to the ingenuity of the Collagua and Cabana peoples—and a vibrant ecosystem in which cacti, vizcachas and condors contribute to the majestic landscape of the Andes. The experience culminates at the local natural springs, where hot water impregnated with the mineral aroma of sulfur gushes from the depths of the earth.

More than a hiking trail, this route is a journey between earth and sky, where volcanic energy, Pre-Hispanic culture and natural beauty combine to create an unforgettable experience.



Destination : Colca

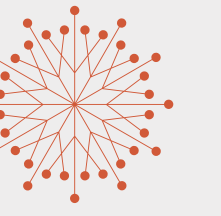
Duration : 3 h

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 3,850 m / 12,625 ft - Minimum: 3,612 m / 11,850 ft

KMS / MILES : 7.86 km / 4.9 mi

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



Discovering Inca Tunuhuiiri

Ancestral ceremonial center overlooking Lake Titicaca

In the highlands of the Puno altiplano, just a few kilometers from the village of Ichu, lies Inca Tunuhuiiri, a ceremonial center whose origins date from 500 BC to AD 400—several centuries before the expansion of the Inca Empire in the region. Its commanding location overlooking Lake Titicaca was no coincidence: it formed part of a network of ritual sites where landscape, power, and spirituality were deeply intertwined.

The ascent, which takes approximately 30 minutes, reveals the logic of the site. Sandstone terraces, ceremonial platforms, and carved stone blocks define an architectural complex that interacts directly with its natural surroundings. From the summit, the lake unfolds across the horizon while the mountains frame the landscape, revealing why this place once served as a key setting for ceremonies linked to solar worship and agricultural cycles.

Walking through Inca Tunuhuiiri offers insight into how Andean societies conceived sacred space—as a place where nature, social organization, and worldview converged. Today, offerings still made to Pachamama preserve this spiritual continuity, reminding us that history is not a distant past, but a living tradition of the Altiplano.



Destination : Puno

Duration : 4 h

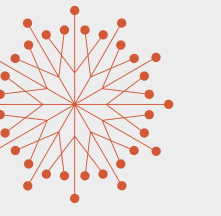
Effort Level : Moderado

Altitude : Maximum: 3,940 m / 12,926 ft - Minimum: 3,800 m / 12,467 ft

KMS/ MILES : 2.5 km / 1.55 mi.

Min Guests : 2

Max Guests : No limit



Desert adventure

An unforgettable experience among the dunes of the Paracas desert.

Many travelers are unaware that Peru's coast is dominated by a great desert. The reason: the combination of the high Andes, the cold Humboldt ocean current and the prevailing surface winds means that almost no rain falls on the coast.

During this trip, we will journey into the Paracas desert to experience an unforgettable adventure. We will cross the seemingly endless dunes on a roller coaster 4x4 vehicle drive. Upon reaching the highest point, just before sunset, we will take the time to enjoy a panoramic view, as the dunes are painted in chiaroscuro hues. Following this experience, a luxurious picnic will await us, served beneath a Bedouin tent and lit with candles and lanterns.

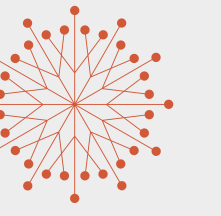
Just over three hours from Lima, the Paracas desert offers a new perspective on the amazing diversity of Peru.



Destination : Paracas

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** No limit



Dune buggy in the Paracas desert



An adrenaline rush among the golden dunes south of Lima.

Just over three hours south of Lima on the Pan-American Highway, the deserts of Paracas form one of the most unexpectedly beautiful landscapes in Peru. Here, endless rows of golden dunes rise up to 50 meters in height, one after the other.

This is a dream setting for a dune buggy adventure, zigzagging across the sands and experiencing a true adrenaline rush. But there is more to this adventure than racing across the desert; we can also take time out to try sandboarding on the slopes of the Paracas dunes.

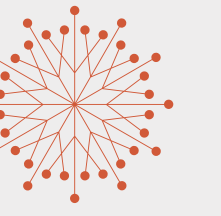
Peru may be synonymous with lush jungles, but the dunes of Paracas National Reserve offer a new and exciting experience in a country of astounding diversity.



Destination : Paracas

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Hike to Revash

Adventure hiking to explore mysterious Chachapoyas tombs.

To this day, the heights of the northeastern Andes preserve one of the most enigmatic legacies of Chachapoyas culture; the Revash mausoleums. Situated 2800 meters above sea level, and defying gravity and time, these tombs were built between the 11th and 15th centuries on the steep slopes of Cerro Carbon.

The hike follows a 4-kilometer circular route that offers close-up views of the tombs. These small funerary structures, perched on the cliffs, were built to resemble little houses, with pitched roofs and facades decorated with red paint. According to experts, they were created to contain the remains of important Chachapoyas figures. Today, through a sustainability alliance, the local community is responsible for maintaining the cobblestone path, and so with your visit you can be sure that you are contributing to local development.

Revash and its burial chambers survive as a testament to the advanced architectural techniques and engineering knowledge of the Chachapoyas people. In addition to offering an immersive exploration of Chachapoyas culture and their unique funerary customs, this tour is also an opportunity for adventure.



Destination : Chachapoyas

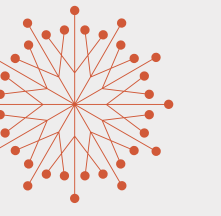
Duration : HD

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 2,800 m / 9,186 ft - Minimum: 2,717 m / 8914 ft

KMS / MILES : 4.17 km / 2.6 mi.

Max Guest : No limit



Hike to Karajía

An expedition to a series of astonishing tombs nestled in the mountains.

North of the Utcubamba Valley lies one of the most unique funerary expressions of the Pre-Columbian Americas; the Karajia sarcophagi. Built in the 15th century, these anthropomorphic tombs, more than two meters high and set into the cliff face, contain the remains of illustrious Chachapoyas figures, together with their funerary offerings.

The hike to reach the site is almost 4 kilometers, with the option of returning on horseback. Painted and with sculpted faces, six of the original seven main tombs have survived, and other, simpler sarcophagi can also be seen on the surrounding rock face. Following this visit, we'll stop for a delicious lunch at Tambo Sapalanchan, before continuing to the San José Mill, where Hans welcomes visitors with charming anecdotes about his grandfather, Cesareo Torrejon, who built this watermill with his own hands.

Amidst enigmatic tombs, wooden gears and exquisite freshly baked bread, history and tradition are not learned here, they are lived.



Destination : Chachapoyas

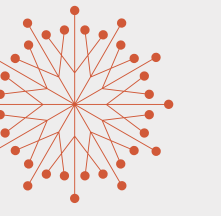
Duration : FD

Effort Level : Moderate

Altitude : Maximum: 2,889 m / 9,482 ft - Minimum: 2,696 m / 8845 ft

KMS/ MILES : 3.5 km / 2.17 mi.

Max Guest : No limit



Horseback riding to La Petaca

A ride to an enigmatic burial site surrounded by natural beauty.

Very close to Leymebamba, on the cliffs of the upper San Miguel River valley, stands the spectacular La Petaca funerary complex. This vertical necropolis is composed of structures that include tombs, platforms, and pathways, as well as caverns, niches, and overhangs, all containing burials that have provided insights into Chachapoyas culture funerary traditions.

This roundtrip horseback tour covers approximately 7 kilometers, passing through an area of great natural beauty. The uneven terrain means that previous horseback riding experience is recommended. At the site, with the aid of a telescope, visitors can appreciate the extraordinary construction techniques that made possible the building of more than 100 tombs, arranged along a wall that is over 250 meters high.

Particularly remarkable is a mural depicting the story of Chuquimi, the Chachapoyas leader who poisoned the Inca Huayna Capac and then committed suicide. Legend has it that, although he was interred here, Inca soldiers later removed his body and destroyed it, thus imposing the ultimate punishment for a culture that believed in the afterlife.

This is a route combining adventure, nature and history, immersing visitors in a cultural experience that is hard to match.



Destination : Chachapoyas

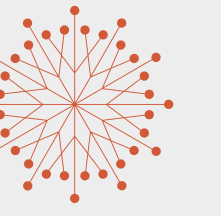
Duration : HD

Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 3,212 m / 10,538 ft - Minimum: 2,946 m / 9,665 ft

KMS/ MILES : 7 km / 4.35 mi.

Max Guest : 12



Visit to the turquoise waters of Millpu

A hidden gem amid canyons, waterfalls, and Andean silence.

South of Ayacucho, hidden among rocky cliffs and high gorges, lies one of Peru's most breathtaking landscapes: the natural pools of Millpu. This chain of turquoise basins, carved by centuries of flowing water, remains off the beaten path and amazes visitors with its striking colors and peaceful surroundings.

From the city, the drive takes about three and a half hours to reach Circamarca, set at an altitude of 3,537 meters. From there, a walk of nearly half an hour leads first to the viewpoint. Along the way, trout farms and the characteristic highland landscapes of the region come into view. Then, a path descends to the banks of the Millpu River, where water has shaped a flawless sequence of emerald pools, framed by wild vegetation, narrow canyons, and cascading falls. The route continues to the water spring, the source of this crystal-clear and silent river.

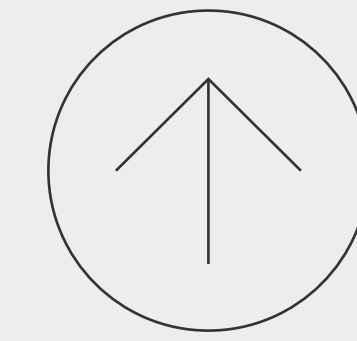
An experience that unveils one of the best-kept secrets of the central Andes—pure nature, constant movement, and a deep connection with the stillness of the landscape.



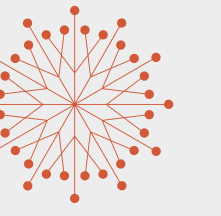
Destination : Ayacucho

Duration : FD

Nature



Lima	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to the Palomino Islands
Cusco	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birdwatching at Abra Málaga• Visit to the Cusco Planetarium
Sacred Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to the Ensifera Camp
Arequipa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve
Colca	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Condor watching
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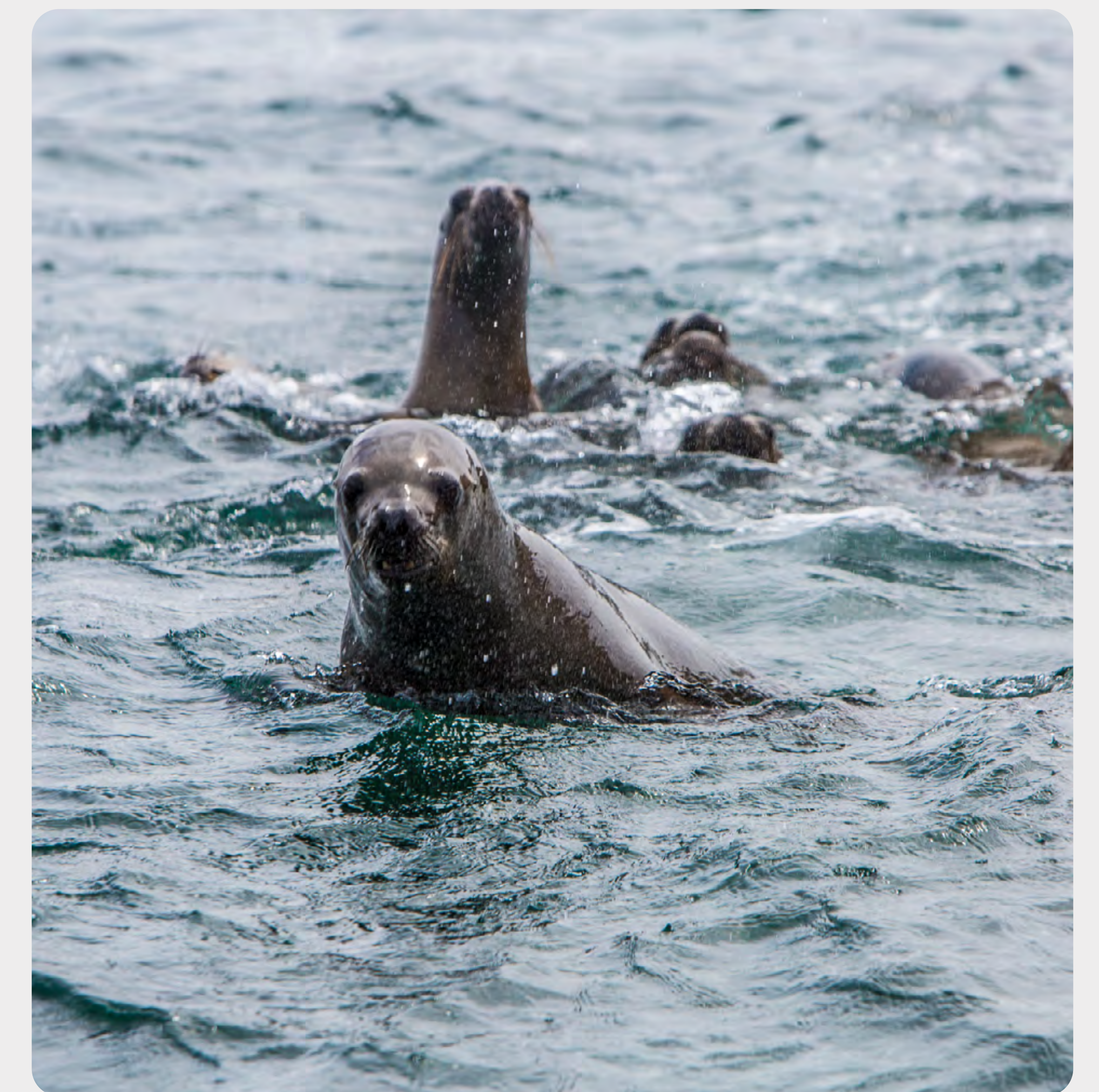
Visit to the Palomino Islands

Swimming with sea lions off Lima's coast.

Although Lima is a bustling metropolis, just off its coast there is a National Marine Life Reserve, at the Palomino Islands. These islets are filled with one of the biggest colonies of sea lions in Peru, while the surrounding waters are inhabited by dozens of species of birds and cetaceans.

The expedition will begin in the port of Callao, from where we will set out by boat for the tiny islands. Along the way, we will pass the islands of San Lorenzo and El Frontón, which was once a prison, as well as the Cavinzas Islands, which are also home to countless seabirds, along with Humboldt penguins. At the Palomino Islands, we will change into our wetsuits and immerse ourselves in this marine world, swimming in the company of playful sea lions.

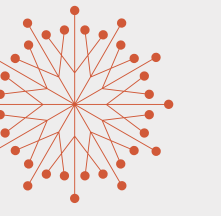
Who could have imagined that so close to the hustle and bustle of the city we would find this natural sanctuary and enjoy a unique adventure—one that is particularly special for the youngest members of the family.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 25



Birdwatching at Abra Málaga

The High Andes are an unbeatable destination for passionate birdwatchers.

The Málaga Pass is a favorite destination for expert birdwatchers. At an altitude of 4,400 meters, it is one of Cusco's highest mountain passes, and the surrounding snowcapped peaks soar to over 5,800 meters. Despite the altitude, native Andean trees populate the slopes and support a wealth of wildlife, particularly birds.

This experience is led by specialist local guides, who have visited this protected natural area hundreds of times, and they know every hidden corner where dozens of different bird species can be spotted. In their company, we will identify many of those species, listening out for calls and remaining alert to their movements, spotting the differences between males and females, venturing into their habitat, and seeking out endemic species.

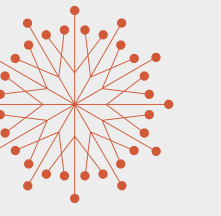
Peru is home to more than 1,800 species of birds, of which around 106 are endemic. As many travelers have noted, a single trip is not enough to fully appreciate such extraordinary biodiversity, but Abra Málaga, one of the highest forests in the region and only three hours from Cusco, is undoubtedly the best place to start exploring.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 8 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 14



Visit to the Cusco Planetarium

A look into the depths of Peru's skies and the knowledge possessed by Inca astronomers.

Just beyond the Inca fortress of Sacsayhuamán is the Cusco Planetarium, a small observatory run by the astronomer Erwin Salazar, who has been studying the celestial sphere for more than 30 years. He and his passionate team specialize in the southern constellations, archaeoastronomy and ethnoastronomy.

The visit begins with a short presentation on the southern sky—which, unlike the northern hemisphere, contains the brightest and most densely crowded parts of the Milky Way—and the constellations that the Incas created from its stars. Following this talk, we will view in the dome a projected image of these celestial bodies. The aim is to provide context before we are invited to take a look at the night sky through powerful telescopes.

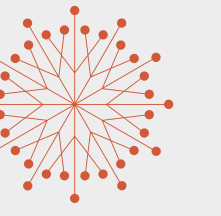
In addition to being an observatory, the Cusco Planetarium is the only place where the ancestral Inca knowledge of astronomy and scientific prediction based on the stars is conserved and practiced.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 2h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 18



Visit to the Ensifera Camp

A paradise for the observation of hummingbirds.

Peru is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world. Among its rich fauna, it is home to more than 125 recorded hummingbird species, of which more than a dozen species are endemic. And, in Urubamba, in the forests that lie just outside the Mantamay Private Conservation Area, is Ensifera Camp, a paradise for birdlife.

The garden of local flowers and fruits is a refuge for several bird species, but the most beautiful and abundant are the hummingbirds. In Ensifera, it is possible to spot up to ten species fluttering around us. With the help of local naturalist guides, we will be able to feed the hummingbirds from our hands, for a close-up view of their shimmering plumage, their accelerated wingbeat, and their trick of hovering in one place.

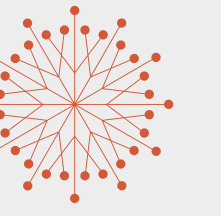
Ensifera Camp is in the heart of the Sacred Valley and was created by local-born César Cusihamán. It's not necessary to be a birdwatcher to enjoy this visit, and it is ideal for both adults and children.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 14



Salinas And Aguada Blanca National Reserve

A natural sanctuary on the route to Colca

Via the more traditional route, the journey from Arequipa to Colca Valley usually takes around three hours. However, a more rewarding alternative route passes through the Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve, a 366,936-hectare natural sanctuary covering the territory between Arequipa and Moquegua. This vast plateau, situated at over 4300 meters, is home to landscapes sculpted by time and exceptional biodiversity.

The road winds between the imposing volcanic peaks of Misti and Chachani, crossing high plains and passing wetlands and picturesque rock formations. One of the most fascinating sights is Lake Salinas. During the rainy season, it is transformed into a reflecting pool, with thousands of flamingos dancing across its surface. And during the dry season, the landscape becomes an immense salt flat, resplendent beneath the Andean sun.

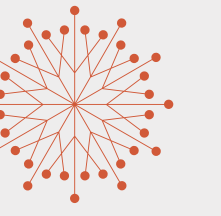
This tour offers unforgettable encounters with vicuñas, alpacas, Andean deer and, with a little luck, the elusive puma. More than just an excursion, this route is an immersion into the essence of the Peruvian highlands, where nature and the grandeur of the Andes are unveiled at every step.



Destination : Arequipa

Duration : FD

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



Condor Watching

An encounter with the majestic flight of the guardians of the Andean skies.

Colca Canyon is one of the best places in the world to admire the imposing flight of the Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*), a majestic bird with a wingspan of up to 3.2 meters, which is both a symbol of the Andes and a keystone species of the region's ecology.

An early start is needed—between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m.—to witness the elegant aerial dance of these birds, as they take advantage of the canyon's thermal updrafts to soar effortlessly. The most famous spot for condor watching is Cruz del Condor, but less crowded viewpoints, such as Mirador del Cura and Mirador de Tapay, also offer spectacular viewing.

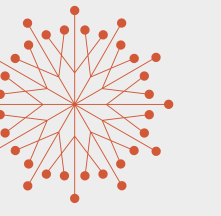
What makes Colca Canyon unique is the high probability of sightings, as well as the opportunity to observe up close these long-lived giants capable of living for up to 70 years. This early morning encounter with the guardians of the Andean skies is an unforgettable way to experience the grandeur of the natural world.



Destination : Colca

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit



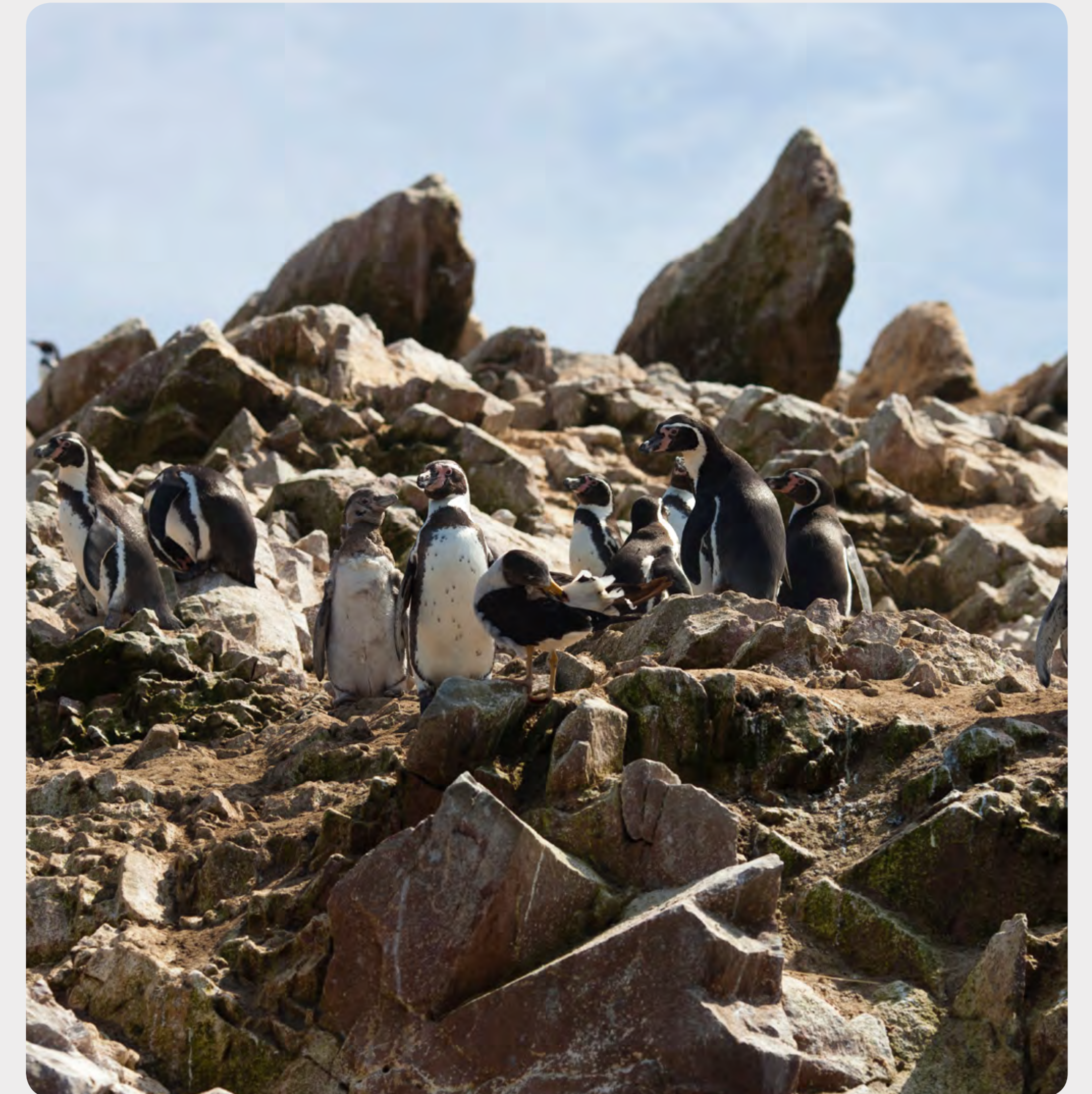
Visit to the Ballestas Islands

A sanctuary for the animal kingdom.

To the south of Lima—four hours by road and then just a little further by sea—are the Ballestas Islands. They are a group of rocky islets, home to countless birds and marine mammals, both migratory and endemic. The islands lie opposite Paracas National Reserve, a protected natural area where it is possible to enjoy wildlife sightings throughout the year.

The best way to get there is aboard a small boat, so as not to disturb the wildlife and ensure that the rocks can be navigated easily. As we move away from the coast, we will see in the distance, on a sand-covered hill, the gigantic Candelabro geoglyph—a precursor of the Nazca Lines. Further out to sea, the rocky islands will come into view, covered with hundreds of sea lions, flamingoes, Humboldt penguins and seabirds.

Much is said about the Galapagos Islands, and with good reason. But to the south, in Peru, there is another treasure trove of biodiversity waiting to be explored.

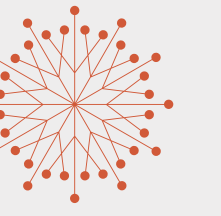


Destination : Paracas

Duration : 2 to 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 14

Add On : Private yacht



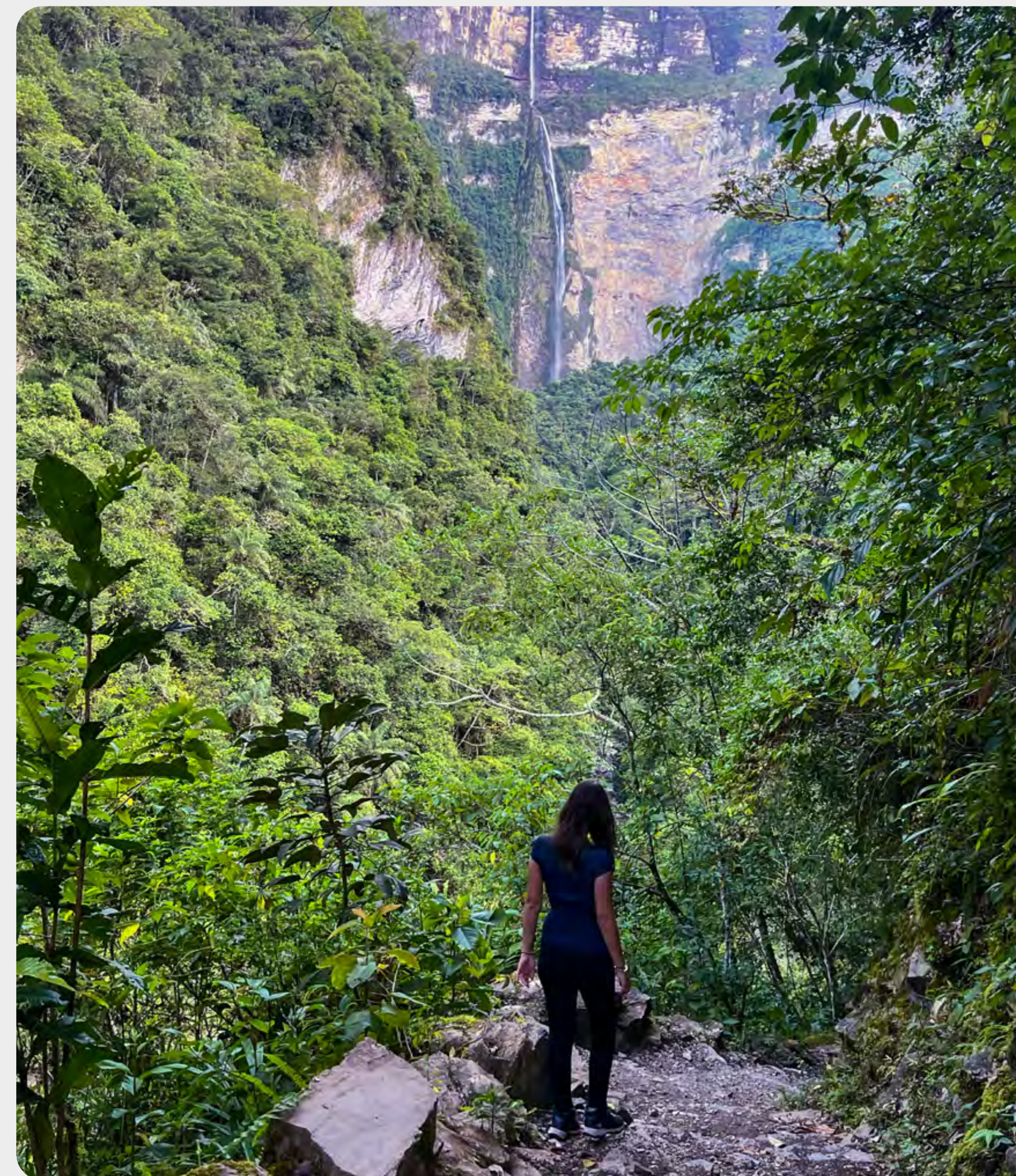
Hike to Gocta

A journey surrounded by lush vegetation to one of the world's highest waterfalls.

Cloud forest, orchids, bromeliads, and extraordinary biodiversity welcome visitors in the outskirts of the town of Cocachimba, north of the Utcubamba Valley. This is the starting point for the trip to the Gocta waterfall, one of the highest in the world, with a drop of 771 meters. The hike crosses ravines and suspension bridges, passing through a dense forest teeming with life.

A pre-dawn start is essential to see the cock-of-the-rock (*Rupicola peruvianus*), Peru's national bird, engaged in its courtship ritual. It's also possible to spot the marvelous spatuletail hummingbird (*Loddigesia mirabilis*) and other species that are a delight for birdwatchers. Although the hike is demanding, some sections can be done on horseback, and at the end of the trail Gocta emerges magnificently, with its two waterfalls shrouded in mist and greenery.

Eating breakfast with a wonderful view of the waterfall is an almost mystical experience, and you're sure to leave here feeling convinced that you've journeyed through a sacred landscape.



Destination : Chachapoyas

Duration : 5 h

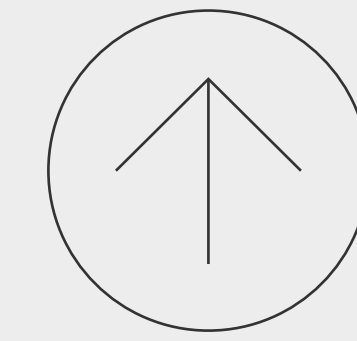
Effort Level : Intense

Altitude : Maximum: 2,328 m / 7.638 ft - Minimum: 1,711 m / 5,614 ft

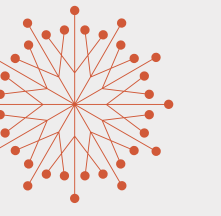
KMS/ MILES : 12 km / 7.46 mi.

Max Guest : No limit

Gastronomy



Lima	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooking classes• Culinary experience with Penélope Alzamora• Barranco and its <i>huariques</i>• Chocolate and coffee tasting with Amanda Jo and Felipe• Visit to Casa García Alvarado
Cusco	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocktail in the bell tower of San Francisco• Dinner in the Gold Room• BBQ in Palacio Manco Cápac
Sacred Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MIL Immersion• Gourmet picnic lunch in the mountains• Pachamanca• Visit to the potato fields of Manuel Choqqe• Andean drinks: Traditional corn beer and microbreweries• Lunch at the Wayra ranch with a Peruvian Paso horse show• Visit to Hacienda Huayocari• Visit to Hacienda Sarapampa• From the farm to the table• Five fires, by Tambo del Inka• Dinner in the Sol y Luna wine cellar• Iskay Maras Home
Ica	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The vineyards of Ica



Cooking classes

Uncover the secrets behind the exquisite flavors of Peru.

For more than a decade, Peruvian gastronomy has scaled the heights of global culinary art. This ascent has been nourished by the influences that dozens of migratory waves have had upon Peruvian kitchens. It is common to find dishes with Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Andean and Amazonian influences—in terms of techniques, ingredients and flavors—among the daily fare of Peruvian homes.

In these cooking classes we will learn to prepare the emblematic and traditional dishes of Peru. And of course, the day will begin in the market—for no recipe, however brilliant, can compensate for bad ingredients. Then, we will get to work in the kitchen. Ceviche, *lomo saltado* [stir-fried beef tenderloin] and other emblematic dishes may be on the list, but there will also be other treasures known only to local people, such as *menestrón* (not to be confused with Italian *minestrone*), or Peruvian fried rice.

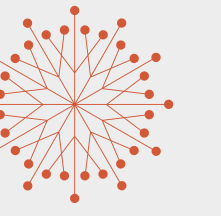
We know that Peruvian flavors tend to captivate palates, and that is why we design these classes under the tutelage of skilled chefs. Ah, and please remember that you don't need to be an expert cook; when it comes to culinary skills, this is a flexible experience.



Destination : Lima / Cusco

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 12



Culinary experience with Penélope Alzamora

An expert chef takes us from the market to her kitchen.

Born in Lima, the chef Penélope Alzamora has been steeped in authentic Peruvian flavors from her earliest years. After touring the United States studying, working and teaching culinary arts, Penélope has returned to Peru to give us a master class in traditional cooking: from the market to dessert.

In her company, we will visit her most trusted vendors and try some of their produce. We will make a mandatory stop at the fish and shellfish stalls, where she will tell us more about the extraordinary marine biodiversity of Peru. From there, we'll go to her apartment in Barranco, with its lovely view of the bay. There, she will teach us how to prepare various dishes, such as scallops *a la chorrillana* [sautéed onions, tomatoes and yellow chili pepper] and traditional steamed fish stew. All accompanied, of course, with a pisco sour. We will end the afternoon with a dessert, also made using local ingredients.

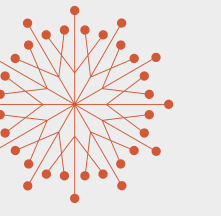
It is said that, to get to know the culture of a country, it is necessary to visit its markets and savor its food, and what better way to do that than with a true expert!



Destination : Lima

Duration : 5 h

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 12



Barranco and its *huariques*

A culinary experience with Penelope Alzamora.

Barranco is a place best discovered on foot. With Penelope —a Lima-born chef deeply connected to local cuisine— we wander through cafés, *huariques*, and small eateries that reveal the district’s culinary identity. Between plazas, galleries, and everyday corners, the walk unfolds like a conversation shaped by flavors, memories, and the soul of the neighborhood.

The experience begins in a café dedicated to Peruvian cacao, where the aroma of handcrafted chocolate awakens the senses as Penelope shares stories from the neighborhood. Along cobblestone streets and old *casonas*, we uncover traditional flavors in a classic *sanguchería*, where criollo cooking remains untouched. Further on, the scent of the ocean guides us to a humble spot with the spirit of the port, followed by a contemporary take on Peruvian cuisine that offers a fresh, modern contrast. The route flows effortlessly from one space to another, ending in a cozy neighborhood café where slow coffee and artisanal desserts create the perfect finale.

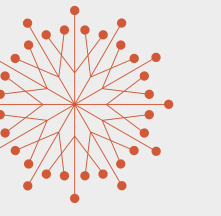
More than a food tour, this experience reveals the culinary soul of Barranco—an intimate, flavorful way to discover Lima from the inside out, with curiosity, intention, and every sense awake.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 5 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Chocolate and coffee tasting with Amanda Jo and Felipe

In the land with the greatest diversity of cacao, this is an unmissable experience.

Amanda Jo is an anthropologist and a great connoisseur of cacao. Her relationship with Peruvian chocolate began eight years ago, when she left the United States to work with a cacao growing family in the jungle, an experience that became her master's thesis. It is that Peru is home to six of the ten genetic families of cacao.

In Lima, Amanda has managed to build an edible library of cacao and chocolate, where she will take us through the nuances of flavors that vary depending on their regions of origin. In her master class, Amanda will strive to make us expert Peruvian chocolate tasters, just like her.

And although chocolate is the main protagonist in this experience, coffee will also form part of the treats in store for us. Felipe Aliaga will be our expert coffee guide. He graduated as an agricultural engineer and is a certified taster from the Coffee Quality Institute, in California. He will be the bridge showing us the close links between the worlds of cacao and coffee.

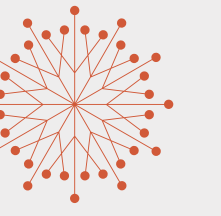
Amanda and Felipe, coffee and chocolate, both form the perfect pair. This is an unmissable stop on any good culinary tour of Peru.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 14



Visit to Casa García Alvarado

The most historic of republican-era mansions, which can be enjoyed behind closed doors.

Built at the beginning of the 20th century, the Casa García Alvarado is considered the most important civic building after the Government Palace. It stands opposite the Central Park in Miraflores, and in 2005 it was declared a National Historical Monument.

Our host will be Ana María García Alvarado, one of the current owners. She will tell us the stories behind this great house, initially erected in 1912 and remodeled in 1932. The architecture of the house perfectly combines different styles: French-style facades, Moorish fountains and *Art Nouveau* arches.

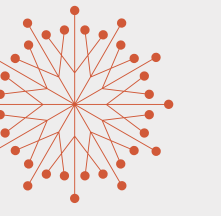
The house has a huge central courtyard surrounded by Spanish-style corridors decorated with tiles from Seville. This great patio is the perfect place for brunch or an evening meal, and to celebrate and dance with fellow travelers. At the same time, it offers a glimpse of the social life of Lima's elite during the 20th century.



Destination : Lima

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 12 / **Max Guests** No limit



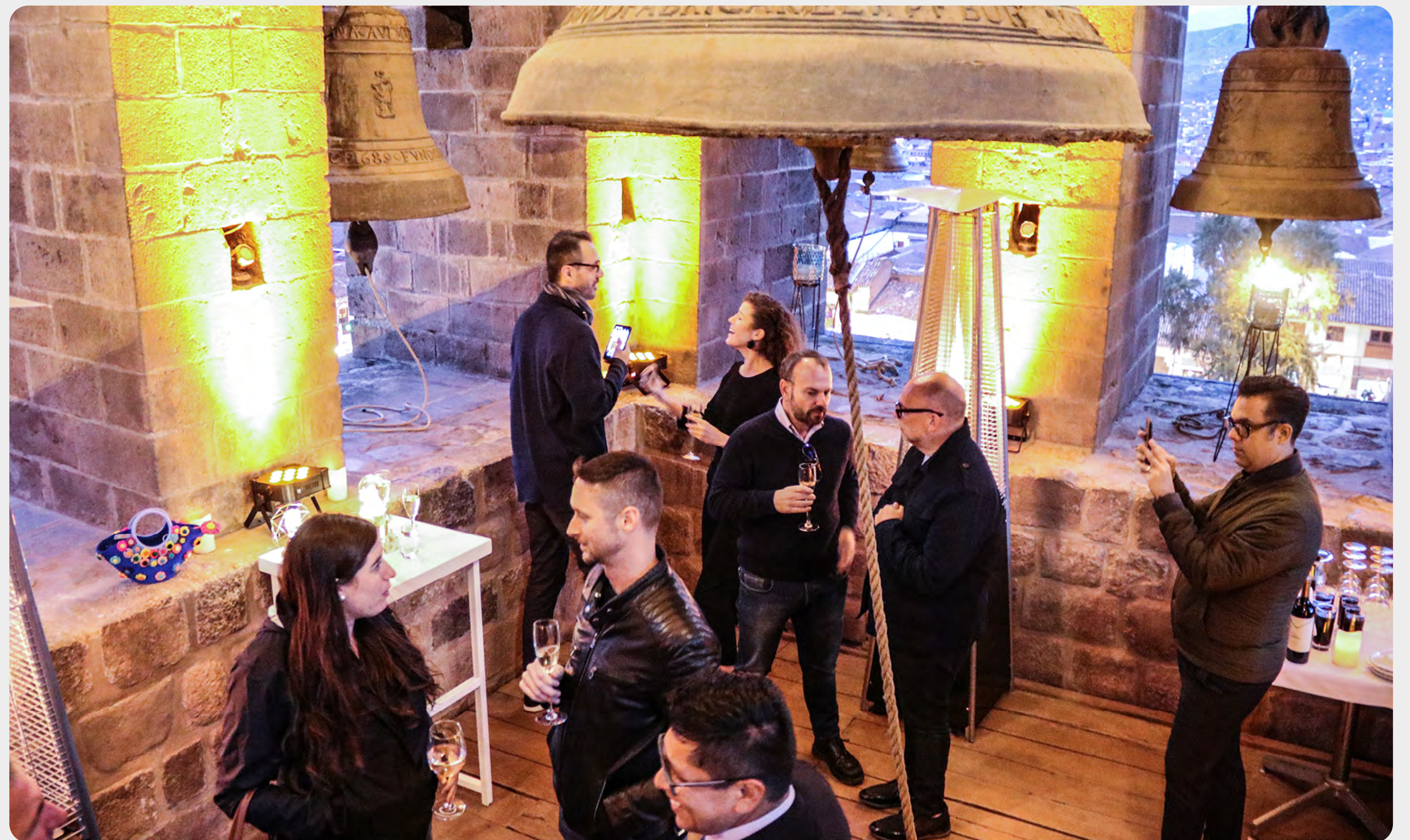
Cocktail in the bell tower of San Francisco

The perfect end to a tour of Cusco or the dream start to a romantic evening.

The church of San Francisco, built during the 17th century, is another of Cusco's unmissable attractions. With its austere façade, this church houses many enormous canvases painted by celebrated indigenous artists—including Diego Quispe Tito—who were responsible for the style we know today as the Cusco School, perhaps the most important of the Spanish colonies in the Americas.

This time we will transform the great bell tower into the perfect setting for a private cocktail, sparkling wines, a cheese board, canapés, and harp and violin music. Perfect for falling in love with the Cusco night.

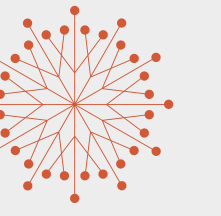
The constellations of the southern sky, the sea of red tiled roofs, and the clink of two glasses provide the perfect end to a tour of Cusco, or the dream start to a romantic evening.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 8 / **Max Guests** 20



Dinner in the Gold Room

History, art, gold and gastronomy.
Simply unbeatable.

Set among the narrow streets of Cusco is the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. As its name suggests, the MAP brings together the highest expressions of the pre-Hispanic imagination—not only from Inca culture, but also the dozens of preceding civilizations. And on this occasion, the museum will open the doors of its dazzling Gold Room for the celebration of a private seven-course dinner.

But these dishes are not only delicacies, they are also a gastronomic journey through Peru, with ingredients which—like the objects in the gold collection—come from the varied regions that together make up the territory of Peru.

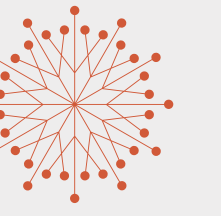
A culinary experience in a museum, surrounded by authentic gold artworks, behind closed doors, is an unbeatable combination.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 8 / Max Guests 18



BBQ in Palacio Manco Cápac

The ultimate barbecue experience can be enjoyed at this historic hotel.

In Cusco, very close to the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, we find a boutique hotel that takes its name from the person believed to have been its first occupant: the founder of the Inca empire, Manco Cápac. Today, the location is occupied by a 17th-century republican-style mansion built on a hillside, from where one of the best views of Cusco can be enjoyed.

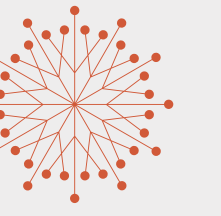
From the hotel's spacious patios and gardens, the entire historic center of the city can be seen. And this will be the setting for our outdoor barbecue. While we are here, there will also be time to appreciate the Inca remains that form part of the hotel, with their fine stonework typical of those structures built for the Inca nobility. And, if the weather lets us down, the Palacio Manco Capac also has a glass-walled and glass-ceilinged space—known as The Cube—where guests can continue to enjoy panoramic views of the surroundings.



Destination : Cusco

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 8 / Max Guests 30



MIL Immersion

True culinary heights in the Sacred Valley.

In the Sacred Valley, with an exceptional view of the Inca terraces of Moray, is MIL, a haute cuisine restaurant and gastronomic laboratory that focuses on natural products, combined with ancient farming practices and culinary traditions. This is the driving force behind Central, named the world's second-best restaurant on the list of the World's 50 Best Restaurants.

We will visit the fields of crops cultivated by neighboring communities, where we will talk with local producers. Then, we will be able to appreciate a panoramic view of the terraces of Moray, and learn about the achievements made by the Incas at this agricultural laboratory. From there, we will explore a botanical trail and find out more about the many uses for the area's plants. We will visit the Mater Initiative, and enjoy a selection of beverages with local flavors. But the highpoint of this immersive experience is the eight-course tasting menu, in which each dish represents a highland ecosystem.

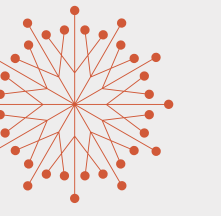
This trip invites us to look at the world from another perspective, because in addition to offering a unique environmentally conscious culinary experience, it connects us with the daily life of the communities that surround MIL.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 5 h

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 30



Gourmet picnic lunch in the mountains

Snowcapped peaks, hills, lakes and haute cuisine in the heart of the Sacred Valley.

The landscapes of the Sacred Valley offer an expected but perfect setting in which to enjoy an outdoor gourmet dining experience.

Here, surrounded by green hills, distant snowcapped peaks and calm lakes, we serve the finest selection of Andean ingredients, combined with contemporary culinary techniques. Every detail has been designed to delight us, creating a setting that feels comfortable, without losing the luxury and exclusivity of the ambience.

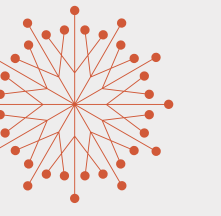
For us, the landscapes of the Sacred Valley form the finest and safest restaurant imaginable.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Pachamanca

A delicious culinary experience with an ancient history.

The *pachamanca*—from the Quechua *pacha* (earth) and *manka* (pot)—is the most representative dish of ancient Peru. Considered part of the Cultural Heritage of the Nation, the *pachamanca* is part culinary tradition and part ritual, and it honors the role of Mother Earth as the provider of sustenance, because it involves eating the produce she gives prepared within the earth itself.

This is a feast celebrated by the community following a good harvest, where an abundance of meats and South American vegetables are cooked together—and for everyone—inside a large temporary oven dug from the ground, with the heat provided by hot stones. This unique method of preparation gives the meal an earthy barbecue flavor—even though the ground never actually comes into contact with the ingredients.

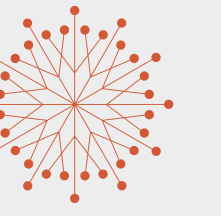
The *pachamanca* evokes a feeling of community through the way in which it is prepared, and it explores our relationship with Mother Earth while offering uniquely delicious flavors from another time.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 to 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Visit to the potato fields of Manuel Choqqe

An agricultural producer revolutionizing the future of gastronomy.

Born in Cusco, Manuel Choqqe is an agricultural engineer listed in the 50 Next of The World's 50 Best Restaurants, as one of the young talents who are shaping the future of gastronomy. But what exactly does he do? He has managed to inventory, rescue and improve more than 300 potato varieties, turning his fields into an agricultural laboratory and library. Chefs including Virgilio Martinez and his Central restaurant—the fourth best in the world—form part of his clientele.

Together with Manuel, we will learn more about his research. He will tell us about the nutritional and culinary benefits of different potato varieties and talk about his extensive work in genetic improvement. We'll have the opportunity to try his own creations—our favorite: Oxalis, a wine made from a variety of Andean tuber—and we'll learn how to prepare the ideal spicy sauce for accompanying potatoes, *uchucuta*.

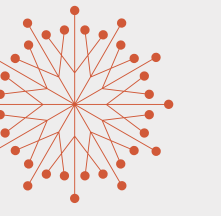
This is an intimate experience with Manuel and his family on his farm, where we will be introduced to and savor the potatoes with novel colors, flavors and textures that are revolutionizing haute cuisine.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 4 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Andean drinks: Traditional corn beer and microbreweries

An encounter with the nectar of the Incas, and the growing craft beer culture in the Sacred Valley.

“*Chicha de jora*”, a kind of light beer made from purple or white corn, is an ancient drink which, to this day, is served to accompany the traditional foods eaten by Peruvians.

On this occasion, in Cusco, we will visit the traditional restaurants known as “*chicherías*” which are the custodians of ancient recipes. And, in addition, as part of this tour we will visit the acclaimed microbreweries in Cusco that combine the best barley with other unexpected ingredients such as quinoa from the fertile fields of the Sacred Valley, to create many different types of craft beers that have earned critical acclaim.

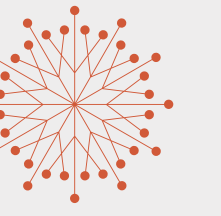
This experience offers a glimpse—and more than a couple of sips—of the new, the traditional, and the best of Peruvian brewing.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 1h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 20



Lunch at the Wayra ranch with a Peruvian Paso horse show

Gourmet gastronomy and elegance in the Relais & Châteaux style.

In the heart of the Sacred Valley, in Urubamba, is the Wayra ranch belonging to Sol y Luna, a Relais & Châteaux boutique hotel. Murals, sculptures, stonework and wood carvings form the setting for the cuisine produced by the chef Nacho Selis, in which he combines all the richness of the organic ingredients harvested from the fertile valley.

With its Andean touches, the gourmet buffet is served with a view of the gardens and stables where a Peruvian Paso horse show will be performed. These are horses unique to Peru and declared part of the Nation's Cultural Heritage. They are descended from horses introduced at the time of the conquest and are known for their elegance and dancing gait.

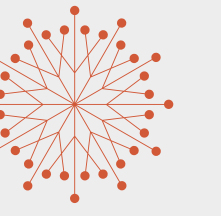
This lunch is one of the most popular experiences enjoyed by our travelers. The location of Wayra, the Andean ingredients paired with the chef's expertise, and the spectacle of the Peruvian Paso horses, create an unmissable combination.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 to 3 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



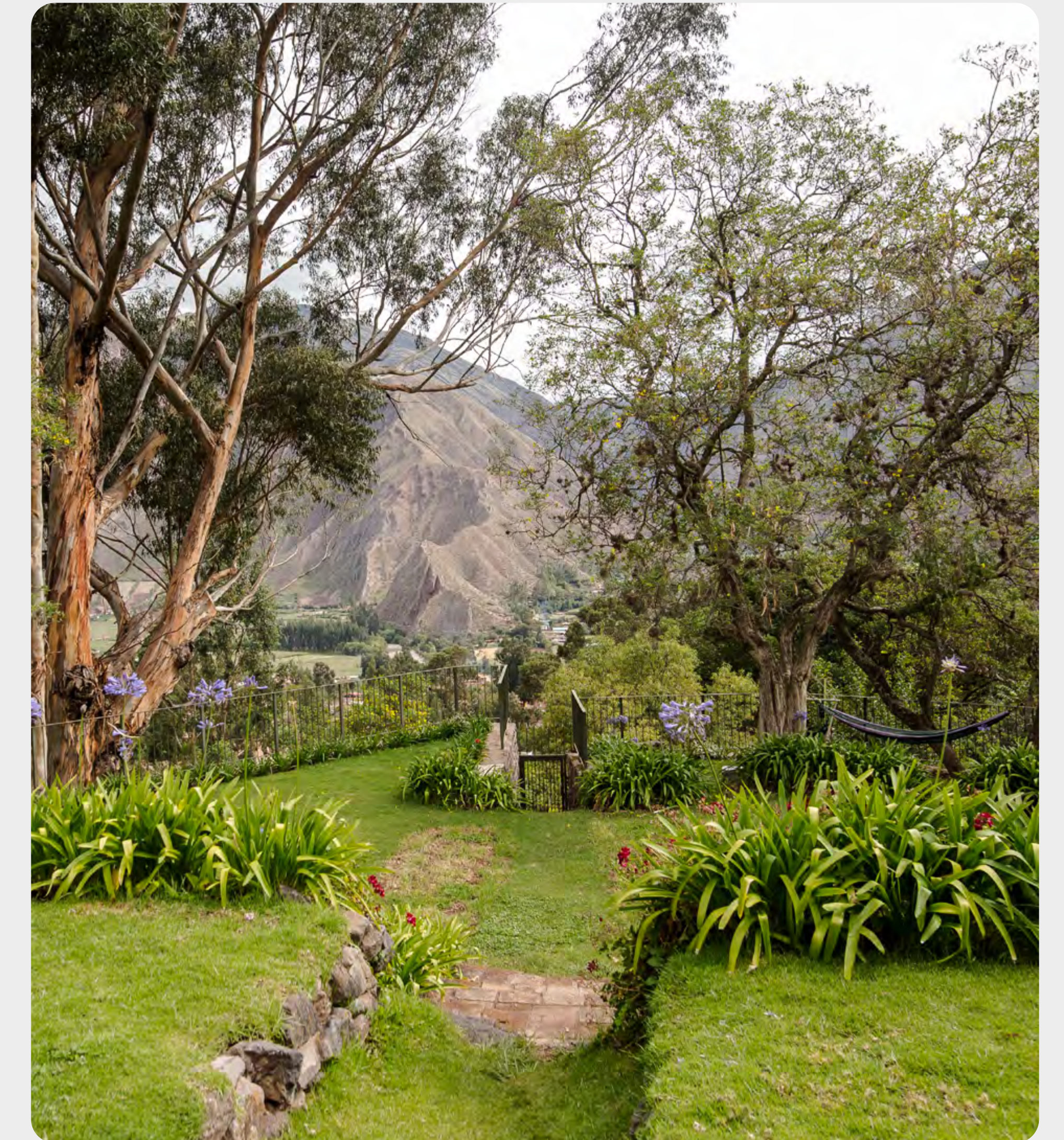
Visit to Hacienda Huayoccari

In the heart of the Sacred Valley, there is a large 20th-century country house, home to art and orchid collections.

Just 90 minutes from Cusco, in the Sacred Valley, is the hacienda of the Lámbarri Orihuela family, whose illustrious history goes back several generations. The patriarch, Don José Orihuela, was a landowner, politician, columnist and art collector, and he created a legacy which his heirs have enriched.

Today, the Lámbarri Orihuela family welcomes us to their large country house to enjoy a private lunch inspired by their knowledge of local agriculture. During our visit, we will also take time to appreciate the family's growing collection of Pre-Columbian, colonial and republican artworks. And for plant lovers, Ana María Barberis, from the new generation, has applied the collector's spirit of her forebears to the world of flowers, and today her gardens are home to dozens of varieties of orchids—there are more than 3,000 species in Peru.

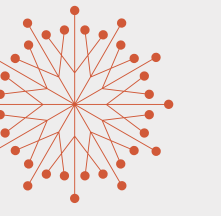
The visit to Huayoccari offers a glimpse into the cultural and historical life of the Sacred Valley's great haciendas of yesteryear.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** No limit



Visit to Hacienda Sarapampa

In the Sacred Valley, the Sumar family welcomes us to their corn hacienda.

On the banks of the Urubamba River, in the Sacred Valley, is the Sarapampa hacienda, a farm which for three generations has been dedicated to the production of Cusco's giant white corn—a unique variety that has become an unexpected hit with Trader Joe's.

At this historic hacienda, we will be welcomed by members of the Sumar family, the owners of the property. They themselves will open up for us the doors of their great house, and under their guidance we will immerse ourselves in the rural life of a typical hacienda—a tradition that has been disappearing in recent years—and learn more about the cultivating of Cusco's giant white corn. This variety is only grown in the local area, as a product of ancestral rural traditions and ancient agricultural expertise.

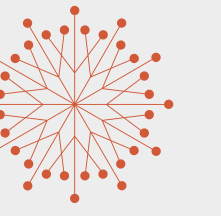
We will enjoy a culinary experience that draws upon traditional local cuisine and the rich farming heritage of the Sacred Valley. But this is not a restaurant. The gathering around the table—and the visit in general—feels more like a family event, like visiting the home of relatives in Cusco.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 4 / **Max Guests** No limit



From the farm to the table

A culinary experience that does not begin with the dishes, but in the fields.

The Tambo del Inka in Urubamba—part of the Marriott Luxury Collection—stands on the banks of the Vilcanota River, facing fine views of snowcapped peaks, and bordered by Andean woodland. In the heart of this landscape, its expert chefs will reveal to us the secrets of their cuisine: from the harvesting of the produce to the serving of the meals.

We will begin with a visit to the Tambo del Inka kitchen garden where, accompanied by the chefs, we will learn more about the aromas, textures and flavors that make local fully-organic vegetables such perfect ingredients. From there, we will move on to the hotel's gardens, where using a traditional Andean wood-burning stove we will cook selected dishes. And then comes the best part: sitting down to eat at an open-air table with matchless views of the surrounding scenery.

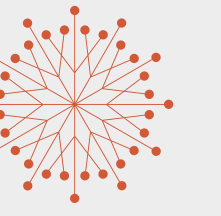
Many other culinary activities talk about local products, but this experience brings us directly to their source, in what is a genuinely participatory gastronomic activity.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 40



Five fires, by Tambo del Inka

Five types of gourmet barbecue: from the ancestral Pachamanca style to the more recent “*caja china*”.

We will meet in the Sacred Valley, at the Tambo del Inka hotel—part of the Marriott Luxury Collection—to savor a variety of meats paired with seasonal organic vegetables, grown in the hotel’s own gardens. These will be prepared by the skilled chefs of the Tambo and in five different ways: Pachamanca style, in a clay oven, on a grill, in a cylinder and in the portable oven known as a “*caja china*” (“Chinese box”).

The preparation will be done before our eyes, and in the open air, on the terrace with a view of snowcapped peaks, Andean woodland, and the banks of the Vilcanota River. Also included is a selection of artisanal breads, as well as herbal infusions from the Tambo’s gardens.

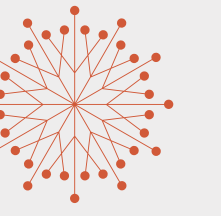
For those with a palate inclined towards meats—or a taste for barbecued flavors—this gourmet adventure is filled with new and delicious culinary experiences in the country that is home to the gastronomic capital of South America.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 12 / **Max Guests** 40



Dinner in the Sol y Luna wine cellar

Nothing could be more delicious than a gourmet dinner to end a day exploring the Sacred Valley.

Near the town of Urubamba, is Sol y Luna, a Relais & Châteaux boutique hotel. Here, chef Nacho Selis and his culinary team will welcome us to their wine cellar for a private feast that fuses popular gastronomy and haute cuisine.

Nacho designs his recipes from organic vegetables harvested from the hotel's gardens and from the fields of local farmers whom he knows personally. Everything is fresh and seasonal. And, in addition, it is served within the terracotta walls of a wine cellar that embraces the aesthetic syncretism of Cusco: Andean baroque in the mirrors, stone floors, rustic clay stucco, and a sparkling crystal chandelier. And as expected in a wine cellar, under the expert guidance of the house sommelier, wine will be served with the meal.

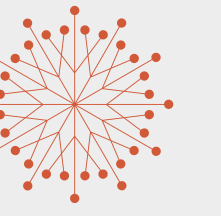
Its proximity to many historical sites and natural settings for outdoor activities makes this dinner a dream conclusion to a day exploring the Sacred Valley.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Iskay Maras Home

From their home, a Cusco couple guide us through the flavors of their typical gastronomy.

Maras is an exceptional village in the Sacred Valley. Its lands and climate have always offered the perfect setting for great farming achievements. Here, the Incas built a laboratory in order to domesticate, improve and adapt vegetables and tubers. And today, Maras is the setting for Iskay, the home of a Cusco couple: Jeremy and Tatiana, the chef.

Iskay welcomes us with a menu somewhere between homemade and gourmet, and which is also seasonal. The ingredients come from local fields, with many grown in the couple's own organic garden, and they go straight to the table. And, following the custom of Cusco, they also prepare an excellent pachamanca: a festive dish that since pre-Inca times has been cooked in a temporary oven dug from the ground, and which gives the food an earthy barbecue flavor, although the ingredients are never in contact with the earth.

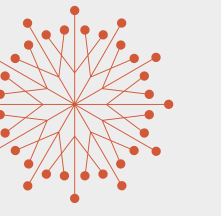
"This is not a restaurant, it is our home," says Tatiana. And it is. One would not suspect that behind one of the many doors in Maras we would find such a fresh culinary proposal, in every sense of the word.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : 2 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 120



The vineyards of Ica

A journey through the history of the Peruvian national drink.

It is said that the first grape vines were brought to Peru by the Spanish in the 16th century, and that in our coastal desert they found the perfect growing conditions. With the passage of time, and through various improvements in the techniques employed, pisco was born, and today it has become part of Peru's cultural heritage.

Paracas, Pisco and Ica, 300 kilometers south of Lima, form this desert where grapes are converted into spirit, and the spirit into pisco.

We will travel the route of our national drink and visit some of the most important vineyards in Peru, including Tacama—established in the 1540s as the first vineyard in South America—, La Caravedo—which has operated since 1684—and Queirolo—active since 1880.

In these old colonial and republican haciendas surrounded by vines, like oases in the desert, we will learn about the pisco production process, in which technology and tradition are combined. We'll understand why it is classified as a distillate rather than a brandy, and we'll participate in tasting sessions while enjoying the Afro-Peruvian dances and gastronomy of these coastal valleys.

This is a multisensory experience in the land that gave its name to the world's finest grape distillate.

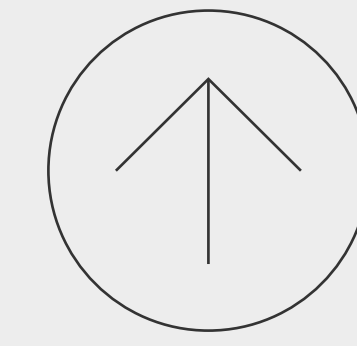


Destination : Ica

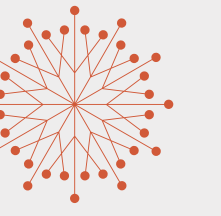
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Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** No limit

Wellness



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Wellness retreats

Healing experiences surrounded by mountains, beaches or jungle.

The landscapes of Peru were not only the cradle of the Inca empire, they were also the epicenter of the spirituality and spirituality of ancient South America. Amid these mountains and on the ocean's shores, ancient civilizations established connections with nature—including one which survives to this day, the veneration of Mother Earth.

These are the settings where hotels like Willka Tika, Titilaka, Kichic and Gocta Natura have created the perfect centers for retreats where wellness experts, local and from around the world, come together to combine ancient healing traditions with more contemporary approaches.

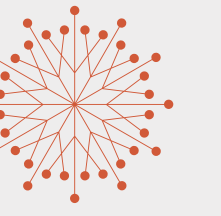
Yoga classes with a view of Lake Titicaca, nutritious food freshly harvested from the Sacred Valley, and ancient ceremonies conducted by authentic shamans. These are some of the many experiences that await you. The goal: to restore body, mind and spirit.



Destination : Many

Duration : Multiday

Min Guests 8 / **Max Guests** Varies by location



Yoga masters in the Sacred Valley

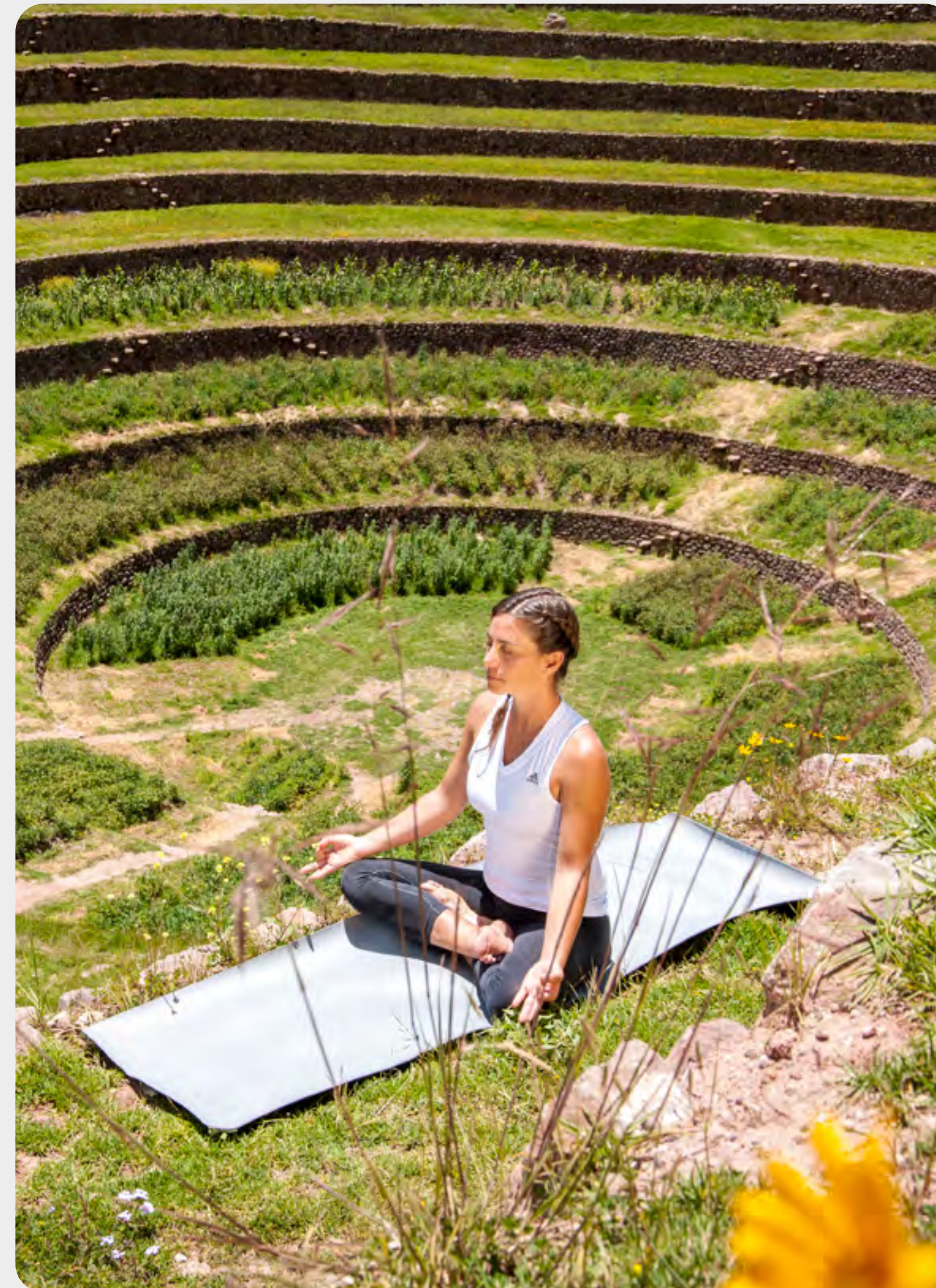
Asanas with views of Cusco's sacred mountains.

The landscapes of the Sacred Valley were not only the cradle of the Inca empire, but also the center of the spirituality of ancient South America. Amid these mountains, ancestral civilizations established connections with Mother Earth.

Today, this is where yoga masters from all over the world gather to practice their ancient art and facilitate the connection of body, mind, and spirit, surrounded by the sublime natural setting of what is considered the world capital of mysticism.

The Sacred Valley boasts several holistic healing centers and hotels, where *shalas* with views of the sacred mountains promote healing and offer the perfect scenario for the practice of yoga sequences, breathing techniques and guided meditation.

Either as a yoga session offering a dose of relaxation as part of a larger itinerary, or as the main activity of a wellness trip, this experience is designed for today's travelers who are looking to reconnect with the healing energy of the Andes.

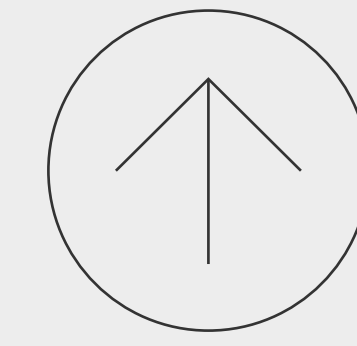


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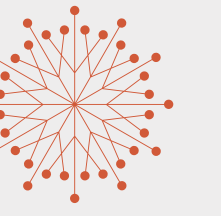
Duration : 1.5 h

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12

Host



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Cusco	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Frost• Jean-Jacques Decoster, PhD in Anthropology



Karim Ruiz Rosell

A great connoisseur of art history and the Pre-Columbian world.

Karim's academic background is extensive: he holds a doctorate in art history from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, as well as a master's degree in the Pre-Columbian world from the same university. In addition, he holds a doctorate in Andean studies from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, where he majored in archaeology.

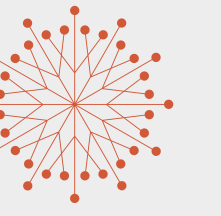
His historical research work, his experience in archaeological curatorship, and his other academic activities are channeled into his teaching of art and design. But today, Karim Ruiz will be our personal teacher and, in his company, we will journey through the cultural expressions of ancient Peru.

We recommend this experience with Karim for all travelers, but particularly for those passionate about art and history, for whom this is someone they should not miss the opportunity to meet.



Destination : Lima

Min Guests 2 / **Max Guests** 12



Peter Frost

An archaeologist who has revealed the presence of Inca citadels and whom we consider a travel mentor.

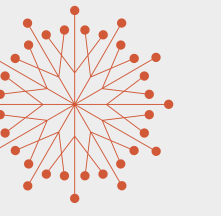
If there is anyone who knows Machu Picchu and its historic surroundings, it is Peter Frost. This experienced archaeologist, explorer, writer, photographer and academic has traveled the Andes for more than five decades. And, more than 20 years ago, Frost rediscovered—as the leader of two expeditions sponsored by National Geographic—the Inca citadel of Qoriwayrachina, just 35 kilometers from Machu Picchu.

On this occasion, Peter will be our host and under his tutelage we will explore ancient Peru. With his encyclopedic knowledge and his camera around his neck, he will lead us through his favorite citadels and landscapes, and tell us about the true stories behind them. After all, he is also the author of the unsurpassed Exploring Cusco guidebook, now in its sixth edition.

Peter's work has made him a favorite of BBC Science, the History Channel and NatGeo. And on this occasion, we will be lucky to have him as our own personal guru.



Destination : Cusco



Jean-Jacques Decoster, PhD in Anthropology

Let's explore Cusco and its surroundings with one of the greatest connoisseurs of Andean anthropology and history.

With doctorates in Anthropology from Cornell University and in Social Sciences from San Marcos National University, and a life spent as a teacher of History at Cusco's San Antonio Abad National University, Jean-Jacques is one of the leading experts in the fields of Latin American anthropology and ethnography.

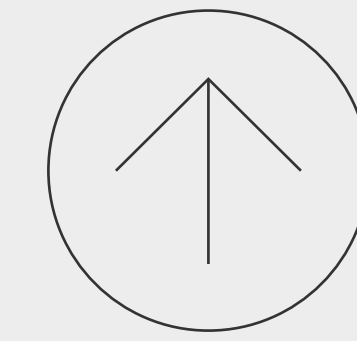
For almost two decades, his vibrant curiosity led him to travel and document hundreds of communities, both past and present, nestled amid the slopes of the Peruvian and Ecuadorian highlands. There is simply no one better than Jean-Jacques to join us on an adventure into the hidden gems of our ancient Andean history.



Destination : Cusco

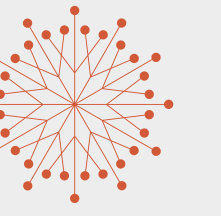
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Train



Cusco

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- Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train
- PeruRail Titicaca
- PeruRail Vistadome Observatory



Hiram Bingham, A Belmond Train



The best way to get to Machu Picchu. Without a doubt.

There are many ways to get to Machu Picchu, but none as splendid as aboard Belmond's Hiram Bingham. The décor of this train's cars, in many ways, recalls the sumptuousness of the early 20th century, with details that range from *Art Nouveau* to *Art Deco*.

From Cusco to the ancient Inca citadel, this rail route winds through verdant mountains shrouded in mystical mist. Incredible views, whether you are in the restaurant, bar or observation car, accompany you throughout the journey.

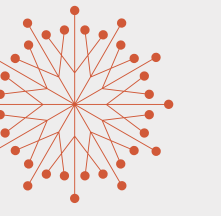
Without a doubt, live music, delicious food, incomparable landscapes and *pisco sour* make this trip the best way to get to Machu Picchu.



Destination : Cusco

Capacity : 42 Guests per car

Cars : Dining car / Bar car / Observation car



Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train

The South American train that every railroad enthusiast must experience.

Operated by Belmond, the Andean Explorer is the first overnight luxury train in South America and its route passes through the mountains to connect the most fascinating destinations in Peru—Arequipa, Puno and Cusco—in a journey of up to two nights, both onboard and beyond the train, visiting canyons, valleys, lakes, baroque-style cities and archaeological jewels.

The Andean Explorer not only nourishes the senses with the landscapes that envelop you throughout the journey. Among the train's cars are restaurants and bars as bewitching as the scenery, with menus that feature the very finest Peruvian cuisine, for diners to enjoy accompanied by live piano music. And the observation area at the back of the train needs no introduction: we will just say that it is where hundreds of memories have been created, under the stars that shimmer at the heart of the Milky Way.

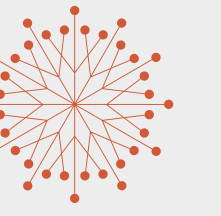
Relax in your room or request a massage session at the spa after a day crossing the Andes. You choose; the train's flawless service will be adapted to your preferences.



Destination : Cusco / Puno / Arequipa

Capacity : 70 Guests

Cars : Piano Bar car / Dining cars / Spa car / Observation car



PeruRail Titicaca

A journey in Pullman-style cars from the imperial city to legendary Lake Titicaca.

This train departs from Wanchaq station in Cusco—built in the 19th century—for Puno, a historic city on the shores of Titicaca, and the ideal starting point for exploring the area around the lake.

The ten-hour train ride begins early in the morning. During the journey, this exclusive train's cars—including its restaurant, bar and observation cars—will serve as our viewing platforms as we take in the highland surroundings composed of enormous snowcapped peaks that soar above the grasslands. In addition to the views, another highlight is the three-course gourmet lunch, consisting of classic Peruvian cuisine made with local ingredients. Meanwhile, at the bar, there'll be time to chat over pisco sours—Peru's national drink—while enjoying a traditional dance show.

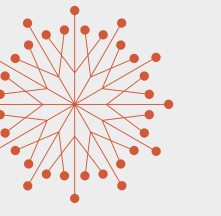
We know that legendary Lake Titicaca is on the must-see list of many travelers, and this is a splendid way to journey there, after acclimatizing first in Cusco.



Destination : Cusco / Puno / Cusco

Capacity : 35 Guests per car

Cars : Dining cars / Observation bar car



PeruRail Vistadome Observatory

A sensory journey from Cusco to Machu Picchu.

The PeruRail Vistadome Observatory, one of the most exclusive trains in Peru, travels the route between Cusco and Machu Picchu. The Vistadome offers a 100% sensory and cultural experience in the interior of a superb train.

The panoramic windows and the elegant observation car provide a complete view of the Sacred Valley, formed by the Urubamba River. The train is decorated with Andean handcrafts, colorful textiles, and traditional dancers' masks. The special, final touch of this experience is the typical Saqra dance, a live show with performers dressed in bright costumes and wearing animal face masks, dancing to the rhythm of Andean wind instruments. This unmissable performance can be enjoyed with a drink, ordered from the train's well-stocked bar.

This is an essential option for travelers looking for a unique train ride, where the experience of the journey is as important as the destination.

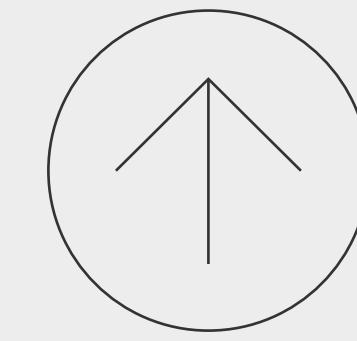


Destination : Cusco

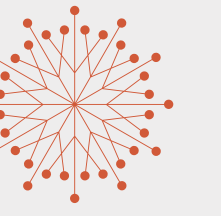
Capacity : 48 Guests per car

Cars : Guest car, Observation Bar car

Hotel



Puno	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tivilaka
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Titilaka

Luxury, peace and privacy on the endless shores of Lake Titicaca.

This architectural masterpiece stands on the remote shores of Lake Titicaca, far removed from the city. Surrounded by nature, this boutique hotel fuses a modernist use of space with local architectural elements: rock columns, rustic finish, and the baroque and Andean objects that decorate the rooms.

Both the building and the surroundings are overwhelming. The floor-to-ceiling windows of the lounge and the spacious terraces of Titilaka take full advantage of the serenest of views: the largest lake in South America, and the legendary origin of Inca culture.

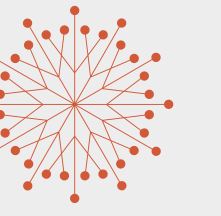
The tranquility of the lake and its surroundings make this the perfect wellness retreat, but also the best location from which to explore the islands, communities and landscapes of the high plains, with activities that are out of the ordinary and far removed from the hustle and bustle not only of the city, but also of more traditional tourist routes.



Destination : Puno

Number of rooms : 17

Type : Boutique



Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica

An eco-luxury natural reserve, close to the city.

On the banks of the Madre de Dios River, and nestled in a private reserve of 12,000 hectares, we find Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica. This is an eco-luxury lodge deep in the lush jungle, with finely-judged architecture and interior design which contain influences from the indigenous culture of the neighboring Ese'Eja people.

Here, it is possible to choose from a varied selection of excursions, such as a visit to the Inkaterra Canopy Walk, a system of walkways from where a privileged view of the jungle can be enjoyed; a canoe trip to Lake Sandoval; and a picnic excursion to Tambopata or the Concepción rainforest farm.

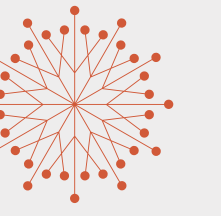
Imagine this: the day begins with the songs of birds and ends with us being lulled by the countless sounds of the Amazon. Nature surrounds us at Inkaterra. A total of 540 species of birds have been recorded in the forests around the hotel, despite its proximity to the city. This is a way of venturing into the wild, just one step away from civilization.



Destination : Puerto Maldonado

Number of rooms : 35

Type : Lodge



Refugio Amazonas

A family-friendly scientific eco-lodge in the middle of the jungle.

Within the buffer zone of Tambopata National Reserve, and in a 200-hectare private conservation area, is Refugio Amazonas. The privileged location of this eco-lodge, at the entrance to the reserve, offers the best opportunities in the area for spotting wildlife.

With its 32 rooms—each looking out directly upon the jungle—this eco-lodge is the perfect base for exploring the surrounding forest. Scientists from all over the world come together at this research center to study wildlife. Endless activities are possible here, ranging from exploring lakes, visiting the clay licks where hundreds of macaws gather, enjoying birdwatching, cycling, walking, and many more experiences.

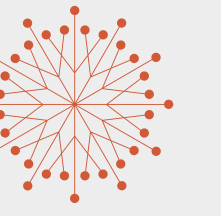
Naturally, Refugio Amazonas is a dream come true for nature lovers and those interested in deepening their knowledge in the company of the resident researchers. But it's also good to know that many of the eco-lodge's activities are designed for the youngest travelers, meaning that families are more than welcome.



Destination : Puerto Maldonado

Number of rooms : 32

Type : Lodge



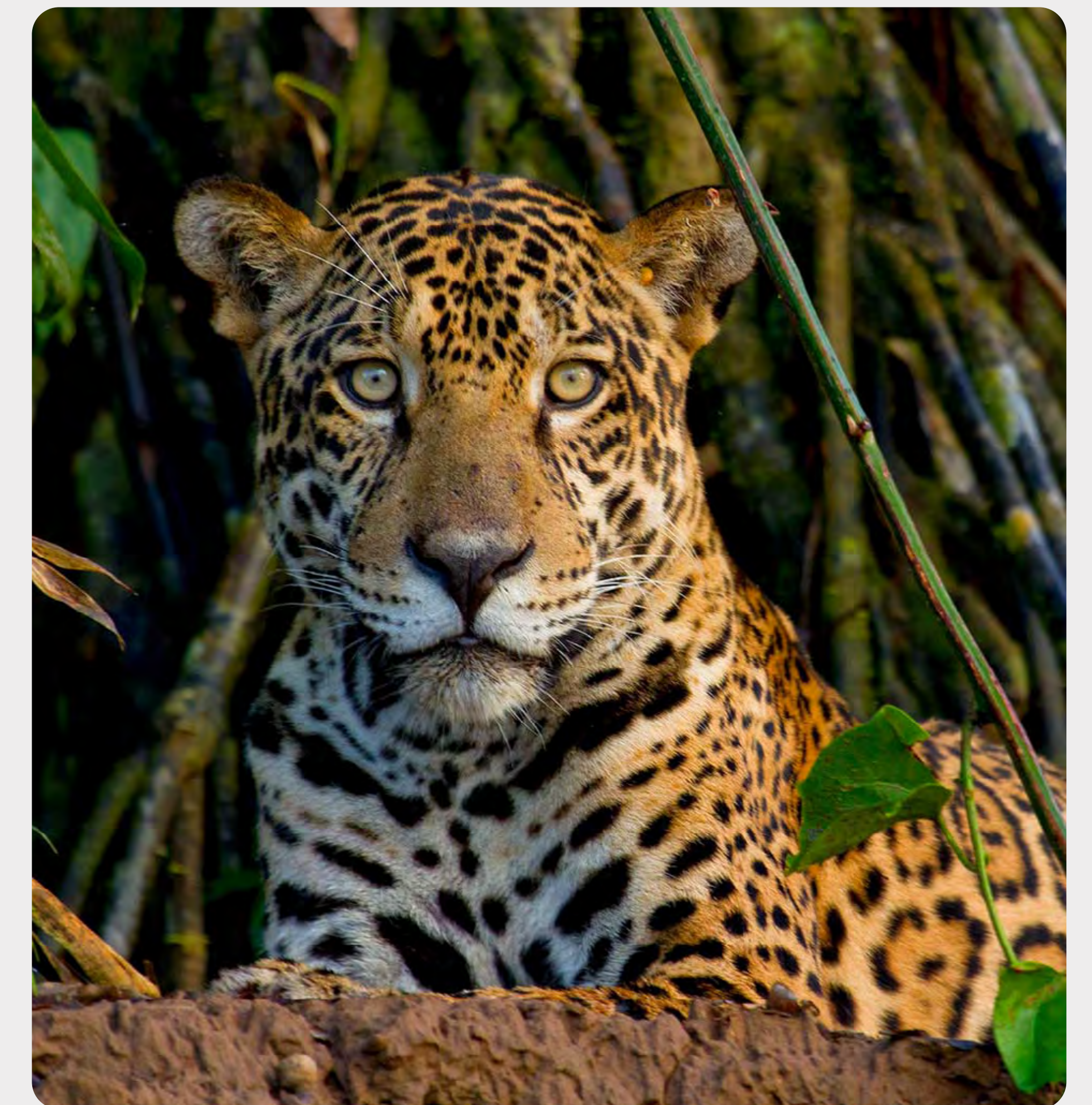
Tambopata Research Center

The only lodge in the Tambopata National Reserve, where wildlife abounds.

What makes Tambopata Research Center so special? Well, its privileged location. This lodge and research and conservation center opens its doors to us in one of the most remote locations in the Amazon jungle, in the heart of Tambopata National Reserve.

The incredible possibilities for wildlife sightings and the comfort of the lodge—which is unexpected, given its remoteness—combine to create something that really doesn't exist anywhere else. It is possible to see jaguars, monkeys, birds, insects and amphibians, during safaris into completely virgin jungle, including visits to the colonies of macaws at the clay lick mineral deposits of Colorado and Chuncho.

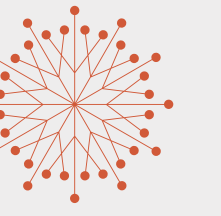
There is simply no better place in South America to coexist with the animal kingdom of the Amazon Forest.



Destination : Puerto Maldonado

Number of rooms : 24

Type : Lodge



Gocta Natura Reserve

A boutique hotel overlooking Gocta: the world's third highest waterfall.

In the heart of Gocta Natura Reserve, in the Amazonas region, travelers can wake up in a cabin with a private terrace, deep within the fascinating cloud forest of Peru's northern jungle. This is one of the most biologically diverse places on Earth, filled with orchids, bromeliads, hummingbirds, and spectacled bears, as well as the waterfalls that accompany with their music the eternal concerto of the principal waterfall, Gocta, which can be heard from miles away.

In a place like this, conserving nature is a sacred duty. What began as a project to recover the forest and support the small local population, is now a fine hotel with a purpose. Homemade and delicious, the food served also forms part of the mission to protect nature and promote the value of local culture.

Gocta Nature Reserve is the perfect place to stay, and the starting point for visits to archaeological sites such as Kuelap, Karajía and Revash, built by the powerful warrior culture of the Chachapoyas (800 AD - 1460 AD), contemporaries of the Incas who expressed their highly developed culture in the form of pottery and textiles, as well as in their spectacular architecture.

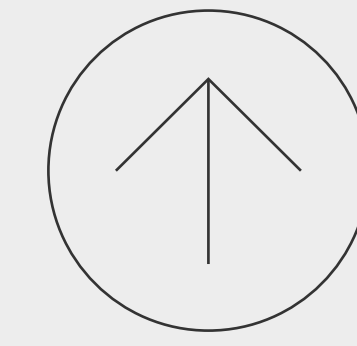


Destination : Cocachimba

Number of rooms : 6

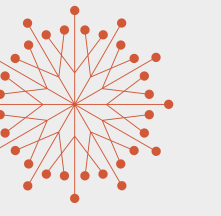
Type : Lodge

Sustainability



Sacred Valley

- Restoring Nature in the Sacred Valley
- Visit to the Sol y Luna Intercultural School



Restoring Nature in the Sacred Valley

Environmental awareness in Ollantaytambo and Lamay.

The Incas expanded their power between the 15th and 16th centuries, but by then the Andes had been populated for at least 5,000 years. Domestication began around 1,400 BC, leading to changes in the environment and opening the way towards a sedentary lifestyle and population growth. For humanity this was major progress, but such developments also brought impacts on nature.

In this enriching immersive experience, we'll combine learning and service to the community with conservation. To connect with nature, activities include physically undemanding walks in the woodland of Ollantaytambo or Lamay. Guided by a sustainability expert, we will learn more about the ideal species for reforestation and the resources that this important region offers to Peru and the world.

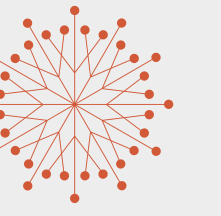
Protecting and restoring our country's natural areas is a way of giving back to nature and an act of thanksgiving for its beauty and abundance, as well as a commitment to the future.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : FD

Min Guests 2 / Max Guests 20



Visit to the Sol y Luna Intercultural School

An experiential encounter with the children of the Sacred Valley.

In 1999, Petit and Franz started an inspiring educational project in the Sacred Valley, in response to the difficulties faced by local children. Shortly afterwards, they opened the Sol y Luna hotel, with the aim of financing their initiatives in a sustainable way. In 2009, they established the Sol y Luna Intercultural School and today, thanks to their Ayni program, it is possible to visit.

The visit begins with a tour of the elementary, secondary and Paqari special education center facilities. Through a presentation, we will learn about the vision and mission of the Sol y Luna Association, its history and its current projects. We will then participate in the children's recess; sharing, playing and talking with them. And finally, we will have the opportunity to enter one of the classrooms or therapy rooms.

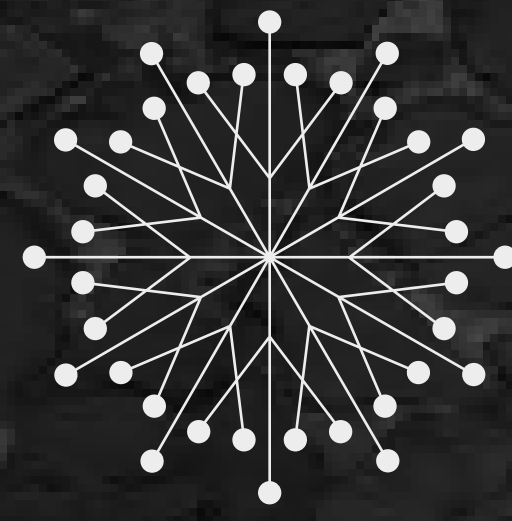
This is the chance to embark on a purposeful experience and meet the beneficiaries of a successful social support project linked to the hotel industry.



Destination : Sacred Valley

Duration : HD / FD

Min Guests 1 / **Max Guests** 10



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