



## QUECHUA 2.500 - 3.500 m

All of our explorations are included in the experience

### HIKES

Type | Difficulty

#### Arin

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 2h 25 min  
Distance: 3,7 km / 2,3 mi

Our hike begins in Huarán, on a narrow path that runs along an irrigation channel and different crops, with views of the valley and its ravines; among them, that of Urquillos. We continue skirting the channel through forests of eucalyptus and smallholdings until we come to a path by which we descend. Finally, we reach the community of Arin. We return to explora by van.

*\* Not recommended for travelers with fear of heights.*

#### Huertos de Yucay

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 2h 30 min  
Distance: 4,7 km / 2,9 mi

The exploration begins at Yucay, the former residence of the prominent Inca rulers Tupac Inca Yupanqui, Huaynacapac and Sayritupac, and abundant crop fields. The trail takes you to the area's platforms and crop fields.

#### Ollantaytambo

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 3h  
Distance: 4,7 km / 2,9 mi

The walk takes us through the living Inca town of Ollantaytambo. The trail passes through the old main gate and over cobblestone streets framed by narrow water channels. After visiting the village, we climb to the archaeological site to see its terraces, the ceremonial center and the Royal Building.

Salineras

Half Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 2h 45 min  
Distance: 6,5 km / 4 mi

Hiking begins visiting the colonial town of Maras. After crossing the village, the trail descends among potato fields to the community's salt mines.

*\*Not recommended for travelers with fear of heights.*

Pumamarca

Half Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 3h 30 min  
Distance: 6,1 km / 3,8 mi

This exploration is an opportunity to discover one of the area's most puzzling and isolated Inca remains. The walk takes us through the Patacancha valley. The walk begins outside of Ollantaytambo, ascending through a verdant trail along local farm houses and orchards. The Pumamarca remains pose a conundrum to archeologists and explorers: their origins and functions are still unknown.

Machu Picchu - Inti Punku

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Distance: 5 km / 3,4 mi

In this full-day exploration, we travel to the famous historical sanctuary of Machu Picchu, one of the most impressive architectural feats of the Inca civilization and a wonder of the world.

On **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays**, we hike to the Sun Gate or Inti Punku, the gateway through which all the travelers that hike the Inca Trail enter. This point offers a different location from where to admire the sanctuary.

The itinerary begins early in the morning towards the Ollantaytambo rail station, located 45 minutes away from *explora*, where we take the train to the town of Aguas Calientes. From there, we take a bus to Machu Picchu. The entrance to the Sanctuary is scheduled at around midday. This is the starting point of the walk to Inti Punku or the Sun Gate, the ancient checkpoint to enter the citadel and the beginning of the Inca Trail from Machu Picchu. This 2 km (1.2 miles) upward hike at a leisurely pace is considered of medium difficulty. We strongly recommend taking the time to enjoy the privileged view offered by the Sun Gate. At the end of the hike, we begin touring the most renowned milestones in Machu Picchu.

We bring a light lunch to eat while we are there.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the exploration to Machu Picchu begins a bit later since it doesn't include the walk to the Sun Gate or Inti Punku.

*\*Subject to availability. Our exploration to Machu Picchu combines explora services with third-party services due to site restrictions. You must have confirmed with our reservation team at least 50 days prior to the stay. The schedules and duration times are estimated and may vary depending on the number of people on each route.*

**HIKES**

Type | Difficulty

**Pumatambo**

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 6h 30 min  
Distance: 11 km / 7 mi

The first part of the exploration is right through the living Inca city of Ollantaytambo. Then, we ascend to the archaeological site to get to know its terraces, the ceremonial center and the Royal House. The second part is a hike through the Patacancha valley, ascending progressively along a path to the vestiges of Pumamarca, one of the most enigmatic archaeological sites in the region.

**BIKE RIDES**

Type | Difficulty

**Río Urubamba**

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 3h  
Distance: 32,4 km / 20,1 mi

The road used for this exploration goes down the south side of the Urubamba River, a quiet area of cornfields, old haciendas and manors from the 19th and 20th centuries. This bike ride is recommended for families wishing to take a long walk or for those who want to take on a sports.

**Cuesta del Sapo**

Half Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 2h  
Distance: 19,3 km / 12 mi

From the heights of the Sacred Valley's slopes we descend over a track in good conditions. The road offers very interesting views to the mountains and the Urubamba River. Once downhill, we will continue bordering the river through an area of cornfields and orchards and densely packed Inca terraces.

**COMBINATION**

Type | Difficulty

**WALK & RIDE****Moray Avalanche**

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 5h 30 min  
Total Distance: 22,5 km / 14 mi  
Hike Distance: 3,2 km / 2 mi  
Bike Distance: 19,3 km / 12 mi

Our exploration begins with a hike through a community located in the hills and descends to the Inca ruins of Moray, a special site that was used as an agricultural research center. Afterwards, we continue on bicycle, from the top of the slopes of the valley we descend on a wide path kept in good condition. The journey offers interesting views towards the mountains and the Urubamba river. Once the descent is finished, we continue along land parallel to the river, an area full of orchards and cornfields, as well as a great density of Inca terraces.

COMBINATION

Type | Difficulty

WALK & RIDE

Between Mountains

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 6h 30 min  
 Total Distance: 27,4 km / 17 mi  
 Hike Distance: 8,1 km / 5 mi  
 Bike Distance: 19,3 km / 12 mi

From the heights of the slopes of Sacred Valley we will descend by bicycle on a track in good condition. The journey offers very interesting views towards the mountains and the Urubamba river. Once the descent is finished, we will continue along a land parallel to the river, an area full of orchards and cornfields, as well as a great density of Inca terraces. We continue walking through Ollantaytambo, ascending a path with vegetation next to houses and orchards. The Pumamarca remains pose a conundrum to archeologists and explorers: their origins and functions are still unknown.

OVERLAND

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Machu Picchu

Full Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 12h

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This version of the expedition to Machu Picchu takes place on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays**. It does not include the trek to Inti Punku.

The itinerary begins early in the morning towards the Ollantaytambo rail station, located 45 minutes away from *explora*, where we take the train to the town of Aguas Calientes. From there, we take a bus to Machu Picchu. We have about three hours to explore this magical site. Once we are done, we leave Machu Picchu to the station and take the train back. We return to the hotel for dinner.

We bring a light lunch to eat while we are there.

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Valle Sur

Full Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 10h

This exploration reveals the influence of the Spanish conquest in the region, embedded in art and in the religious syncretism that resulted from the encounter of these cultures. We begin by touring the first of three Canincunca churches that we visit in this exploration. We then walk to the Huaro church and take a van to the Andahuaylillas church, where we tour the choir and the museum. Next, we hop on a van towards an Inca road, where we take a light trek to a wetland, perfect for bird watching and having lunch. Finally, we take the van to the Tipón archaeological center, a token of the Inca's knowledge of fluid power. We return to *explora* by van.

## QUECHUA 2.500 - 3.500 m

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### OVERLAND

Type | Difficulty

#### Pisac

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 4h 30 min

Known for its remarkable ruins, as well as for its colorful crafts market, the village of Pisac bears witness to the accomplishments and mysteries of the Inca civilization. This exploration allows travellers to discover, by foot, this key enclave of the Sacred Valley, showing an integral vision of the Inca cosmovision.

### SELF GUIDED

Type | Difficulty

#### Caminata Urquillos

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 1h

Distance: 2,1 km / 1,3 mi

A good way to get to know the surroundings of *explora* Valle Sagrado and the community of Urquillos, a hike where the active use of irrigation channels for local farming can be observed, where the quiet way of life and work prevailing in this area of the Sacred Valley is maintained.

#### Bicicleta Urquillos

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 1h 30 min

Distance: 9,8 km / 6,1 mi

Riding a bicycle through the *explora's* surroundings is a good option for getting to know Urquillos, as well as getting to Huayllamba by following the course of the Urubamba River. This tour shows the farming nature of the area and the contrasts between one locality and the other.

#### La Capilla

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 1h 30 min

Distance: 3,4 km / 2,1 mi

This hike up to the chapel located on the hillside behind the hotel offers views of the valley, cornfields and mountains. The chapel is a sample of the religious syncretism of this area where Catholicism and local traditions converge.

## SUNI 3.500 - 4.100 m

### HIKES

Type | Difficulty

#### Racchi

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 2h 25 min

Distance: 6,1 km / 3,8 mi

The walk carries you through orchards and communities to familiarize yourself with the rural landscape and its culture. This exploration takes place at a mean height and offers panoramic views to the Sacred Valley and its snowed capped peaks. It provides a good chance for acclimatization and to understand the area's geography.

#### Machu Kolka

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 2h 30 min

Distance: 4,6 km / 2,9 mi

We leave by van to Chinchero, where we begin a steep ascent through crops with views of the pampa, the valley of Urquillos and the snowy peaks that crown the mountains. We walk to the Machu Kolka archaeological center, formerly used as a product storage warehouse. We explore the place and enjoy a privileged view of the valley. We return to *explora* by van.

## HIKES

Type | Difficulty

## Moray

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 2h 30 min  
Distance: 3,2 km / 2 mi

The trail begins at a farming community located amidst hills and goes down to the Inca remains of Moray, a laboratory of experimental farming where different microclimates are used to grow crops.

## Chincheró

Half Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 3h 30 min  
Distance: 5,1 km / 3,2 mi

We begin with a visit to the community of Cúper Bajo where we learn about textile techniques. Then we start our hike, ascending up an agricultural road with panoramic views of lagoons, fields of crops and the town of Chincheró. Finally, we descend to the archaeological complex of Chincheró, where Inca and colonial elements merge. We return to *explora* by van.

## Senderito de Písaq

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 6h  
Distance: 5,8 km / 3,6 mi

We descend from the mountains to the remains of Písaq. We will use one of our alternative routes to access the back of the remains, which provides for a unique view. This exploration is recommended for every traveler wishing to enjoy an altitude landscape that calls for contemplation.

## Colores de Huaypo

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 5h 30 min  
Distance: 13 km / 8,1 mi

During this exploration, we can get to know the daily life of local communities: shepherds and farmers. Between November and May, the landscape is lush green and humid, while from June to October the setting features are ochre, red and yellow. Lunch is served beside a lagoon and the last span of the route takes us to at an altitude from where a broad 360° panoramic view can be enjoyed.

## Maras Plateau

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 6h 45 min  
Distance: 14,3 km / 8,9 mi

The trail begins at a farming community located amidst hills and goes down to the Inca remains of Moray, from where it continues to the colonial town of Maras. We see a piece of history in every corner. Afterwards, the trail descends to the bottom of the Sacred Valley and goes through the salt mines. The track crosses barley and potato fields and other crops.

## Amor Violento

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 6h  
Distance: 13 km / 8,1 mi

We begin with a visit to the community of Cúper Bajo, where a group of weavers teach us their work and culture. Next, we walk up the slope of a large hill through agricultural terraces, the valley and the town of Chincheró. We descend to Chincheró and the archaeological site. From there, we take an Inca road down to the valley. We have lunch at a viewpoint and continue descending until we reach *explora*.

BIKE RIDES

Type | Difficulty

Huayna Kolka

Half Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 3h 15 min  
Distance: 18,2 km / 11,3 mi

After visiting the archaeological site of Machu Kolka, we get on our bikes and begin a descent among trees and adobe houses towards the town of Racchi. There, we pedal in ascent towards the viewpoint of Huayna Kolka to contemplate the valley. We descend by a winding dirt road to Huayllabamba. At this point, we skirt around different crop fields until we reach *explora*.

Huaypo Views

Full Day | ● ● ● ○

Duration: 7h  
Distance: 36,5 km / 22,7 mi

This exploration crosses the farmlands of Chinchero, visiting vegetable gardens, small farms and villages. It takes the traveler to the remains of the Moray experimental crop center, the colonial town of Maras and its Inca salt-mines, to finalize with a descent to the Urubamba River. This exploration is recommended for travelers in good physical conditions and experienced in mountain biking.

COMBINATION

Type | Difficulty

WALK & RIDE

The Mita

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 5h 45 min  
Total Distance: 22,8 km / 14,2 mil  
Hike Distance: 4,6 km / 2,9 mil  
Bike Distance: 18,2 km / 11,3 mi

We leave by van to Chinchero, where we start an uphill hike through crop fields overlooking the valley and the snowy peaks that crown the mountains. We walk to the Machu Kolka archaeological site, formerly used as a product storage warehouse. We visit the place and enjoy a privileged view of the valley where we will have lunch. Then, we get on our bikes and start our descent down a winding dirt road to Huayllabamba. At this point, we skirt around different crop fields and bike back to *explora*.

OVERLAND

Type | Difficulty

Pirka

Full Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 10h 30 min

This route first takes us to Ollantaytambo, also known as the "living Inca city". From there, we will travel to the archeological site of Moray, a laboratory of experimental farming where different microclimates are used to grow crops. From here we continue to Maras and a large lagoon, an ideal place to take a stroll and have lunch, to then follow to the town of Chinchero. The road crosses several fields where we will see farmers working or looking after their animals.

Cusco

Full Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 10h

This exploration shows the best of Cusco in one day. We will descend from the fortress of Saqsaywaman down crossing the alleys of the colonial quarter of San Blas to the main square. After lunch, the traveler can continue walking through Cusco with one of our guides or on his/her own. The temple of Corincancha, on which te Santo Domingo convent was built, Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, the San Pedro Market, some Art Galleries or the hundreds of souvenirs stores are some of the options we recommend.

\*Tickets to the evening attractions are not included.

OVERLAND

Type | Difficulty

Chincheró

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 4h 30 min

Just 1 hour away from explorá, between Urubamba and Cuzco, the village of Chincheró (3762 masl) is believed to be the birthplace of the Sacred Valley's textile craftsmanship, as well as a hub for local trade. This exploration takes travellers through the colonial streets of Chincheró by foot, visiting the village's adobe church and discovering the unique murals preserved within.

Moray and Salineras

Half Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 4h 15 min

Located only 45 min. away from explorá (by van), the Maras salt mines are one of the few sites in the world to extract naturally pink salt. This exploration takes travellers through the open-air salt pools, as well as to the silent village of Maras. Close by, travellers will also find the circular terraces of Moray, once used by the Incas as agricultural laboratories for the empire's crops, and one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the valley.

**PUNA** 4.100 - 4.800 m

HIKES

Type | Difficulty

La Verónica

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 3h  
Distance: 5,3 km / 3,3 mi

This hiking takes us through a reserve aimed at preserving forests and endangered birds. In the dry season, the snow-capped Verónica hill and the mountains surrounding it are the main attractions. During the rainy season, views may be obstructed by clouds, but then the ground steals the limelight.

Paru

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 5h 30 min  
Distance: 10,5 km / 6,5 mi

This exploration transports travelers to paths where only shepherds pass. There they will walk to more than 13.000 ft. Then, following some watercourses, explore the slopes of the mountains and lagoons between ranches of Paru-Paru.

5 Lagunas

Full Day | ● ● ○ ○

Duration: 4h 30 min  
Distance: 9,6 km / 6 mi

This walk begins at an isolated community in the heights of the Andes. From there, the trail goes up to a broad pass from where to observe the snow capped Sawasiray and other snowcapped peaks. The descent takes us through a ravine with llama and alpaca herds, passing beside several lagoons that reflect the large snowcapped peak in the background and the yellow-colored mountains.

<p><b>Lloclla</b></p> <hr/> <p>Duration: 5h Distance: 10,6 km / 6,6 mi</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Full Day   ● ● ○ ○</p> <hr/> <p>This mountain walk follows tracks used by local shepherds among lagoons serving as water deposits to sustain the area's rural lifestyle between the valleys of Lamay and Pisaq. Old mountain trails, mild slopes, views, and people, among others, invite travelers to relax, walk calmly, breathe deeply and enjoy different perspectives and colors.</p>
<p><b>Tastayoc</b></p> <hr/> <p>Duration: 6h 30 min Distance: 12,4 km / 7,71 mi</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Full Day   ● ● ● ○</p> <hr/> <p>We begin in the altitude, through a pastureland highly isolated from the rest of the valley. The trail includes several lagoons, some with turquoise waters due to thawing, and others with transparent waters, allowing travelers to learn about high-mountain water ecosystems.</p>
<p><b>Stream to Cusco</b></p> <hr/> <p>Duration: 6h 30 min Distance: 14,5 km / 9 mi</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Full Day   ● ● ● ○</p> <hr/> <p>The trail crosses the mountains that separate the Sacred Valley from Cusco and reaches the Town Square of the Inca's imperial city. This road simulates the journey followed by the Incas and Spanish conquerors more than 500 years ago. Before completing the exploration, there is a guided tour to the huge walls of the Saqsaywaman and its archaeological and ceremonial centers.</p>
<p><b>Huchuy Qosqo</b></p> <hr/> <p>Duration: 8h Distance: 17,3 km / 10,7 mi</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Full Day   ● ● ● ○</p> <hr/> <p>This exploration offers breathtaking views to lagoons at different altitudes, to the farmlands of Chinchero and to the valleys. To reach the remains of the Huchuy Qosqo Palaces, it goes down an Inca trail. Once in the remains, you cannot miss lying down in the gardens, taking a rest and enjoying the view towards Sacred Valley.</p>
<p><b>Incañán</b></p> <hr/> <p>Duration: 8h Distance: 17,8 km / 11,1 mi</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Full Day   ● ● ● ●</p> <hr/> <p>This is the most physically-demanding exploration and the one with the most spectacular landscapes. It crosses the Urubamba mountain chain from north to south, over a trail that goes along the second highest peak in the region, the Sawasiray, with 19,088 f.a.s.l.</p>
<p><b>Pachatusan</b></p> <hr/> <p>Duration: 8h Distance: 12,2 km / 7,6 mi</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Full Day   ● ● ● ●</p> <hr/> <p>We begin our ascent by a path of agricultural and livestock use. During this exploration, we can see Cerro Pachatusan, considered in Inca culture to be the protector of the world. We walk to an open area with wide views of the Cusco Valley and finally, we descend to the archaeological centers of Pukara and Tipón, where agriculture was developed with an important Inca hydraulic system that is still in use today.</p>

BIKE RIDES

Type | Difficulty

Qenqo

Full Day | ● ● ● ●

Duration: 6h 30 min  
Distance: 54,5 km / 33,9 mi

The exploration begins in the heights of the pampas and then descends – over a vehicle road – among Quechua communities and farmlands with views to the Sacred Valley and Písaq. In the afternoon, the ride goes follows the south side of the Urubamba river among cornfields, old haciendas and manors from the 19th and 20th century.

COMBINATION

Type | Difficulty

WALK & RIDE

Inca Tracks

Full Day | ● ● ● ●

Duration: 5h  
Total Distance: 24,1 km / 15 mi  
Hike Distance: 4,1 km / 2,5 mi  
Bike Distance: 20 km / 12,4 mi

During the morning, this exploration considers a 6 km walk over a mountain trail with 360° views to Cusco and the Sacred Valley. The descent is through potato plantations and pampas where shepherds tend their animals. In the afternoon, biking starts on the heights of the pampas, then going down through Quechua communities and farmlands, with views to the Sacred Valley.

OVERLAND

Type | Difficulty

Valle de la Papa

Full Day | ● ○ ○ ○

Duration: 9h

This exploration takes the traveler to one of the most fertile areas in the Sacred Valley. The journey begins towards the Quinsacocha lagoon, a sublime site that features the typical Cusco puna landscape. Going downhill, we will cross the el Valle de la Papa and next, visit the Quechua community of Chahuaytire, a place with an ancient textile tradition where we will learn about natural dyeing and back strap loom techniques. The trip ends with a visit to the stunning archaeological center of Písaq, a city built on a mountain with hundreds of remarkable hanging farm terraces on its slopes.