

The Sacred Valley of the Incas is renowned for having been the agricultural, spiritual, and political heart of the empire. Its fertile lands, irrigated by the Vilcanota River, supplied Cusco and Machu Picchu through terraces and canals that still endure. Within the valley lie archaeological sites such as Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Moray, and Chinchero, which showcase Inca engineering and worldview. At the same time, local communities preserve ancestral traditions such as weaving and agriculture. The Sacred Valley offers a unique connection

between living history, vibrant culture, and the breathtaking landscapes of the Andean world.



# SACRED VALLEY TOUR

### **ITINERARY:**

Our Sacred Valley experience begins with a pick-up from your hotel in Cusco. Our first stop is Pisac, renowned for its impressive agricultural terraces built into the mountainsides, offering breathtaking views of the valley. We will then visit its artisanal market, where local villagers showcase textiles, ceramics, and jewelry crafted with ancestral techniques, perfect for taking home an authentic keepsake.

We continue to Urubamba, considered the heart of the valley, where you will enjoy a delicious Andean lunch. Afterward, we head to Ollantaytambo, a fascinating archaeological complex notable for its majestic fortress, its sacred monolith, and its charming town that still preserves original Inca streets and houses. This site is also the gateway to Machu Picchu, making it a convenient point for travelers who wish to continue by train.

On our return to Cusco, we take an alternate route to visit Chinchero, famous for its traditional textiles. Here, you will enjoy a cultural demonstration that reveals the ancestral processes of weaving and natural dyeing. We will also explore its colonial church, built upon ancient Inca foundations. At the end of the tour, we return to Cusco and drop you off at your hotel for a comfortable rest.







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### **INCLUDED:**

- Tourist transportation.
- Professional bilingual guide (Spanish / English).
- Andean lunch in Urubamba.
- Entrance to archaeological sites (Partial Tourist Ticket).
- Permanent assistance during the tour.

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

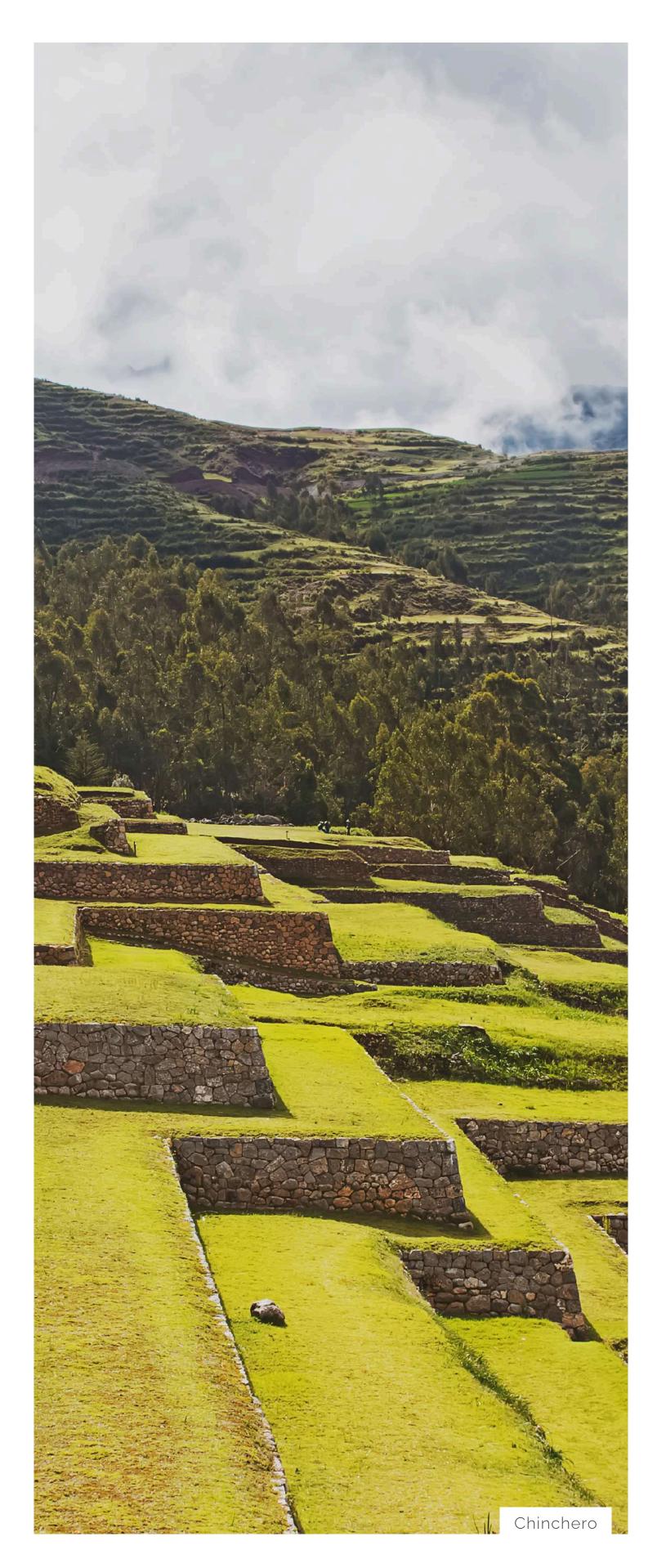
- foods not mentioned
- Snacks & drinks
- Travel insurance
- Tips

### **PACKING LIST:**

- Bring your ID card or passport.
- Wear comfortable and warm clothing.
- Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.
- Camera.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Get a good rest the night before, and if possible, drink coca tea or have coca candies to help prevent altitude sickness.
- Carry cash in soles, preferably in small bills, since card payments are not common along this route.
- Wear sneakers or trekking shoes with good grip, as you will walk on uneven paths.
- Dress in layers (up to 3), as the weather can vary from intense sun to cold wind.
- Before taking photos of locals, ask for permission and enjoy learning about their traditions.
- Consider bringing an extra battery to charge your mobile devices, as you won't want to miss capturing the landscapes and archaeological sites.
- Bring an open and curious attitude, as this is a journey rich in cultural heritage.



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## Pisac

Pisac is one of the most captivating places in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, known for the harmony between its archaeological site and its vibrant cultural life. At the top of the mountains lies its Inca complex, with perfectly designed agricultural terraces that impress with their engineering and panoramic views of the valley. At its feet, the picturesque town hosts a famous handicraft market where visitors can find textiles, ceramics, and jewelry made with ancestral techniques. Pisac reflects the greatness of the Inca past and the continuity of a living tradition that connects history, culture, and nature.



# Ollantaytambo

Ollantaytambo is renowned for keeping its history alive and for its imposing Inca fortress, built with massive stone blocks fitted with extraordinary precision. It was once the scene of battles and a ceremonial center. From its terraces, visitors enjoy unique views of the town and surrounding mountains. What makes Ollantaytambo exceptional is that it not only preserves its Inca constructions but is also a living town, where cobblestone streets and original houses from the Tahuantinsuyo era are still in use. It is also the gateway to Machu Picchu, making it an essential destination where past and present meet.



# Chinchero

Chinchero is a traditional Andean village full of history. Its ancient terraces and Inca walls reveal the glorious past of the region, while its colonial church, built on Inca foundations, preserves beautiful murals and altars. The town is famous for its textiles, made with alpaca wool and dyed with natural plants. Here, local people proudly demonstrate how they spin, dye, and weave using ancestral techniques. Surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, Chinchero offers a unique opportunity to experience the living culture and authenticity of the Andes.

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