



CUSCO KAYAK & HIKE

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3 days / 2 nights

This departure takes you through the mountains and villages between Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Enjoy kayaking in Lake Piuray and trekking on an Inca Trail to the ancient citadel of Huchuyqosco (Small Cusco) on a ridge overlooking the Sacred Valley, the Vilcanota River and the surrounding mountains. All this, plus the amazing experience of two nights camping with the magical light of the Andean Full Moon.

Itinerary: Day 1 Kayaking at Piuray, Day 2 Trek to Huchuyqosco, Day 3 Huchuyqosco/Sacred Valley

Location: Cusco

Duration: 3 days / 2 nights

Fixed Departures: Any Day or one Day Prior Full Moon. Ask our sales staff.

Season: All Year Long

Day 1 KAYAKING ON LAKE PIURAY

Leave Cusco by bus for a 40-minute ride to Lake Piuray, near the village of Chinchero, well known for its colorful market with traditional weavings. Arriving at the lake, we will have a safety briefing with the kayaking equipment and then start kayaking across the lake for about two hours, enjoying outstanding scenery of the surrounding hills with farm terraces and forests views of the snow-capped mountains of the Urubambra range. After our kayaking experience and a tasty Andean style picnic lunch on the shores of the lake, we will have a free afternoon to relax at our campsite. It's possible to walk along the shoreline of the lake, meeting local farmers or visiting a traditional weavers group. Enjoy the campfire, a customized dinner and a peaceful rest at our comfortable campsite at 3700 masl. Today is the day before the Full Moon, but you will be able to see everything illuminated by the Moon: this is an outstanding experience. PL/D



Day 2 TREK TO HUCHUYQOSCO

After breakfast with the early lake breeze, our trek begins to Huchuyqosco. We will first reach the village of Tauca, where the Inca Trail draws our path to the ancient

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Inca site. Uphill through a eucalyptus forest towards the Puna, where a stretch of sparsely vegetated and treeless section covers the high plateau. It is possible to see herds of Alpacas and Llamas. We will stop to enjoy a Box Lunch and continue towards the Apacheta pass (4,500m), with amazing 360° view of the area. From there we will start descending through a narrow native forest to our campsite at Huchuyqosqo. The Inca site is located over terraces at the edge of the Sacred Valley, overlooking the Vilcanota River and the snowcapped mountains of the Cordillera Urubamba. With this view and the Full Moon, you will be so delighted of the landscape and the sky that you will want to stay there for long time. Overnight Camp at 3770 masl. B/PL/D



Day 3 HUCHUYQOSCO / SACRED VALLEY

Early wake up facing east to enjoy breakfast and then visit Huchuyqosqo site. The ruins have three storage Inca structures made of stone and adobe (mud-brick). This archaeological site was built almost at the top of a ridge and plateau overlooking the Sacred Valley up and down stream. After getting to know the site we will descend following the zigzag trail down to Lamay village, where we will meet our vehicle and have our picnic lunch. Then we will end our trip at Ollantaytambo (to catch the train to Machu Picchu) or at your Hotel in the Sacred Valley or Cusco. B/BL



End of Services

SERVICES INCLUDED

Tours mentioned, entrance fees to archaeological sites, transportation from Cusco (or Sacred Valley) and back to your entering destination. Lunches and Meals during Full Day Tours. Camping Equipment, Guides and Trekking Team.

Seakayaking: Seakayaks, paddles, life jackets, Wind Jackets, Gloves (if required for paddling), safety equipment and a local guide. All meals

B- Breakfast / BL- Boxed Lunch / PL- Picnic Lunch / L- Lunch / D- Dinner

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

Meal on third day in Cusco, alcoholic beverages, extras, taxes, tips, laundry services, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets. Breakfast Day 1, and Dinner Day 3.

WHAT TO TAKE

Good Walking Shoes (Rubber soles)

Standard clothing used for travelling outdoor world-wide

Light Outdoor Gear

Rain protection gear, sun protection and insect repellent.

Warmer clothes especially in the Months of May - July when temperature can vary from hot days to freezing nights. In the altitude layered clothing systems are best for Peru's diversity.

For Seakayaking:

Long-sleeved Lycra

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Hat/Cap
Sunglasses
Wind-Jacket
Water Bottle
Sun Screen

Personal First-Aid Kit. On each trip we carry a medical Kit but we suggest a small personal First-Aid Kit for bruises and blisters. A knee and ankle brace are sometimes useful especially if you suffer from weak knees or ankles. Include any special medication your doctor might suggest for you.