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Junior full day hike

Ollantaytambo - Pumamarca

Ollantaytambo - Pumamarca and weaving time in Patacancha

This trek is going to give you an idea about this magnificent development and how the Incas took advantage of the terrain, building hundreds of terraces for the agriculture of different crops in this beautiful fertile Valley of Patacancha.

Early in the morning we start the day visiting Ollantaytambo one of the most impressive Inca temples, that was also used to work as a fortress during the rebellion of Manco Inca against the Conqueror's. Not only will the archeological site impress you but also the village itself has a special and charming atmosphere.

From Ollantaytambo we will take a local trail that follows the trace of an ancient Inca channel coming from Halancoma mountain, a pic part of the Urubamba Mountain range, and passes next to a non very touristic Inca site, Pumamarca.

During our hike we will cross some local huts of humble farmers and herding animals that will bring our minds back hundreds of years ago.

Finally after 2 hours and a half of gradual gentle uphill we reach the top, where an Inca site is imposing over the Patacancha Valley called Pumamarca. The peaceful Pumamarca will be a perfect place to enjoy our picnic lunch. Before our drive back .

Optional: Weaving afternoon

Spend the afternoon in the Quechua community of Patacancha and receive an introduction to the ancient Andean art of backstrap weaving from one of our weavers. You will also have the opportunity to try spinning yarn on the p'uska (Andean drop spindle) and sample some of the delicious potato varieties native to the Andes. An Awamaki staff member or volunteer will accompany you to introduce you to your weaving teacher and get you started on the fundamentals of backstrap loom weaving. The aim is to complete a pulsera (bracelet) to take home!

Location: Ollantaytambo, Sacred Valley Peru

Description: Guided tour Ollantaytambo and Pumamarca, Andean and valley landscape. Cultural and adventure tour.

Hiking time: 3 Hrs.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

Altitude range: 2800 - 3200 m

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Terraces of Yucay

In the heart of the Sacred Valley, an imposing Pisonay tree rests in the plaza of Yucay, where the biggest corn of the valley and the World grows, it's the beginning of our hike.

At the back of this plaza is an impressive group of terraces following the slope of the mountain, that are used by the locals at the present time. Some cave paintings and hanging tombs on the cliff will be also seen along our way.

We start the morning visiting the temple of Sayri Tupac, at that time Yucay was the resting place for the royal Inca family.

The way goes following a wide channel stream coming from San Juan snow capped mountain.

Nature, the sound of the water and the views of the valley from the top of the terraces will be the highlight of our journey.

After about 2 hours the trail finishes at the other plaza of Yucay. This is where our private transportation will be waiting for us to drive us back to our hotel.

Location: Yucay, Sacred Valley Peru

Description: Guided tour walking to visit Yucay, Andean and valley landscape. Cultural, Mystical and adventure tour.

Hiking time: 3 Hrs. 2 kms.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate - Low

Altitude range: 2857 m

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Chincheró to Urquillos

The weaving town of Chincheró, a perfect combination of threads, terraces, braided women hair and a beautiful plaza with its rustic church, it's the beginning of our morning. With an Inca trail that goes towards a campesinos small village called Urquillos right in the Sacred Valley.

Half an hour from Cusco is located Chincheró where Paulino's family is going to show us the complex process of how to weave with a loom and how to use the local plants and minerals to clean and dye the wool.

The walk it's basically all downhill with a well paved rock beginning, characteristic of an Inca trail. Once we turn left, the views are going to surprise us because of the outstanding scenery of the sacred valley and the glaciers in front.

A perfect place to take a break and enjoy our box lunch.

As we go down it becomes more populated with small little roof tailed houses and corn plantation.

The walk finishes at the main square of Urquillos town where our private transportation will wait for us to take us back to our hotel.

Location: Chincheró, Urquillos, Sacred Valley Peru

Description: Weaving demonstration, Andean and valley landscape. Cultural and adventure tour.

Hiking time: 4 Hrs.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

Altitude range: 3700-2900 m

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