

ONE DAY TOUR

# MARAS & MORAY SALT MINES

1 day





# DESCRIPTION

## *Visit the Salt Mines of Maras and the gigantic agricultural laboratory of Moray.*

When visiting the imperial city of Cusco, one of the most exciting moments is going on excursions outside the city to the Inca archaeological sites and other points of interest. The Maras Salt Mines and Moray are two of the region's most essential and intriguing sites. You will also have a special experience in the small town of Chinchero.

You will witness impressive Inca constructions and enjoy a typical demonstration of artisanal weaving in Chinchero. Afterwards, you will visit the famous Maras Salt Mines to witness one of the fascinating places and have the opportunity to purchase one of the unique products available in Cusco: Pink Salt from Maras. Finally, you will head to the agricultural experimental station of Moray, where the Inca culture developed new crops.

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**Huaypo Lagoon**  
3510 m. / 11516 ft.



**Moray**  
3385 m. / 11106 ft.



**Maras Salt Mines**  
3000 m. / 9843 ft.



**Urubamba**  
2,871 m. / 9420 ft.



**Chincho**  
3762 m. / 12343 ft.



**Cusco**  
3400 m. / 11155 ft.



-  LUNCH & REST AREA
-  RIVER
-  MAJOR ROAD
-  MINOR ROAD

DAY 01: Cusco | Chincho - Maras Salt Mines - Moray - Misminay - Huaypo Lagoon - Cusco

# FULL ITINERARY

## HIGHLIGHTS

- » Learn about the weaving process as explained by Andean women in Chinchero and admire their beautiful handmade art pieces.
- » Make a stop at the Maras Salt Mines, an impressive array of terraces filled with water that collect salt and have been used since pre-Columbian times.
- » Visit the Inca agricultural terraces of Moray, extraordinary stone terraces built as an amphitheater.
- » Savor an exquisite traditional lunch from the region in an authentic community in Cusco.
- » Marvel at the fantastic views of the Sacred Valley's mountain range throughout the day.
- » Take a break at the beautiful Huaypo Lagoon with its crystal-clear waters.
- » Learn more about the history of the Incas.



# DAY 01

Cusco | Chinchero - Maras Salt Mines - Moray - Misminay - Huaypo Lagoon - Cusco

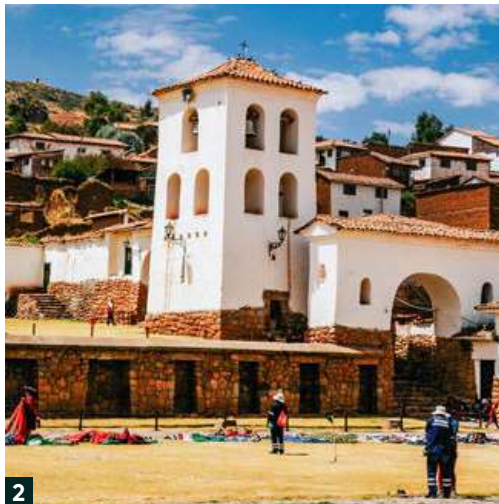
## Day Out to Some of the Most Interesting Sites in the Mountains of Cusco

In the morning, we will pick you up from your accommodation and head to the small town of Chinchero. You will learn about the local textile art before continuing to the Maras Salt Mines, which will surprise you with their mountainside location – another unique view you have probably never witnessed before.

Next, you will visit Moray. Unlike any other archaeological site you have seen, this site was an Inca agricultural laboratory. You will also learn about the history of the place before moving on. Later, we will have a typical lunch in Misminay, pass by the beautiful Huaypo Lagoon, and see some small communities. Finally, we will return to Cusco in time for you to find a place to have dinner.



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## DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:  
**Traditional Lunch**
- » DIFFICULTY:  
**Easy**
- » LOWEST ELEVATION:  
**3,000 m / 9,843 ft**
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:  
**3,762 m / 12,343 ft**

1. Moray Archaeological Center
2. Chinchero Square
3. Handmade alpaca weaving in Chinchero

# INCLUSIONS



# WHAT IS INCLUDED?

## » Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entrance Ticket to Maras Salt Mines

## » High Quality Service & Safety

- Experienced Tour Guide

English and spanish speaking official tour guide. All our guides are graduates of the professional career of Tourism of the National University San Antonio Abad of Cusco. We choose them for their professionalism, experience, responsibility, seriousness, unbridled passion for exploring, and sincere desire to proudly share in our culture and history. He or she will keep you safe, sound, and comfortable on your trek so that you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions with our guides every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.) as well as oxygen. If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- 24/7 Customer Service
- We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your tour.

## » Meals

- Traditional Lunch

## » Transportation

- Transport

All transportation is included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and after the end of the trip, we'll drop you back at the door of your hotel in Cusco.

# WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

## » Cusco Tourist Ticket

This ticket is necessary and allows you admission to many of the most popular attractions in Cusco and the Sacred Valley, including archaeological sites and museums.

- From PEN 70.00 (US\$ 20.00) to PEN 130.00 (US\$ 40.00) per person.

## » Breakfast & Dinner

## » Travel Insurance

## » Tips for our staff

Tipping is the norm on any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our entire team, something extra is always welcome.

## » Additional costs or delays beyond our control

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemia, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, act of God, etc.



# BEFORE YOU GO

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Salkantay Trekking in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

Have another question that we haven't answered here? Drop us a line and we will get back to you asap!

## » Can I store my luggage at your office?

**Of course!** During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge.

Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of theft, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.

## » Pick up of guests

Salkantay Trekking can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup time in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic.

Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodation with good access.

## » Group Tours

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical conditions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route.

It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all the participants, if such modifications are possible.



## » Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date.

Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellations, everything will be coordinated with you by our operations department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.

## » Lost objects

Please pay attention to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport or restaurant. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.



# WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- » Valid Passport
- » Extra money (recommended soles)
- » Personal medication
- » Water bottle or CamelBak - (optional water purifying pills)aa
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Light footwear or sandals
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank





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