



ONE DAY TREK

WAQRAPUKARA

1 day



DESCRIPTION

Day Hike to the Fortress of Horns

How does the idea of escaping the city and large crowds to visit a unique off-the-beaten-path site sound? The Waqrapukara One-Day Trek is the ultimate choice for some peace and quiet and to discover an incredible site that very few people get to visit—locals and tourists!

Join us on an epic hike to the majestic pre-Inca construction of Waqrapukara, or Fortress of Horns, located in the mighty Apurímac Canyon. This beautiful sacred place combines advanced architecture and impressive natural formations in a wonderful landscape—almost like something from a dream—surrounded by small crystalline lagoons. The gigantic horns rise as high as 4,140 m / 13,583 ft.

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DAY 01: Cusco | Quiquijana - Pomacanchi - Santa Lucia - Waqrapukara - Cusco

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Explore a unique Inca fortress and temple in Waqrapukara.
- » Be astounded by the extensive, well-preserved agricultural terraces and walls, staircases, and stone chambers carved in the classic Inca style.
- » Walk through the incredible Andes, get breathtaking canyons views, and take some stunning photos.
- » Observe the local flora and fauna and learn more about them from your expert guide.
- » Glimpse into traditional Andean life in the rural communities.
- » Enjoy a day off-the-beaten-path and away from the large crowds.

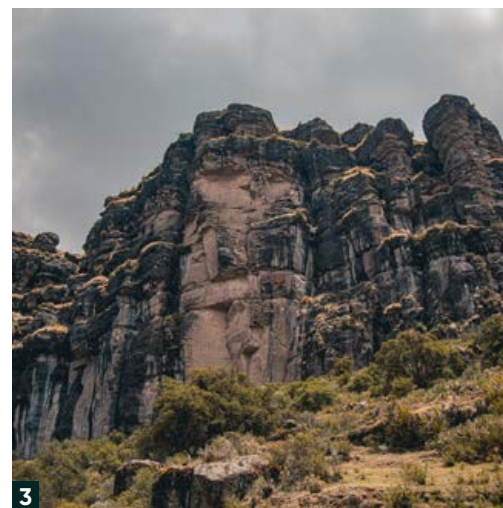
DAY 01

Cusco | Quiquijana - Pomacanchi - Santa Lucia
- Waqrapukara - Cusco

Be Impressed by the Amazing Inca Fortress of Waqrapukara

Wake up before dawn to join us as we drive for two hours to Quiquijana for breakfast. Next, we'll continue another two and a half hours, passing the beautiful Pomacanchi Lagoon to the hike's starting point. The first part of the trek will take around one and a half hours as you observe astounding landscapes that'll take your breath away. We'll stop at the Waqrapukara viewpoint to take some photos before continuing to the majestic site itself.

This afternoon, you'll explore the archeological site and learn all about its history. Climb through the ruins and take spectacular photos before heading back to our transport. We'll drive you back to Cusco for the evening.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast and Box Lunch
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate to Challenging
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
5 km / 3.11 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
3 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
3,700 m / 12,139 ft
- » WAQRAPUKARA ELEVATION:
4,140 m / 13,583 ft

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1. Waqrapukara
 2. Ascent to the Waqrapukara lookout point.
 3. Dazzling geological formations along the route

INCLUSIONS



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entrance Ticket to Waqrapukara Archaeological Site

» 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.

- Trekking Poles with rubber tips
- Rain Poncho
- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your trek.

» Meals

- Breakfast & Box Lunch
- Snacks and water

Before the hike, we'll provide you with a water bottle and snacks of local fruits, cookies, chocolate, caramels, etc.

- One cloth snack bag per person

To avoid the usage of plastic bags that contaminate our environment, we'll give you a cloth bag for your snacks.

- Hygiene Products

You'll be provided with a small towel and soap before each meal to clean your hands.

» 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?

» Dinner

» Hiking Clothes

» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is the standard in any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our 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, pandemic, 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, you can store your main luggage for free at our office (arrange it with us at our office or by email).

You can also safely keep any equipment you won't need for the tour in your hotel. Almost every hotel offers this service. Please do not leave valuable items in your bags; put them in the hotel safe and ask for an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of theft, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt). For extra peace of mind, place items like credit cards inside a sealed and signed envelope.

» Pick up of guests

All pickups are within Cusco City. Please also note:

- We recommend booking a hotel in the historic center for its convenient location.
- The pickup time is confirmed the day before the tour.
- Due to traffic, the pickup time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes.
- Cusco is an old city; thus, 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. For such reasons, we strongly advise you to 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
- » Hiking boots or shoes (preferably waterproof)
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Pair of thermal pants
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Waterproof or wool gloves
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Wool hat for the cold
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank



*It is advisable to wear waterproof pants during the rainy season (September to March).



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