

MORAY & MARAS SALT MINES

FULL DAY



EXPLORE THE BEST CUSCO HAS TO OFFER



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DESCRIPTION

When visiting Cusco, some of the most exciting moments are taking trips out of the city to Inca archaeological sites and other places of interest. Two of the most significant and intriguing in the region are the Maras Salt Mines and Moray. You'll also get to experience something special in the small town of Chinchero.

Discover the impressive Inca constructions and enjoy the traditional handmade weaving demonstration of textiles in Chinchero. Then, you'll head on to the agricultural experimental station of Moray, where the Inca culture developed new crops. Finally, visit the famous Maras Salt Mines to see one of the most fascinating sights you'll likely see and purchase one of the most unique products available in Cusco—pink Maras salt.

OVERVIEW

Are you hoping to get out of the city for the day and experience something different? Does ancient history fascinate you? How about unique, one-of-a-kind sights and learning customs and traditions from local communities? Then, this trip is for you. Join us by yourself, as a couple, or part of a larger group on this fun and interesting day out of Cusco. In the small town of Chinchero, you'll get to enjoy the traditional handmade weaving demonstration of textiles by local women. You'll then go to the giant agricultural laboratory that is Moray—one of the most intriguing Inca archaeological complexes around. Finally, you'll visit the Maras Salt Mines that'll surely astound you with how they sit on the side of a mountain!

All the while, you'll be in the middle of the Andean mountains, enjoying the stunning views, and observing locals going about their daily lives and working in the fields. We'll also visit the Huaypo Lagoon, a beautiful body of crystalline water located at an elevation of 3,510 m / 11,515 ft.

Wait no more to organize this fun day out where you'll learn a lot and enjoy incredible landscapes from the moment of your departure! What's more, you don't need to worry about anything as we plan every last detail. All you need to do is enjoy yourself on this exciting trip



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FULL DAY TOUR





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Moray and Maras Salt Mines - one day tour

Highlights

- Learn the weaving process explained by Andean women in Chinchero and observe their beautiful pieces of handmade art.
- Visit the Incan agricultural terraces of Moray, which are extraordinary rings of stone terraces built almost like an amphitheater.
- Stop off at the Maras Salt Mines; a stunning array of terraces filled with water that collect salt and have been in use since pre-Columbian times.
- Marvel at the fantastic views of the Sacred Valley mountain range throughout the day.
- Take a break at the pre-Huaypo Lagoon with its crystalline water.

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FEATURED DESTINATION OF THE DAY

SALT MINES

Maras



Highlight of the Day: Enjoying these very unique sites and learning all about the region and its history.



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

Our transfer will visit you at your hotel between 08:00 hrs and 8:30 hrs approx. to transfer you to the starting point of the tour, we will start visiting Moray which is located 38 km from the city of Cusco, Moray is considered as an Inca agricultural laboratory. Which is made up of 4 muyus or circles, which are circular platforms in concentric form, the deepest is 80 meters of depression having the lowest platform 36 meters in diameter. Also found within the platforms temperature variations ranging from 0.5 to 1.5 ° c per platform, which can reproduce up to 20 different types of microclimates.

Then we will visit the salt mines of Maras, as its name indicates, they are salt mines formed by around 5000 small ponds producing each pond approximately between 50 to 80 kilos of salt per season. These are irrigated by a subway salt water spring, this process is completely natural and lasts almost two months for a growing season, the salt of Maras is very sought after and the highest quality variety is the pink mineral salt. We return to Cusco where our tour ends at approximately 14:00 hours. Near the Plaza de Armas of Cusco, culminating our tour to the salt mines of Maras.

RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE OUR TOUR

You will have a full briefing with your guide 1 or 2 days before your trip. Your guide will meet you at your hotel and you can take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions about the Maras Salt Mines or the Moray tour or any kind of doubt or concern about the tour.



INCLUSIONS

Included / Not Included

At **Peru Adventure Trek**, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour itineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logistics, but please pay attention to the details so you don't miss anything. Some items may be different for specific programs, so please read carefully before booking with us.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- ✓ Pick-up from your accommodation or Hotel
- ✓ Professional, bilingual tour guide
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Tourist transport, which are very comfortable and come with all necessary safety features. Our driver has several years of experience and is an expert at navigating the narrow mountain roads.
- ✓ Breakfast and lunch box (vegetarian options available)
- ✓ First aid kit (includes emergency oxygen tank)

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Tips for your tour guide and driver
- Snacks





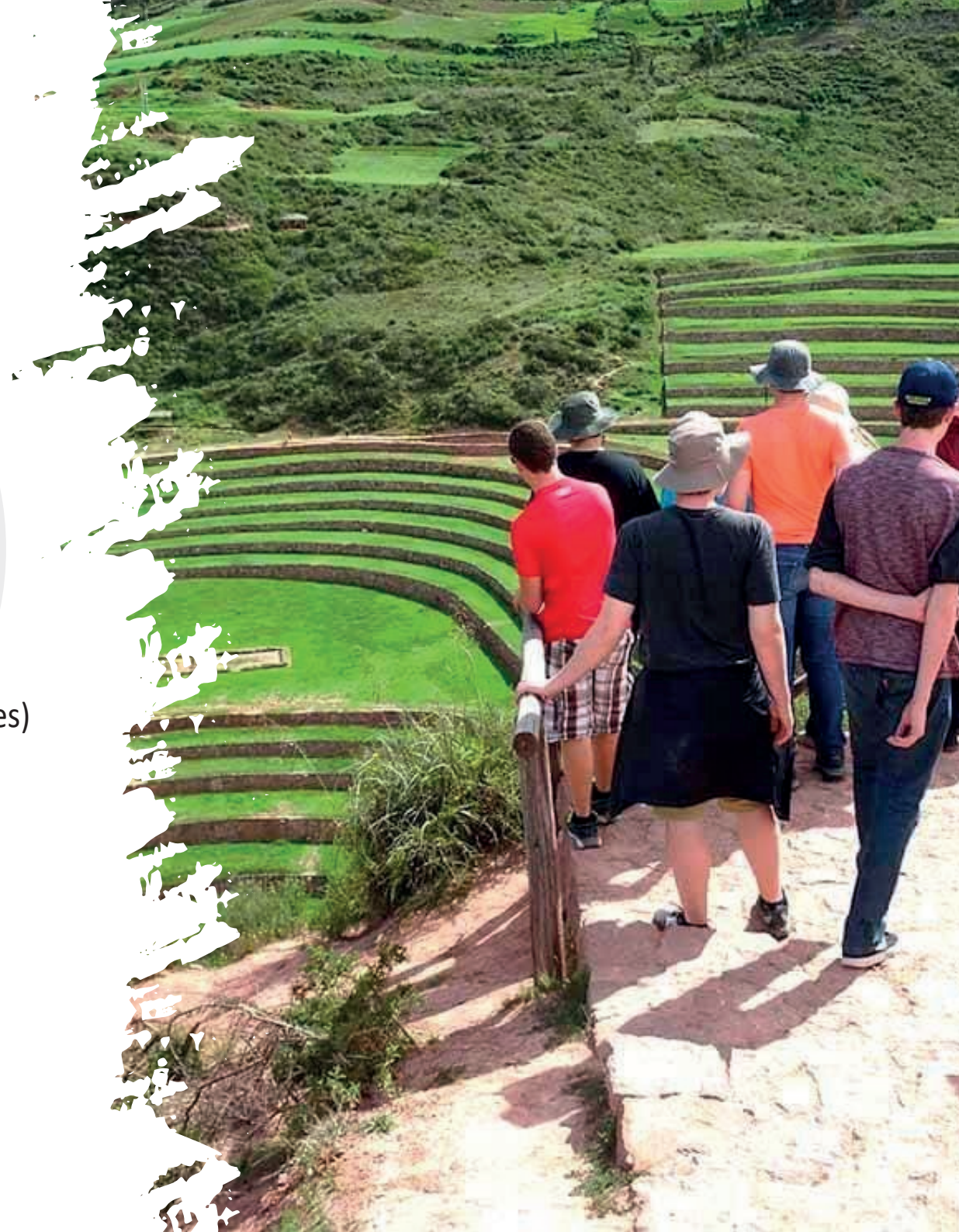
BEFORE YOU GO

Is it for me?

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 **Peru Adventure Trek** in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

WHAT TO BRING?

- ☐ Small daypack
- ☐ Light, comfortable clothing
- ☐ Warm jacket
- ☐ Water (we recommend at least 1 liter)
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Cash (in small denominations of Peruvian nuevo soles)
- ☐ Personal medications
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Snacks (granola bars, dried fruits, chocolate, etc.)





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