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WAQRAPUKARA HIKE

1 Day

OVERVIEW



Waqrapukara Hike In 1 Day

What do you think of the idea of escaping the city and the big crowds to visit a unique and off-the-beaten-path place? The day hike to Waqrapukara is the best option to enjoy peace and tranquility and discover an incredible site that very few people get to visit: locals and tourists!

The Waqrapukara hike is a new and recently promoted tourist attraction in Cusco located in the province of Acomayo near the Apurimac River at 4,300 meters above sea level. (13,123 pastels), south of the city of Cusco. Waqrapukara has not yet been deciphered and can be considered as a fortress, a sanctuary or an astronomical observatory. It was initially built by the Quinchas and later conquered by the Incas. This tour will take you to a different and unusual destination, where you will enjoy the spectacular landscapes, different lagoons, abysses of the Apurimac canyon, and you will also connect with the nature and energy of this incredible place.

The highlight of the Waqrapukara Hike In 1 Day

- ✓ Be amazed by the extensive, well-preserved agricultural terraces and stone walls, stairs and chambers carved in the classic Inca style.
- ✓ Explore a unique Inca fortress and temple at Waqrapukara.
- ✓ Hike through the incredible Andes, enjoy stunning views of the canyons and take some stunning photographs.
- ✓ A look at traditional Andean life in rural communities.
- ✓ See the local flora and fauna and learn more about them from your expert guide.

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Cusco
3400 m - 11155 ft
Pick up



Quiquijana
3210 m - 10531 ft

Vilcanota River



Pomacanchi Lake



Pomacanchi
3679 m - 12070 ft

Apurimac River

Waqrapukara
4140 m - 13583 ft
7 km - 3.00 hrs



Trek starting point
3700 m - 13583 ft

Santa Lucia
4623 m - 13287 ft

	DISTANCE / HOURS
	CAMPS
	LUCH & REST AREA
	MAJOR ROAD
	MINOR ROAD
	FOOTPATH
	LAGOON

1

DAY

WAQRAPUKARA



Highlights Of The Day

- Exploring the impressive site of Waqrapukara.



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1**DAY**

Exploring the impressive site of Waqrapukara



This amazing day adventure starts early. We will pick you up at your accommodation around 4:00 am. and follow a two-hour drive to the town of Quiquijana. From there, and once you have enjoyed a healthy breakfast to recharge your batteries, we will continue bordering the sparkling Pomacanchi lagoon, one of the largest in the area.

After that, we will continue our route for an hour and a half along a dirt road to the town of Santa Lucía, contemplating an incredible landscape around us and even looking at the lagoon in the distance. From the town, we will undertake a final 30-minute trip to the starting point of our walk. There you will have time to collect your things before starting. The first section lasts around 1.5 hours, taking in the magnificent Apurimac Canyon, one of the deepest in Peru, and the spectacular landscapes dotted with cliffs along the way.

When we arrive at the Waqrapukara viewpoint you can rest a little and take your first photos of the impressive fortress that emerges on the edge of a canyon. Then, we will descend a steep path to the site at the edge of a cliff while we appreciate the Apurímac River flowing down.

You will be able to explore the archaeological site for approximately an hour and a half; You will climb through the remains of the temple and take photographs of its famous horn-shaped rock formation and the fantastic landscape of the canyon. The site itself also features enigmatic buildings from the pre-Inca and Inca periods, terraces, and an incredible backstory, making it a perfect place to learn about ancient Andean culture. Without a doubt, the place will surely leave you breathless from start to finish.

Finally, when the group is ready, we will begin the hike back the way we came. We will arrive by private transportation after approximately an hour and a half of walking, and we will return to Cusco, arriving at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INCLUSIONS

Included / Not Included

High Quality Service & Safety

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced tour guide in English and Spanish
- ✓ Medical Kit or First AID Kit
- ✓ Customer service 24/7

Transportation

- ✓ Day 1: Private transportation from Cusco to the hiking point
- ✓ Day 1: Private transportation back to your hotel in Cusco

Extras included in our service

- ✓ Extra oxygen
- ✓ Hiking poles

Meals

- ✓ Meals: Breakfast (1), lunch (1)
- ✓ Food: (vegetarian and vegan food options available)
- ✓ Water during the hike

Permits & Entrance Tickets

- ✓ Entrance ticket to Waqrapukara

What is not included?

- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for our staff
- Additional costs or delays beyond our control

TRIP CHECKLIST

Full Day

- ✓ Original Passport
- ✓ Water bottle or canteen
- ✓ Good hiking boots with ankle protector or similar
- ✓ Rain gear (especially if traveling in the wet season, from October to March)
- ✓ Hiking poles
- ✓ Personal medication
- ✓ Sunblock and sunglasses
- ✓ Toiletries and hand sanitiser
- ✓ Hiking long-sleeve T-shirts
- ✓ Camera and film with extra batteries
- ✓ Some snacks such as chocolate, cereal bars, candies, nuts, energy bars
- ✓ American dollars and Peruvian soles in cash
- ✓ Backpack to carry your things



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