SACRED VALLEY

2018 Guest Rates
The Sacred Valley is like an Andean Eden. Every bend of the road is a true revelation, a surprise. The deep blue skies act like a framework for the amazingly beautiful landscapes below. Snowy peaks look down, here and there, onto the lower slopes fashioned into agricultural terraces by long gone civilizations, but still used by the contemporary Quechua-speaking farmers. The bottom of the valley is lush and green, in contrast to the drier, more barren higher altitudes where cacti dominate. Small, historical towns and villages with traditional colonial architecture and Inca ruins dot the banks of the Urubamba River. The sound of the river cutting through the stony ground is deeply relaxing.

In fact, this valley positively invites you to forget about the stresses of modern life. The pace is slower here, enabling the visitor the opportunity to contemplate, to introspect, to literally breathe in and out. The lower altitude of the Sacred Valley gives it a very pleasant climate, much warmer than the neighboring Cusco Valley, a factor which plays no small role in bringing about this feeling of sheer rural bliss.
You can do this Sacred Valley Extension Program either before the Lodge-to-Lodge Journey, allowing your body to acclimatize gradually to the higher elevation or after your visit to Machu Picchu for a few days of rest and relaxation. Either case, the itinerary can easily be adapted.

**DAY 1: CUSCO / PISAC / OLLANTAYTAMBO**

Today’s tour first takes us to the picturesque village of Pisac, by the banks of the Urubamba River. The village is best known for its well-preserved Inca ruins, which lie atop a hill at the entrance to the valley. The lower slopes of the surrounding mountains feature impressive-looking agricultural terraces dating from Inca times. Pisac has a famous open-air market on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. This invites the visitor to explore the quaint village’s sleepy streets.

Our visit then takes us to Urubamba, a small town located by the eponymous river under the snow-capped peaks of Mount Chicon. Here, we stop to have a delicious traditional Peruvian lunch.

Next, we visit the town of Ollantaytambo, which boasts an impressive archaeological site and a well-preserved Inca town structure. This was the estate of Emperor Pachacutec who conquered the region, built the town and the ceremonial center. The main settlement at Ollantaytambo has an orthogonal layout with four longitudinal streets crossed by seven parallel streets. At the center of this grid, the Incas built a large plaza.

Ollantaytambo dates from the late 15th century and has some of the oldest continuously occupied dwellings in South America. Its original layout and buildings have been altered to different degrees by later constructions and additions. However, many basic structures did survive the ravages of time. Some of the old city blocks still feature the original layout: each comprises two walled compounds with four one-room buildings around a central courtyard. On the southern edge of the town, an Inca esplanade with the original entrance to the town was rebuilt as the Plaza de Armas (main square), surrounded by colonial and republican-era buildings.

Overlooking the town is the archaeological complex, a ceremonial center built by the Incas on a steep hill. The part of the hill facing the town is occupied by terraces, framed on both flanks by rocky outcrops. Due to the imposing character of these terraces, this “Temple Hill” gives the impression that it was a fortress, though the site was essentially religious in character. The main access to the ceremonial center is a series of quite steep stairways that lead to the top of the terraced complex.

You will spend the night at a hotel in the Sacred Valley.
Itinerary

SACRED VALLEY 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

DAY 2: MARAS/MORAY

We first visit Moray, which is located on a high plateau and has unusual but interesting Inca ruins: several enormous terraced circular depressions, the largest of which is about 30 m (98 ft) deep. The purpose of these depressions is uncertain, but the temperature difference between the top and bottom caused by this type of construction and the site’s sophisticated irrigation system indicates that Moray was perhaps used by the Incas for conducting agricultural experiments.

We then continue our journey towards the small, charming town of Maras with its eclectic mix of building styles dating from the pre-Columbian, colonial and republican eras. The town is well known for its nearby terraced salt evaporation ponds, called Las Salineras. Salt has been obtained in Maras by evaporating salty water from a local subterranean stream since pre-Inca times. The effect of sunlight reflecting from the maze of ponds is quite stunning.

The short way between Moray and Maras is idyllically beautiful. Great views of snowcapped peaks can be obtained. Normally, we would drive between the two sites. Nevertheless, if the weather allows it, we recommend you hike this portion of the tour. All in all, the walk takes about two hours.

You will be served a packed lunch and spend the night at a hotel in the Sacred Valley.
Itinerary

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DAY 3: CHINCHERO / INCA RUINS NEAR CUSCO / CUSCO CITY TOUR

After breakfast, on our way back to Cusco, we visit the town of Chinchero, which comprises mainly mud brick (adobe) houses, and where locals go about their business in traditional dress. The town’s main square has some unique features such as the characteristic Inca wall with its massive trapezoidal niches. The nearby colonial church has a very interesting, intricate interior, with Cusco School-style paintings covering a large part of its walls.

Once we are back in Cusco, we start our City Tour, which begins with a visit to the Inca sites of Tambomachay, Puca Pucara, Q’enqo and the impressive fortress of Sacsayhuaman, strategically perched on a hill overlooking the city. After lunch at a nice restaurant in town, we make our way to the former Inca Temple of the Sun, known as the Korikancha. Finally, we visit the imposing Cathedral at the Plaza de Armas, the city’s beautiful main square.
Sacred Valley 3 Days / 2 Nights

2018 RATES & INCLUSIONS

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* AN EXTRA BED WILL BE ADDED TO THE ROOM PRICES PER PERSON

Included

- Transfer from Cusco / Sacred Valley / Cusco.
- 2 nights at a Sacred Valley hotel / Standard room (breakfast included).
- English-speaking guide, transportation and entrance fees if necessary.
- Lunch on Days 1 & 3 and a packed lunch on Day 2.
- Tour of Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Maras-Moray, Chinchero and Cusco.

Notes

- We recommend taking the tour on day 1 at 8:00 am, so you can have enough time to visit Pisac Market and the archeological site.
- Otherwise, you might not have enough time to do both tours and will have to choose one of them.
Have you ever wanted to sleep in a condor’s nest? Here is the next best thing-- a transparent luxury capsule that hangs from the top of a mountain in the Sacred Valley!

The exclusive Skylodge Adventure Suites offers you the chance to sleep within a completely transparent hanging bedroom that allows you to appreciate the impressive view of this magic and mystic valley.

To sleep at Skylodge, people must climb 400 mt. of Via Ferrata or hike an intrepid trail through ziplines. One night at this place will make your dreams come true. Package includes breakfast & gourmet dinner with wine, transportation from Cuzco and our professional bilingual guides.

The design and features of each suite provide our clients with first class service and complete comfort. Our alternative lighting system consists of four interior lamps and a reading light all powered by solar panels that store energy in batteries. Each suite has a private bathroom separated from the bedroom by an insulated wall. Inside there are a dry ecological toilet and sink, where you can still enjoy the gorgeous views through the 1.8 meter diameter dome. The dome has also curtains for privacy from the curious gaze of passing condors (your sky neighbors). Fine quality mattresses, cotton sheets, down pillows, and quilts ensure a warm and pleasant night 400 meters from the ground.

Itinerary
NATURA VIVE SKYLodge

DAY 1
At 1:00 pm you will be picked up at your hotel in Cusco to take you to Pachar, the journey lasts approximately one hour and a half. Upon arrival, your guide will give you a safety briefing and the required Via Ferrata equipment. Your guide will accompany you in your climbing adventure that will last about one hour. Once you reach your lodge, you will be welcomed with hot mate or coffee. In situ our experts will explain to you the lodge system. After a beautiful sunset, a gourmet dinner will be served at your lodge.

DAY 2
After an unforgettable night sleeping in the clouds, breakfast is served either at your suite or on the platform; you get to decide where you want to eat. According to your itinerary, your descent will start between 11:00 to 12:00 and you will be able to choose between rappelling or ziplining.

Once in the ground, your transfer will be ready to take you back to Cusco.
Sacred Valley 3 Days / 2 Nights

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### ZiLine + 01 Night SkyLodge + Via Ferrata

**Up To 2 Guests**

USD$ 560.00  
**Per Person**

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**Included**

- Private transfer from/to Cusco or Sacred Valley.
- Guides.
- Via Ferrata Climbing Gear (harness, helmet, via ferrata set and gloves).
- Zip Line Gear (harness, helmet, zip line set and gloves).
- Dinner and bottle of wine.
- Breakfast.
- Pick up time from Cusco is at 1 p.m.

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### Lunch at SkyLodge

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| Lunch with Via Ferrata              | USD$ 280.00  
**Per Person** |
| Lunch with Zip Line                 | USD$ 280.00  
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| Lunch with Via Ferrata + Zip Line   | USD$ 310.00  
**Per Person** |
FULL DAY SACRED VALLEY TOUR

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| GROUP TOUR   | USD$ 105.00 PER PERSON |

**Duration:** Approximately 8 hours.

**Low season (November – March):**
The tour operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

**High season (April – October):**
The tour operates every day of the week.

**Pick-up time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Arrival back in Cusco:** 5:30 p.m.

Rates include an English-speaking guide, transportation, lunch, and entrance fees if necessary.
**MARAS/MORAY HIKING TOUR**

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Group Tours are not available.