

## PERU - EXPLORA SACRED VALLEY



### INTRODUCTION

**BOOK AND SAVE: Up to 25%\* off per person (based on twin share) on select dates.**

Explora Valle Sagrado is located on an old corn plantation established in one of the most remote farms of the valley. It is sheltered and surrounded by mighty mountains that were once the home to the great Inca Empire.

Explora Valle Sagrado offers guests over 20 exploration activities, either on foot or by bicycle. Our guides will take travelers to experience the area's unique geography and Andean culture in all its richness.

Explora Sacred Valley offers a unique experience to its guests that makes you disconnect and recharge. This property is located in a remote area with archaeological sites Peru has to offer.

Explora Sacred Valley features an experience of connection with the Andean culture. The restaurant and gastronomical explorations ensure that you have a taste of the Andean ingredients prepared by the Peruvian chef Virgilio Martinez. Treat yourself to a spa located in a 17th-century colonial mansion where another piece of the Peruvian history can be found. Get a good night's rest in the comfortable rooms or suites with natural linen and wooden design match with beautiful views to the cornfield and the mountains.

### Highlights Include

**Machu Picchu** - Undertake the incredible journey to the archaeological marvel that is Machu Picchu. Explore the magical site and marvel in the feats of the ancient Inca civilisation.

**Chinchero** - Explore the quaint town of Chinchero, believed to be the birthplace of the Sacred Valley's textile craftsmanship. Travel by foot to this quaint town complete with cobblestone streets, unique murals and adobe churches.

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**Pisac** - Travel overland to the small village of Pisac, famous for its remarkable ruins and colourful market. A key enclave of the Sacred Valley this unique village gives a deep insight into Inca civilisation.

**Urubamba River Ride** - Bike along the banks of the Urubamba River. Whisk your way past a quiet area complete with cornfields, mountain vistas and sightings of old haciendas and manors.

### The Explora Experience

Explora has properties in Patagonia, Atacama, Easter Island and Chiloe Island. All accommodations are built right in the middle of the awe-inspiring areas surrounded by spectacular nature. The Explora functions as the headquarters of your trip from where you can choose from a plethora of activities included in your stay. You will be accompanied by expert guides and comfortable in the unique lodgings offered. Explora proposes a way of travelling based on in-depth exploration matched with an essence of luxury and high-end service. With over 150 excursions, you can truly personalise your experience and immerse yourself in all these South American locations have to offer, from culture, to nature to relaxation.

The Explora Sacred Valley also offers a [6 day Explora Sacred Valley and Cusco](#).

Discover the other Explora location here: [Explora Atacama](#).

### GREEN POINTS!

☞ The architectural design of the Explora Sacred Valley is not only aesthetic. The design is used to maximise natural lighting, which combined with low-consumption lighting equipment, optimises the use of electric power.

☞ Explora has a strong focus on non-invasive explorations. Guides are trained to lead expeditions that have no impact on the fragile areas they may traverse, respecting the fragility of the eco-system.

☞ Explora also has a strong water saving policy, understanding the importance of water as a natural resource. The hotel has a rigorous water treatment and purification plant to minimise the use and wastage of water.

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## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: Arrive Explora Sacred Valley

Today, you will either be picked up at the airport or your hotel and transported to Explora Sacred Valley. Upon reaching the hotel, you will be received by our dedicated staff and provided with a comprehensive briefing to discuss the upcoming activities. The Explora Sacred Valley package includes excursions and transportation, and our expert team will assist you in selecting activities that best align with your individual preferences. The activities available cover a wide range, from hikes and bike tours to community visits and archaeological site explorations. As the sun sets, indulge in a tranquil spa experience at our Casa de Baños Pumacahua, a meticulously restored colonial retreat brought to life by Explora. At dinner, you will have the opportunity to indulge in our curated menu, artfully crafted by the renowned Peruvian chef Virgilio Martínez, who is our esteemed partner in the exploration of authentic Peruvian flavors. Note: Please be aware that the itinerary described below serves as a sample and is subject to modifications based on guest preferences, weather conditions and availability.



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### DAY 2: Hike la Veronica

Explora Valle Sagrado offers a diverse menu of explorations, either on foot, by van, or bike. From traditional towns barely touched by the force of globalization to ancient ruins perfectly preserved from the passing of time, and lagoons at the foot of snow-covered mountains. All the explorations are led by competent and bilingual guides from the Explora Guide School and consist of groups of eight travelers with the option of different geographical and fitness levels. Additionally, there are half-day tours and full-day explorations available to discover the area. \*Note: The itinerary detailed below does not include a visit to Machu Picchu. We encourage you to contact your booking agent to arrange a visit to Machu Picchu during your stay. Please be aware that an additional cost will apply, and it must be pre-booked as it is subject to availability. Today, we embark on an enchanting hike to La Verónica, a journey that unfolds the ever-shifting beauty of the Andean region. Our adventure begins with a hearty breakfast at the lodge, preparing us for a day of exploration in this pristine wilderness. Nestled within a dedicated reserve, this trail plays a vital role in safeguarding pristine forests and providing sanctuary for endangered bird species. Our hike offers a rich tapestry of sensory encounters, each season imparting its distinct allure. In the dry season, we follow this path to behold the magnificent spectacle of snow-capped Mount Verónica and the surrounding peaks. The vistas that greet us on this journey reveal the majestic splendor of these snow-dusted summits. Keep an eye out for sightings of the Royal Cinclodes, a rare and treasured bird species that inhabits this region. In the rainy season, the landscape undergoes a significant change. Moss-covered cushions, intricate lichen formations, and glistening fungi adorn the hillside, providing a captivating sight. This hike offers a profound connection with the evolving seasons and the natural world, whether in the presence of snow-capped peaks or amid the subtleties of the hillside's ecosystem.



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## DAY 3: Lamay Community visit

Our day begins with a journey to the picturesque valley of Lamay, where we will engage in an immersive community visit to the charming village of Huayllafara. As we make our way to this vibrant community, we'll pause en route for a comprehensive briefing on the ongoing conservation projects that are helping to preserve the rich natural heritage of the region. Upon reaching the starting point of our hike, we step into a world where traditions, culture, and agriculture converge. In Huayllafara, we'll have the unique opportunity to participate in farm work, guided by the rhythms of the Andean calendar. This hands-on experience will introduce us to the cultivation of various local plants and crops, offering valuable insights into the agricultural practices deeply rooted in this community's heritage. During our visit, we will connect with the local residents, who will generously share their knowledge of farming tools and techniques passed down through generations. This exchange allows us to gain a deeper appreciation for the interplay between tradition and modernity in the daily lives of the Huayllafara community members. Our journey into the heart of Huayllafara culminates in a delightful lunch prepared by the community using locally sourced produce. This meal offers a true taste of the region's culinary heritage, showcasing the flavors and ingredients that define Andean culture. Note: As an alternative to the community visit in Lamay, today you have the option to embark on a full-day excursion to explore Machu Picchu. Please be aware that additional costs may apply.



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## DAY 4: Depart Explora Sacred Valley

At the appropriate time, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred out to your onward destination.





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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily All meals Internal flights as mentioned in itinerary <b>Exclusions</b> International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	3 Light Adventure (High altitude in some areas)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. Contact us for more details.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

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Explora is committed to sustainability through multiple levels. Their 'leave no trace' policy utilises waste, water and power management to minimise their environmental impact in their unique and remote locations. They also sponsor the Lenga reforestation program, an objective aimed at restoring, protecting and producing a fully self-sustaining forest restoration program in Patagonia. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore, remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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