

# MARAS - MORAY

## Half day



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## WELCOME TO CUSCO!

Cusco is the most visited tourist destination in Peru and one of the best in all of South America. There you can find attractions as famous as the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Humantay lagoon, the mountain of 7 colors and, of course, Machu Picchu, a destination considered one of the 7 wonders

In Cusco there are Andean and tropical landscapes of great beauty. Most visitors stay in the city of Cusco because there is the airport to the city. Also in the 'capital of the Inca empire' there are important tourist attractions such as Sacsayhuaman, the Cathedral, the Coricancha and more. Currently the best hotel and restaurant services are there.

100 kilometers from the city of Cusco is the best tourist destination in South America: the Inca city of Machu Picchu. The wonder of the world is the goal of almost all tourists who come to Cusco. Machupicchu was a citadel for agricultural, urban and religious purposes. It has a history that goes back more than five centuries. In addition, the lush landscape that surrounds it, make it one of the most photographed places in the world.

However, Cusco is not just Machu Picchu. In the high mountains of Cusco, near the imposing snow-capped Ausangate, is Vinicunca, the famous mountain of 7 colors. This summit is more than 5 thousand meters above sea level. Thousands of visitors arrive there every day. This amount has made the rainbow mountain the second most visited tourist destination in Cusco, only after Machu Picchu.

And Cusco offers even much more. There you can find beautiful landscapes, archaeological sites, thermal baths, memorable walks and a long etcetera. Some of the little known but worth visiting destinations are: the Palcoyo mountain, the South Valley of Cusco, the Waqrapukara fortress, the Tres Cruces de Oro viewpoint, the abode of the gods, the Cocalmayo thermal baths and more. . Meet them!

All tourist destinations can be visited on your own or with a tour organized by a tourism agency. Of course, the safest and most reliable option is to do it through a tourist agency in Cusco. Most tourist agencies offer a well-organized and complete service to enjoy the best of Cusco.

The most popular tours in Cusco are: the City Tour (for the city of Cusco), the Sacred Valley of the Incas tour (Full Day), the tour to the mountain of the 7 colors (Full Day), the tour to the lagoon Humantay (Full Day), the tour to Maras and Moray (half day), the tour to Machu Picchu (Full Day), the 2-day tour to Machu Picchu, the 4-day Inca Trail and the 5-day Salkantay trek.

All these services are performed with the best organization. For this we have a team of tourism experts who organize every detail of our services. All our tours include: pick up of the tourist, full round trip transportation, entrance to each tourist attraction and professional tour guide service. They will not have to buy anything else!

The tourist attractions of Cusco are exceptional. However, there are many other tourist destinations in Peru that are worth visiting. Soon we will be able to offer tours to all destinations in the Inca country: the Colca Canyon, Paracas, the city of Lima, Huacachina, the Amazon jungle and more.

Here you can learn about the tours offered by 'Machupicchu Terra', one of the leading tourism agencies in Cusco. You will know what it includes, the itinerary, the prices and more. Get to know Cusco with the best! Welcome!

## ABOUT US?

Welcome to Machupicchu Terra! We are a tourism agency recognized for the quality of its tours to all destinations in Cusco such as the Sacred Valley, the 7 Colors Mountain, Machu Picchu and much more. Since 2013 and until today we have been offering quality services to tourists from all over the world.

We have our own premises in the historic center of the city of Cusco at Calle Recoleta Angosta 604. To operate our different services we have authorization from the Ministry of Culture of Peru with code AUT00115. In other words, we are a professional tourism agency that offers all the security and good organization of a legal service.

To contact our travelers we have different well-designed web pages that offer all the information about Cusco and Machu Picchu. They stand out: [www.boletomachupicchu.com](http://www.boletomachupicchu.com), [www.machupicchuterra.com](http://www.machupicchuterra.com), [www.imachupicchu.com](http://www.imachupicchu.com) and more.

To carry out our operations we have a team of professionals in the tourism sector as well as collaborators in web system programming, content writers, video editors and more. All our services organized in detail to meet the expectations of our customers.

### **Mission**

Our main mission is to offer tourists a quality service that meets their high expectations in the different tourist attractions of Cusco and Peru.

For this we propose to create a website with easy navigation and complete information about the trip to Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Machu Picchu. Our goal is to provide a safe and easy interface for booking our tours. Likewise, we seek to assist tourists on prices, times, information, documents and everything related to the trip to Machu Picchu.

### **Vision**

We seek to offer the best tourist services in Cusco and the rest of Peru. For this we constantly update ourselves looking for new tourist proposals. In addition, we use the latest web technologies to reach more and more customers. This is how we have a YouTube channel 'Imachupicchu' with educational videos that help the traveler to decide the best experience for him in Cusco.

Every day we seek to improve to offer the best tourist service to our customers. We have constant communication through various digital channels. Our goal is to become the most serious and best organized tourism agency in all of Cusco and Peru.

### **Reliability**

We are a legal tourism agency of Cusco authorized by the Ministry of Culture of Peru and the Regional Directorate of Culture Cusco. Our authorization code is AUT00115. All our operations and services are legitimate. We have good reviews on online forums like TripAdvisor, Google Business and more.

All our payment methods have internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of all tourist information during the purchase. With us you can be sure to choose a legal and reliable tourism agency!

## TOUR MARAS – MORAY HALF DAY – THE TOUR WITH THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE TRIP TO CUSCO!

### ABSTRACT

The Sacred Valley of the Incas was a geographical area surrounded by mountains, valleys, rivers, lagoons and more. This area was used by the Incas to build their main citadels and, above all, their agricultural centers. One of the most impressive agricultural centers are the circular terraces of Moray. There the Incas cultivated very diverse products. Just 6 kilometers from Moray, the Sacred Valley offers an incredible natural landscape. This is the Salineras de Maras, a set of more than two thousand natural salt wells that were worked by the Incas. The scenic beauty of Maras and Moray make them two of the most photographed tourist attractions in all of Cusco.

The half-day Maras – Moray tour lasts approximately 6 hours (from 8:30 in the morning to 2:30 in the afternoon). It includes everything necessary for a comfortable trip: pick up from the tourist's hotel, full round trip transportation, entrance to all sites as well as professional tour guide service in Spanish or English. The tour also includes a visit to the colonial town of Maras and, if time permits, to the archaeological center of Chinchero. The tour is ideal to do it in your last days of your visit to Cusco. Do not forget to take your camera to get unforgettable photos of your visit to Maras and Moray. Enjoy one of the most beautiful landscapes in Cusco!

### IT INCLUDES:

- ✓ Pick up from the tourist hotel.
- ✓ Full tourist transport by minivan.
- ✓ Entrance to all tourist attractions.
- ✓ Professional tour guide (Spanish or English).

### DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- × Breakfast and lunch.
- × Telephone calls.
- × Snacks and drinks.
- × Tips.



## TOUR MARAS – MORAY HALF DAY – THE DETAILED ITINERARY



### ITINERARY

#### 1. Pick up from the hotel in Cusco and travel to the town of Maras

The tour begins between 8 and 8:30 in the morning with the pick up of the tourist at the door of his hotel located in the area of the historic center of Cusco. Next, together with the rest of the group and the tour guide, we will leave for the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The first stop will be in the town of Maras, famous for its church and covers of colonial origin.

#### 2. Visit to the circular platforms of Moray

After visiting the town of Maras, we will board the tourist transport for a short trip towards the circular platforms of Moray. There, the tour guide will introduce us to the importance of this experimental agricultural center that, at first glance, resembles a large amphitheater. Then we will have free time to tour the archaeological site and get the best photos of this place.

#### 3. Visit to the Salineras de Maras

After the visit to the circular platforms of Moray we will board the tourist transport again to go to the famous Salineras de Maras. There the tour guide will explain details about how the more than two thousand salt wells originated, how it was used by the Incas and how it is used today by local people. We will also have free time to stroll through its viewpoints, taste or buy bags of salt or its derivative products. Of course there is also time to get the most beautiful photos of this beautiful landscape.

#### 4. Visit to the archaeological site of Chinchero (optional)

After knowing Maras and Moray we will board the tourist transport for the return to the city of Cusco. If the weather is optimal, we can make a stop at the archaeological site of Chinchero to appreciate its famous Inca constructions. If the time is not right, we will return to Cusco without visiting Chinchero.

#### 6. Return to the city of Cusco

At the time indicated by the tourist we will board the minivan to return to the city of Cusco. The end point is in a central square of the city at around 2:30 in the afternoon.

## TOUR MARAS – MORAY HALF DAY – THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS YOU WILL VISIT

### LANDSCAPES OF THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

The tour to Maras and Moray allows you to appreciate some of the most beautiful landscapes of the Sacred Valley of the Incas that include the green agricultural fields of Chinchero, the Huaypo and Piuray lagoons, the snow-capped peaks of Verónica, Sihuasiray and more. These landscapes can be seen during the trip in tourist transport or on tours of Maras, Moray and Chinchero. It is recommended to bring a camera.

### MORAY CIRCULAR PLATFORMS

The circular platforms of Moray were agricultural terraces built in a circular shape by the Incas. Although at first glance it resembles a great Inca amphitheater, in reality it was an agricultural laboratory where various crops were produced such as: potatoes, quinoa, oca, kiwicha and even coca leaves. Moray has four circular platforms, the largest photographed by hundreds of visitors every day. The complete tour of this Inca site takes approximately 1 hour. In the place there are viewpoints from where you can take the best pictures. Currently it is not allowed to enter the circular platforms.

### SALT MINES OF MARAS

The Maras salt mines are a set of more than two thousand salt wells naturally formed thousands of years ago. This salt was worked by the Incas for agricultural and livestock purposes. The current inhabitants of Maras and the other Andean communities work the salt to supply the different markets of Cusco. Salt is also marketed as derivative products where the following stand out: pink salt, Maras salt chocolate, Maras salt beans and more. The Salineras offer one of the most beautiful landscapes in Cusco. For the tour there are viewpoints from where you have beautiful views. It is currently prohibited to enter the salt wells. The tour of the place takes approximately 40 minutes.

### COLONIAL CHURCH OF MARAS

The colonial church of Maras is one of the tourist attractions that can be seen during the Maras – Moray half day tour. The church was built in 1650 but restoration work continued three centuries later. It is called Temple of San Francisco de Asís. It is made up of a nave and seven baroque-style altars on the inside. It stands out for its wood carvings and gold leaf ornaments. It is decorated with canvases from the so-called 'Cusqueña School'. It is located a few steps from the central square of the town of Maras.

### COLONIAL COVERS OF MARAS

The town of Maras was founded during the colonial era (1556). Its name was 'Villa de San Francisco de Asís'. During this time it enjoyed great importance. In those years in the town, the encomenderos and officials built their haciendas with stone doorways that depicted their lineage and history. Today these covers are maintained for tourist visits. The cover of the encomendero captain and founder of Maras Mr. Pedro Ortiz de Orué stands out. In addition, the covers of Sinchi Roca, Marcos Cusi, Sancho Usca Paucar and more stand out.

### CHINCHERO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE (OPTIONAL)

The archaeological site of Chinchero was an agricultural and ceremonial area of great importance. It is located 31 kilometers from the city of Cusco and at an altitude of 3,762 meters above sea level. In 1480 the emperor Tupac Yupanqui ordered his palace to be built there. Later, after the arrival of the Spanish in the sixteenth century, it was destroyed and the church of Nuestra Señora de Monserrat was built on its foundations. Today it is still possible to appreciate the set of platforms, the Inca roads (qhapac ñan) and smaller enclosures that make up this archaeological site. From there you can see the imposing snow-capped mountains that surround the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

## TOUR MARAS – MORAY HALF DAY – PHOTO GALLERY



## TOUR MARAS – MORAY HALF DAY – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE THE PICK UP FROM MY HOTEL IN CUSCO?

Yes, the tour includes the pick up of the tourist from the door of his hotel in the city of Cusco. The pick-up is available for hotels located in the area comprised by the historic center of Cusco (the vast majority of tourist hotels are located there). Coordination is by email prior to the tour.

### CAN I CANCEL THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

Yes, the tour can be canceled and request a refund if an email request is sent up to 3 days in advance as the latest deadline. The cancellation has a penalty of 35% of the value of the tour (refund of 65% of the amount paid).

### CAN I CHANGE THE DATE OF THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

Yes, tour modifications can be made with an email request. If the change is made 3 to 5 days in advance, the penalty is 35% of the value of the tour. If it is done from 5 days to more, there is no penalty.

### CAN I DO THIS TOUR ON AN ATV?

One of the versions of the Maras – Moray tour is the one that includes an ATV adventure. This tour also lasts half a day. Includes: pick up from the tourist's hotel, minivan transportation, ATV route (ATV and necessary equipment), professional guide and entrance to all sites.

### ARE ALL TICKETS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE TOUR?

Yes, all the tickets are already included in the tour: the entrance to the archaeological site of Moray and the Salineras de Maras.

### AT WHAT ALTITUDE IS MARAS AND MORAY?

The Salineras de Maras are 3,200 meters above sea level while Moray is 3,500 meters above sea level.

### DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

No, the tour does not include breakfast or lunch as it lasts only 6 hours (half a day).

### HOW DO I PAY FOR THE TOUR?

You can pay for the tour online using our payment form. Payment is by any Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club or PayPal credit or debit card. The website has internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of tourist information. After payment you will receive a confirmation email. The reservation will be confirmed.

### IS THE TOUR SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE? CAN I SUFFER FROM ALTITUDE SICKNESS?

Yes. The tour is suitable for all people, both children and older adults. For a better adaptation to the altitude of Maras and Moray, it is recommended to spend one or two previous days in the city of Cusco. In this way, the tourist will be able to better adapt to the Andean geography and reduce the symptoms of altitude sickness.

### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO DO THE TOUR?

The tour to Maras and Moray can be done every day of the year. Most tourists prefer to do it between the months of April to December when the rains are less frequent. In April, November and December excellent photographs are achieved.

### IS THE TOUR AVAILABLE EVERY DAY?

Yes, the tour is available all year except for emergencies such as protests or natural disasters.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS THE TOUR?

In case the tourist does not show up for the tour at the time indicated for the pick-up, the service will be considered as 'No Show' and the tourist will not have the right to any claim or refund of money.