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Waqrapukara

— *Cusco* —

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Waqrapukara

Discover Waqrapukara, this marvel of Inca architecture, built in harmony with nature and the mountains at 14 108 f.a.s.l (4 300 m).

An adventure that will take you through stone forests and stunning landscapes of the Apurimac River Canyon until you reach the impressive Waqrapukara Fortress.

	Category	Alternative
	Type of tour	Landscape, ruins, culture, adventure
	Type of service	Group tour
	Difficulty	Moderate
	Duration	12 hrs.
	Max. Altitude	14 108 f.a.s.l (4 300 m)
	Language	English & Spanish
	Places to Visit	Waqrapukara

Venture on this route that crosses stone forests, through the mountains and impressive landscapes of the Apurimac River Canyon to reach the Waqrapukara Fortress, a first-class Inca fortress in harmony with nature. Waqrapukara is cultural heritage of Peru and is characterized by respecting the shape of the mountain in its construction, it was built in the heights of Southern Cusco at 14 108 f.a.s.l.

On this tour you will admire this fortress's magnitude; still underexplored by people; you will be able to see its walls and platforms while the guide tells you about its origins in the Canchis culture. Waqrapukara is located in the district of Acos, province of Acomayo, it is ideal for those seeking adventure and culture tours, this ancient archaeological site presents visitors with an impressive landscape and living culture.



Why to book this tour with What a Trip

- We pick you up from your hotel in downtown Cusco.
- You will have a professional guide along the route.
- You will travel on clean and comfortable transportation.
- Breakfast and lunch en route are included.
- You will have time to relax, enjoy the scenery and take awesome pictures.
- We guarantee punctuality.



JOURNEY DESCRIPTION

- We pick you up at the hotel lobby.
- You meet the guide.
- We take the bus to the South of Cusco, to the town of Cusipata where breakfast waits for us (2 hrs).
- We continue the trip by enjoying the landscape of the area: picturesque towns, lagoons and mountains (2 hrs).
- We start the walk to the archaeological center of Waqrapukara (1hr30min,3km).
- The guide explains the history and rituals that take place in the area.
- We visit the Gateway of the Sun "INTI PUNKU", the Central Square/Main Plaza, the towers and other Inca constructions within Waqrapukara.
- You enjoy free time to explore the place and take spectacular photos with views of the Apurimac River and the Waqrapukara Fortress.
- We start the return walk along a new path "Saint Lucía", where transportation waits for us (1hr30min, 3km).
- We stop by Cusipata where we will have time to eat lunch.
- We begin the return to Cusco.
- We arrive in downtown Cusco at approximately 7:00 PM.



What's included in my tour?

- Professional bilingual guide.
- Clean and comfortable transportation.
- Breakfast and lunch.
- First aid kit.
- Safety.



What is not included in my tour?

- Entrance ticket to the Waqrapukara Fortress.
- Travel insurance.



TRAVELER INFORMATION



What to Bring?

- 1 water bottle and snacks.
- Cash.



Tips and additional information

- Wear comfortable and waterproof shoes.
- Wear thick clothes for the cold.
- Bring sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Wear waterproof clothes especially in the rainy season.



Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do you offer a vegetarian and/or vegan option?**
 - ✓ We do offer that option; however, we recommend that you bring your vegetarian snack.
- **How many days should I spend in Cusco to be able to take this tour and not be affected by altitude?**
 - ✓ 1 day of acclimatization in the city of Cusco is enough.
- **What is on the way to Waqrapukara?**
 - ✓ On the way to Waqrapukara you will be able to see different lagoons, stone forests, a canyon through which the Apurimac River passes and mountain landscapes.



Fun Facts

- Waqrapukara was home to the nobility of this place; with astronomical observatories and at the same time it was a protected religious center with watchtowers and underground paths.
- "Waqrapukara" means horn strength, clearly alluding to cattle horns; however, there is another name among the population: LlamaPukara, which stands for "Fortress of the Flame", revealing a much more consistent analogy with the local culture. There is also the name Llaqtapukara which means "people's barracks", perhaps alluding to the place as the last refuge of the Qanchis' resistance to the empire.



Cancellation policy

- **Super flexible:** Cancel this tour 48 hrs. before the start date of the tour and get a refund of 70% of the sum paid. After that, we charge 100%.
- Review our terms and conditions here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cUizk5W-VJmh2y0oI2tKlkWR-zuaiJdX/view?usp=sharing>

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