

INTIPUNKU

HIKE_Full day



A challenging day-long hike that takes in the Intipunku ruins at 3900m, offering awe-inspiring views of glaciers, peaks and valleys, and concluding with a stop at a chicha brewery.

This day-long hike begins 20 minutes from the hotel with a gentle climb through cactuses and red pepper trees to a mirador, providing an excellent viewpoint over the town of Ollantaytambo. It's a hearty climb through Incan ruins to a ridge and the remnants of the site of Intipunku, which sits at 3,900 meters above sea level. Lunch is served here before the homeward trail is taken to the hamlet of Cachiccata, via a brewery.

This challenging hike showcases the best of Peru, offering icy glaciers, towering peaks, lush valleys and Incan ruins. The town of Ollantaytambo is resplendent with ancient agricultural terraces and the lunchtime views from Intipunku 'door of the sun' over Nevado Veronica, Pumahuanca and Chicon are impressive. The chicha brewery provides a welcome pit stop, allowing thirsty hikers to refresh themselves with this local maize-based drink.

 **Depart:** 6:00 am **Return:** 2:30 pm

 **Whole journey duration:** 8h 30 minutes
Driving time: 1h round trip

 **Distance:** 16 km

 **Elevation gain/loss:** +1100 m / -1120 m

 **Maximum elevation:** 3900 m / 12795 ft

 **Difficulty level:** Advanced, due to the distance and altitude

Suitable for those with good levels of fitness over the age of 13. Wear hiking clothes and shoes and a high SPF sun cream.



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