

WAQRA PUKARÁ

HIKE_Full day



A challenging hike through striking highland scenery to explore the tremendous pre-Incan fortress of Waqra Pukará, before enjoying sweeping views of imposing mountains and plunging canyons.

Journey to one of the most impressive archaeological sites in the region, the awe-inspiring 'horned fortress' of Waqra Pukará. The excursion begins at 4.00 am, with a four hour car journey to the beautiful high Andean lagoons. The hike ascends through terrain that is peppered with herds of wild vicuñas until Waqra Pukará can be viewed from above, overlooking a deep canyon. Guests can explore this mystical archaeological site, a pre-Incan fortress built by the Canchis that later became an Incan sanctuary. After lunch, enjoyed at Waqra Pukará itself, guests continue the walk through stunning scenery, past giant rocks and with breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys beyond, before descending to the vehicles for the return journey to Sol y Luna.

This is a challenging hike and guests should be physically fit and aware both of the travel time and level of exertion involved. Waqra Pukará is off the beaten track and, sitting at 4,300 meters – around 1,700 meters higher than Machu Picchu – it enjoys some of the most breathtaking views in South America.

 **Depart: 4:00 am Return: 7:00 pm**

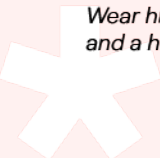
 **Whole journey duration: 15h**
Driving time: 8h round trip

 **Distance: 12 km**

 **Elevation gain/loss: +460 m / -1380 m**

 **Maximum elevation: 4500 m / 14763 ft**

 **Difficulty level: Advanced**

 **Wear hiking clothes and shoes and a high SPF sun cream.**



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