

PALLAY PUNCHU

Overlanding_Full day

An overland excursion, during which guests discover the remarkable, otherworldly landscape of Pallas Punchu, the scenic, high-altitude Lake Layo and two exceptional baroque churches.

Following a 4:00 am start, the overland journey follows a road through the Sacred Valley to the village of Occobamba, from where the road gives way to a dirt track climbing in hairpin bends through golden, grassy hills to the Path of Pallas Punchu. Relatively unknown until recently, Pallas Punchu is a remote and well-preserved natural site and a great alternative to the better-known but more crowded Rainbow Mountain. Guests then set off on foot for a short ascent to view the unusual geological ridge with its layers of colorful rock, before being taken to the stunning Lake Layo and its picturesque surroundings for lunch. Returning to Sol y Luna via the Andean baroque route, guests will stop at the churches of San Juan Bautista de Huaro and San Pedro Apóstol de Andahuayllillas, two of the most outstanding examples of colonial religious architecture in Peru.

This is a varied trip, offering a blend of stunning natural scenery and cultural exploration. While there is relatively little physical exercise involved, guests should ensure they are fully prepared for the high altitude, which, at 4,800 meters above sea level, may be the most challenging element of the excursion.

 **Depart: 4:00 am Return: 5:00 pm**

 **Whole journey duration: 13h**
Driving time: 7h 30 minutes round trip

 **Distance: 3.5 km**

 **Elevation gain/loss: +300 m / -300 m**

 **Maximum elevation: 4800 m / 15748 ft**

 **Difficulty level: Beginner**

Wear appropriate clothes and shoes and a high SPF sun cream.



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