

THE RUINS OF OLLANTAYTAMBO

During the colonial period, this town was renowned for the grains cultivated in its fields, its proximity to the most important source of salt, the saltpans in the southern mountains and its strategic location between **Cusco** and Valleys of Urubamba and Vilcabamba.



After visiting the village of Maras and getting some refreshments, we continue to the **Saltpans**. This is a downhill route that requires some technical expertise and caution. The Saltpans are a great photo opportunity. The pans are spread out across terraces, in different geometric shapes

Our next stop is the old community of **Pichingoto**, whose inhabitants claim to be direct descendants from the Incas. The village is known for its singular

appearance: houses built into the mountains, with parts almost inside the rock face.

From here, we cross the Urubamba River over a suspension bridge and continue onto the town of **Yanahuara** known for maize fields and great-tasting fruits.

We cross the river again, and continue through the corn fields of **Paucarbamba** towards Pachar. Here, we find a suitable pepper tree under which we can rest and have lunch.

We then continue to **Ollantaytambo**, situated above a series of Incan terraces that stretch out along the banks of the Urubamba River to the village of **Ollantaytambo** and beyond.

At **Ollantaytambo**, in the afternoon, our journey takes a cultural and historical turn as we learn about the Incas, explore ruins and walk the paths of this town which is unique for being continuously inhabited since Inca times.

At the end of the day, we return to the hotel. If there is enough time and we have enough energy, we can return on bikes. But if we have had our fill of biking, we return by van.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Departure time	09:00 Hrs.
Arrival time	17:00 Hrs.
Duration and distance	08:00 Hrs. 25 Km.
Equipment	Front suspension, Mt. Bike, globes and helmet
backup equipment	A vehicle will act as support
Suggestions	Dress Up comfortable clothes and use sun protection
	Children under the 7 years old or people without good
Restrictions	shape
Difficulty level	Intermediate, some technical skills and good shape are necessary
NOTAS:	
	Times are estimated and subject to the conditions of the operation.
	The safety will always our main concern, the route could be changed to avoid any risk while the ride.



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