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Huilloc Community

LOCATED IN OLLANTAYTAMBO WITHIN CUSCO'S SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS, THE HUILLOC COMMUNITY WORKS UNITEDLY TO ACHIEVE "GOOD LIVING" (ALLIN KAWSAY, SUMAQ KAWSAY). THROUGH AUTHENTIC EXPERIENTIAL TOURISM, THEY PROUDLY SHARE THEIR LIVING CULTURE, TRADITIONS, AND LOCAL PRODUCTS WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

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Tourism Activities

KUSIRUNA
EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC DAILY ANDEAN COMMUNITY LIFE.

YANAPANAKUY
CONTRIBUTE THROUGH TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY LABOR.

WILLAQ UMA
CONNECT THROUGH SACRED ANCESTRAL ANDEAN RITUALS.

ALLIN PACHAKUY
DISCOVER ANCESTRAL TEXTILE WEAVING AND SYMBOLISM.

YUNZA
CELEBRATE VIBRANT ANDEAN CARNIVAL FESTIVITIES.

OVEJA CH'ULLAY
EXPERIENCE THE TRADITIONAL SHEEP BLESSING RITUAL.

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Tourism Activities

LLAMA TREK
SCENIC LLAMA TREK TO ANCIENT VIEWPOINTS.

CHASKIQ
EXPERIENCE THE ANCIENT INCA MESSENGER JOURNEY.

YACHAY WASI
DISCOVER ANDEAN EDUCATION AND CHILDHOOD TRADITIONS.

ANDEAN TALES
SHARE ANDEAN TALES AROUND THE BONFIRE.
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"CHICHA," THE DRINK OF THE GODS
DISCOVER TRADITIONAL CHICHA DE JORA BREWING.

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KUSIRUNA

Become a symbolic member of the Huilloc community and experience the authentic daily life of an Andean farmer (runa). Dressed in a traditional poncho, you will use ancestral tools for agricultural work or help with traditional cooking tasks. Accompanied by llamas along the way, this immersive experience culminates in sharing local ritual celebrations through traditional music and dance. **(3 hours)**

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YANAPANAKUY

Take part in the daily life and collective effort of the Huilloc community through the ancient Quechua tradition of minka (community work). This essential practice fosters unity and well-being among Andean people. You will actively collaborate with locals on meaningful projects, such as restoring the communal school, the health post, or even helping build a neighbor's home. **(3 hours)**

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WILLAQ UMA

Step into the role of the ancient Inca high priest to connect with the sacred spiritual world of the Andes. By participating in ancestral rituals, you will seek harmony between humanity, nature, and Andean deities, and have the opportunity to express your deepest wishes to the cosmos.

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ALLIN PACHAKUY

Discover the centuries-old textile tradition of Huilloc by participating in the garment-making process, from natural dyeing to weaving with traditional bone and wood tools. You will learn the secrets and deep meanings behind their symbolic iconography, and take home a beautiful handmade piece as an included souvenir, directly supporting the preservation of their living culture.

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YUNZA

Celebrate one of Peru's most ancient and joyous festivals, marking the season of rain, abundance, and the earth's fertility. Dressed in traditional community clothing, you will honor Mamacocha (Mother Water) and partake in the central ritual: dancing around a gift-laden tree before joyfully cutting it down to share its offerings. This is a unique opportunity to experience the vibrant living culture and deep connection to nature in the Andes.

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OVEJA CH'ULLAY

This Andean ceremony expresses deep gratitude to the sheep, an essential daily companion for the people of Huilloc. The community gathers to honor the animals and entrust their protection to the Apus (sacred mountain spirits). Reflecting the profound Andean concept of duality, men are responsible for gathering the flock, while women perform the t'ika chullay—a beautiful ritual of adorning the sheep with colorful flower necklaces and sprinkling them with traditional chicha

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LLAMA TREK

Accompanied by traditional llamas, hike alongside ancient agricultural terraces surrounded by native birds and medicinal plants. After enjoying a typical high-altitude lunch at a herder's rest stop, you will reach the Huanacauri viewpoint—the foundation of an ancient Inca bridge. From there, take in breathtaking panoramic views of the Vilcabamba mountain range, snow-capped peaks, and the archaeological valleys of Ollantaytambo, Pumamarka, and Markaqocha.

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CHASKIQ

One visitor is chosen to take on the role of a traditional Chaskiq (ancient Inca messenger) to deliver a sacred message to the AyaUrqu archaeological site. The entire group accompanies this adventure, stopping at the sacred SutuqMach'ay cave to honor Mother Earth and the Apus for a safe journey. The experience culminates with a local wise man presenting the ancestral Condor Dance, immersing everyone in deep Inca spirituality.

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YACHAY WASI

Visit the local Huilloc school to discover the Andean perspective on raising children and their reciprocal relationship with nature and the gods. You will learn about their roles and dreams, as well as the deeply symbolic clothing crafted specifically for them—garments rich in iconography that serve to teach the youth about their heritage and future. **(Available only during the school term).**

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ANDEAN TALES

Gather around a nighttime bonfire under the starry sky to connect with the Huilloc community's ancient past. Locals will share their rich oral tradition of myths, legends, and everyday stories. This magical evening helps preserve ancestral knowledge, ensuring these captivating tales are passed down through generations while immersing you in the heart of Andean culture.

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"CHICHA," THE DRINK OF THE GODS

Discover the mystical and secretive art of brewing chicha de jora, the traditional Andean corn beverage. Using local yellow corn, the community carefully germinates, boils, and ferments the drink in ancestral ceramic vessels for days to achieve its unique and authentic flavor

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Clothing & Footwear: Wear comfortable, lightweight clothing and sturdy hiking shoes.

Weather Protection: Bring a raincoat and apply sunscreen.

Health: Carry any personal prescription medications, as there are no pharmacies nearby.

Conduct: Please respect the community's ancestral traditions and their natural environment.

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