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**Adventure Experience**  
**HORSEBACK RIDING / FULL DAY**  
Moray and Maras

Known for their docile nature, Peruvian Paso horses offer a comfortable, relaxed way to explore the Land of the Incas.

After a brief orientation at the stables, we depart for the village of Tarabamba, riding on a narrow path that winds between the small farms of Rumichaca. This is an ideal route to travel by horseback, as it's peaceful and traffic-free, which gives us plenty of time to get to know our Peruvian Paso horses with their graceful gait.





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As we ride on from Tarabamba, we take in stunning mountain views. We ride through the town of Yanahuara until we reach the Paucarbamba suspension bridge, at which point we ascend to the gorge of the same name.

Give your eyes time to adjust as you spot the glaciers here in the eastern Andes. Then, after a few minutes, we find ourselves in an area farmed by only by a very few. We ride on towards the summit, encountering steep mountain flanks that require some expertise and skill, but the challenge is worth it. At the summit, we once again follow ancient paths used by the farmers who cultivated different grains on this plateau. We are now at the highest point of our route yet only a few minutes from Moray. It's about 1 p.m.

Time to have lunch, rest and visit Moray. This fascinating archaeological site is crisscrossed with natural depressions that successive cultures adapted into agricultural terraces. These served for more than 1,000 years of as an experimental agricultural station for the development of various crop strains.

From Moray, we continue riding for about an hour along an ancient mule track to Maras, a charming colonial town known for its centuries-old houses once occupied by Spanish colonials. Look for their coats of arms carved in grand stone doorways and still visible. We stop in at the church, San Francisco de Maras, its grandeur a testament to this town's importance in the colonial era. Notice the excellent Cusco School paintings within the elegant architecture.

Back on our horses, we descend towards Salineras. The ground drops almost 800 meters

into the valley. We make our way down by an old path, used for many generations by those who work in the salt pans. This trail is steep, rocky and narrow, lined with thriving plants. After we reach the Kachiracay Gorge, we proceed along the sides of small gullies, stepping carefully, while enjoying breathtaking views of mountains, valleys and farms.

Forty minutes after beginning the descent, the famous salt flats of Maras become visible on our horizon. This is a great moment to capture with a camera as well as for a brief rest. Dismount and explore the mesmerizing salt flats as you learn about the origin of this dramatic environment and about the process of extracting the salt. Don't forget to take a few moments to simply enjoy the colors and hypnotic geometry of this spectacular scenery.

The final part of our descent into the valley proceeds along the same narrow gullies. Once we reach the valley, we cross a suspension bridge then continue along the same path on which we began, through the communities of Tarabamba and Rumichaca till we arrive back at our stables.

#### MORAY MARAS AND SALINERAS

Departure time	8:30 a.m.
Arrival time	5:00 p.m.
Duration and distance	8 hours approximately / 18.5 miles (30 kilometers)
Equipment	Peruvian hat or equestrian helmet, Saddle bags will be provided
Suggested Attire	Long trousers and sun protection
Restrictions	Children under 7 years old, maximum weight 220 lb./rider
Difficulty level	For experienced riders in good physical condition only

#### NOTES:

Times are estimated & subject to local conditions.  
Safety will always be our main concern. The route may change to avoid risk.



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