

VALLE SAGRADO - PERÚ -

Adventure Experience
MOUNTAIN BIKE / HALF DAY
Road to Maras

Two wheels is the most exhilarating way to see the most of the Land of the Incas at the closest perspective.

This route is recommended for those who have some mountain biking experience. From Sol y Luna, a van takes us to the starting point at the colonial town of Maras, known for its charming houses long ago occupied by Spanish colonials. Their coats of arms can still be seen, carved in grand stone doorways.

A visit to the church, San Francisco de Maras, attests to this town's importance in the colonial era; it is one of the oldest churches outside of Cusco and features excellent Cusco School paintings within the elegant architecture.

After seeing Maras' attractions, we begin the circuit towards Salineras along bridle paths used by locals. The route goes downhill on narrow paths. In certain sections, slopes here will require cycling with care. Look up! Ahead of us are spectacular mountain glaciers.

When we reach the Saltpans, we dismount to rest a bit and to learn about salt panning, which has continued here for hundreds of years. The journey continues along similar terrain until we reach the Valley. After crossing the small farms of San José de Media Luna and Rumichaca, we reach the hotel.

ROAD TO MARAS AND SALINERAS	
Departure time	9:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
Arrival time	12:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.
Duration and distance	3 hours approximately / 8 miles (13 km) in support vehicle / 9 miles (15 km) on mountain bike
Equipment	Front suspension, mountain bike, gloves and helmet (a vehicle may act as support)
Suggested Attire	Comfortable clothes, hat and sun protection
Restrictions	No beginners or children under 7 years old
Difficulty level	Intermediate, some technical skills are necessary

NOTES:

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







