

# PUMAHUANCA WATERFALL


HIKE\_Full day

A stunning day's hike through a lush, secluded valley, taking in Chupani's ancient Inca ruins, the remote hamlet of Pumahuanca and its cascading waterfall.

Devote the best part of a day to explore this beautiful, biodiverse valley close to the hotel. The hike begins in a leafy glade, the initial path following a stream liberally flanked with eucalyptus and queñua trees. The meandering path leads to the ruins of Chupani before crossing the small hamlet of Pumahuanca. It's a 1 km walk from here to reach the waterfall, which provides a welcome lunch and rest spot before the same trail is taken home.

This hike will appeal to intermediate walkers with a reasonable level of stamina. Traverse footpaths that connect The Sacred Valley, the Urubamba mountain range and the deep jungle beyond. "Pumahuanca" is Quechuan for "The stone of the mountain lion" and the name given to both the mountain and the valley below. It is unlikely you'll come across many people in the remote hamlet of Pumahuanca, which is home to alpaca farmers and mule drivers.

 **Depart: 10:00 am** **Return: 3:30 pm**

 **Whole journey duration: 5h 30 minutes**  
**Driving time: 30 minutes round trip**

 **Distance: 9 km**

 **Elevation gain/loss: +660 m / -660 m**

 **Maximum elevation: 3850 m / 12630 ft**

 **Difficulty level: Moderate**

*Wear hiking clothes and shoes  
and a high SPF sun cream.*



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