Waqrapukara Full-Day Hike: Hidden Horn-Shaped Inca Fortress from Cusco

Ancient Inca ceremonial sanctuary perched dramatically above the Apurímac Canyon

DURATION	DIFFICULTY	MAX. ALTITUDE	BEST SEASON
Full day	Moderate	4,000 m	April to October (Dry Se

Step away from the classic tourist crowds and uncover Waqrapukara—meaning "Horn-Shaped Fortress" in Quechua—an extraordinary pre-Inca and Inca religious sanctuary perched on a rocky ridge high above the Apurímac Canyon. Located south of Cusco in the Acomayo province, this full-day expedition combines dramatic canyon landscapes, living Andean villages, and monumental stone architecture. Why Hike to Waqrapukara? Sitting at roughly 13,123 ft (4,000 m) above sea level, Waqrapukara features precision-carved stone terraces, ceremonial plazas, and signature triple-jamb Inca doorways framed by two natural horn-like rock spires. What Makes This Experience Unique Crowd-Free Archaeology: Explore a monumental Inca sanctuary with a fraction of the visitors found at Machu Picchu or Rainbow Mountain. Apurímac Canyon Views: Take in sweeping panoramas of sheer cliffs, winding rivers, and high-altitude…

01 Day 1: Cusco – Pomacanchi Lagoon – Campi Trailhead – Waqrapukara – Cusco

Early hotel pickup in Cusco, scenic drive south past highland lagoons to the trailhead, a 4-hour round-trip guided hike to the horn-shaped Inca sanctuary of Waqrapukara overlooking the Apurímac Canyon, picnic/local lunch, and return to Cusco.

7.5 mi (12 km) · 4 hrs hiking · 13,123 ft (4,000 m)

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Early morning hotel pickup in Cusco (Historic Center)
- Round-trip tourist transportation (Cusco – Trailhead – Cusco)
- Professional bilingual guide (English / Spanish)
- 1 energizing breakfast and 1 lunch
- Entrance ticket to the Waqrapukara Archaeological Site
- First-aid kit and emergency oxygen cylinder

NOT INCLUDED

- Dinner, extra bottled water, and personal trail snacks
- Trekking poles (available to rent in Cusco upon request)
- Optional tips for your guide and driver

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