

RUINS OF ISKANWAYA



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ANCIENT MOLLU CULTURE



The ruins of Iskanwaya are located on the edge of the Cordillera Real, 250m above the Rio Llica in the north of Bolivia. They are believed to be from the Mollu culture dating from 1145AD to 1425AD, so pre-dating the Inca civilization by a number of centuries. This large city was built on 2 platforms, and there are still remains of more than 100 buildings, and a network of narrow streets and small plazas. The ruins are often referred to as the Machu Picchu of Bolivia for their impressive state of preservation and stunning situation. This cultural tour can be used as a secondary itinerary to acclimatize to the high altitude before attempting any of the other treks or mountains near Sorata or La Paz.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Type of activity: Touring with some small walks at altitude

Difficulty: 1 - easy traveling

Number of days: 4 days, 3 nights

Tour starts in La Paz

Tour ends in La Paz

Best time of year: May to November

Season: Dry season: days are mild and nights are cold

Highlights: Visiting the Cordillera Munceas, views of Lago Tititcaca and Cordillera Real, Ruins of Iskanwaya, museum of Iskanwaya, village of Aucapata, Sorata and Gurta de San Pedro

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PHOTOS FROM THE AREA



PROGRAM

Day 1: La Paz (3600m) – Aucapata (2850m)

In the morning we pick up from your hotel and head up to the city of El Alto. Road heads north along the Cordillera Real and we pass the east side of Lago Titicaca. Later will drive across the Altiplano (4000m) in the Cordillera Muñecas. We will pass many small villages on the drive. In this part of Bolivia the people speak Quechua. We will continue to follow the winding roads to the relaxing village of Aucapata.
6 – 7 hours driving, times include stops (LD) Hostel

Day 2: Aucapata – Iskanwaya (1450m) – Aucapata

In the morning we will first visit the museum of Iskanwaya which is in the village itself. Here we will see art facts that have been excavated from the ruins. We will then drive down to the rarely visited ruins of Iskanwaya. We will make a picnic lunch at the ruins, so there plenty on time visit the area.
1 hour driving, full day at the ruins (BLD) Hostel

Day 3: Aucapata – Sorata (2700m)

In the morning we head out towards the village of Payayunga. This will be the lowest point of our trip. Here we cross the Rio Llica. Following the winding roads we will pass cactus filled valleys views of great landscapes. Just before Sorata we will have great views of Ancohuma (6427m) and Illampu (6356m). If time permits we will visit the Gruta (Cave) de San Pedro, just before Sorata. Once in Sorata, we have time to relax and explore the beautiful village.
6 – 7 hours driving, times include stops (BLD) Hostel

Day 4: Sorata – La Paz

Today is an easy day. We still have time to visit the village before heading back to La Paz.
Drop off at hotel.
3 – 4 hours driving (BL)
END of SERVICES

Museum



PRICES

Prices include:

- Professional English speaking guide
- Meals as mentioned, including Drinks in camp and restaurants (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- 3 night's hostel (Aucapata and Sorata)
- All private transport for 4 days (4 people maximum in one 4x4)
- Entrance fees to archeological sites and Parks
- Oxygen bottle
- First aid kit

Not Included:

- Tips
- Extra services not mentioned in the program
- Personal gear
- Personal insurance

Prices:

- 1 person \$1490 US
- 2 people \$850 US each
- 3 people \$705 US each
- 4 people \$685 US each



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