



## “A DAY IN THE LIFE”

CHINCHERO – MARAS – MORAY – MISMINAY COMMUNITY

(DURATION: 8 HRS APPROX.)

The Misminay Community (3,655m. – 11,850ft.) is a unique and small Andean village for doing cultural immersion, where villagers welcome visitors with native music and beautiful native flowers decoration at the entrance of their houses. You'll have the opportunity of meeting brothers from different cultures they are great masters in the art of weaving under a unique and authentic tradition from their ancestors.



Morning arrival to Chinchero by car where we will visit the traditionalistic Village and the oldest church built over the huge Inca terrace. Then we will visit the archaeological site of Moray where we will see the amazing and outstanding farming terraces considered the Inca biological stations or laboratories.



After riding by car, we will get to the community village called Misminay (Milky Way), where you will be welcome as brothers and sisters by local villagers. After such a warm welcoming, you will be dressed up in the local outfit (optional) and using tools as the ancient Incas did use participate of a traditional potato planting/harvesting, “depending of the season”; we will participate in some other activities such a cook with the ladies,

they will show you the ancient process of weaving using ancestral techniques with beautiful and traditionalistic designs or motifs. Enjoy the view of a beautiful Andean Mountains and the local people pasturing their sheep, llamas and alpacas.

Afterwards enjoy a traditional Savory lunch prepared with local ingredients by local ladies called Mamitas. After the tasty lunch we will take the car going to visit the Maras Salt Mines, a place where you can see how salt is extracted in a manual and artisanal way. You'll see how the whole process is. You'll be in direct contact with the saline water and the salt pools, because you can walk through a few of them.



Ending the tour, we will return to the hotel.

**IMPORTANT INFO:** There are **two activities you can do while there**, but they must be **booked in advance** (although the payment will be done once you arrive there in USD cash):

- **Weaving Classes** => The ladies of the village teach you directly their ancestral weaving techniques. This lasts 30 min. approx.

In case you don't want a class but just a textile demonstration you can also ask for that. In the case you want to buy their weaving works be aware they only accept soles for this transaction, so make sure you bring some local money if you are interested in that.

- **Pago a la Tierra** => Demonstration of gratitude to mother earth. Special ceremony where the man asks for permission to the "Pachamama" to start sowing. Lasts 40min - 1hr.

Please, **let us know if you are interested in doing any of these activities so we can let the community now and they can prepare it for your arrival.**

Also, consider there's a **tip you should give to the community** once you are there (as they don't charge entrance fee) as a way of gratitude. **It's not necessary to give money as tip**, if you want you can bring things for the kids of the village (Ex: coloring books, markers, color pencils, Crayola's, story books, notebooks, etc. things that could be of use of Primary students). But **in case you book activities it's not necessary to give tip.**



**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Private local guide, private vehicle, private local driver, lunch at Misminay Community.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Entry tickets, food, drinks, gratuities and personal expenses.

**STARTING TIME:** Choose any time between 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM. For starting times out of this schedule, please ask.