

## Sacred Valley Cultural Tour - Full day



### Pisac

Located 33km northeast of Cuzco, Pisac is dominated by the ruins of the Inca citadel perched high above the quiet colonial village. The Pisac ruins include a Sun Temple, ceremonial baths and water channels. The site is famous for its agricultural terracing which sweeps around the mountain in huge, graceful curves. The village holds a bustling market on Sundays which attracts traditionally dressed locals from miles around. A smaller craft market is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Ollantaytambo

Dominated by a massive Incan fortress, the village of Ollantaytambo is the best surviving example of Inca city planning, with narrow cobblestone streets that have been inhabited since the 13th century. The huge steep terraces that guard the Inca ruins above the village mark one of the few places where the Spanish conquistadors lost a major battle. Although an effective fortress, Ollantaytambo was equally important as a temple, and a ceremonial centre comprising temples and baths.

### Chinchero

Known to the Incas as the *birthplace of the rainbow*, Chinchero is a typical Andean village where local people continue to wear traditional dress. The church in the main square is built on Incan foundations and houses baroque altars and decorative frescos. The extensive Incan ruins consist of terracing, with wonderful views of the mountains and the town below. The Sunday markets include a craft market and a local produce market.

