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Potato Park: Located at about an hour and a half away from Cusco, this community initiative of potato conservation and sustainable usage brings together six Quechua communities in Písaq, who have unified their community lands to celebrate the diversity of the Andean potato in its center of domestication. Quechua farmers in the communities of Amaru, Chawaytire, Cuyo Grande, Pampallaqta, Paru Paru and Sacaca cultivate around 1400 varieties of native potato in a area that covers more than 9000 hectares. This visit seeks to share the communities' experiences and learnings at the conservation in-situ and the development of the native Andean potato; the dissemination of knowledge, information and evidence; governance of genetic, biological and cultural diversity associated to the Andean potato; and the contributions of this model to sustainable development. The visit will take place in 5 different communities based on 4 main themes: (i) Andean potato origins and ecology; (ii) Potato genetic diversity; (iii) Local usage, benefits and livelihood; and (iv) Participatory research and knowledge management. Four sites have been chosen to represent each one of the topics, where work is ongoing in collaboration with the International Potato Center (CIP), the National Institute of Agricultural Innovation (INIA) and Oxfam-Novib (Holland).

Potato Park Schedule

06:30 hrs.	Departure
	Visit 1: Place: The viewpoint of the Amaru community Theme: The Andean potato as a biocultural heritage.
09:00 – 13:00 hrs.	Place: Azul Cocha, Paru-Paru community Theme: Andean potato origins and ecology.
	Place: Seed multiplication center, Paru-Paru community Theme: Traditional biotechnology and nutrition.
13:00 hrs.	Lunch
	Visit 2: Place: Pampallakta community Theme: Management of potato genetic diversity.
14:00 – 17:00 hrs.	Place: Sacaca community Theme: Local usage, benefits and livelihood.
17:00 hrs.	Return to Cusco

Each group will visit two sites in the morning and two sites in the afternoon. During each visit, groups will be able to exchange experiences and knowledge with local residents. At lunchtime, the four groups will meet up in the community of Chawaytire at "Papamanka", a restaurant dedicated to the Andean potato for a traditional celebration lunch. The Potato Park's women's gastronomy group, who run the "Papamanka" restaurant will be prepared the signature dish. Enjoy!