



RUTA INKA 2016

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER EARTH

The “Ruta Inka 2016 - In Defense of Mother Earth” will mobilize four expeditions that will be simultaneously inaugurated on June 21st in the four administrative regions of the former Tahuantinsuyo (Chinchaysuyo, Collasuyo, Contisuyo and Antisuyo), getting together on August 1st, 2016 at Machu Picchu to celebrate Pachamama Day.

We will learn about the Inka’s spiritual relationship to the land and how important it was for them to keep a holistic worldview in line with the protection of Mother Earth. And finally, we will listen to firsthand accounts from the indigenous peoples who will tell us about the Sumak Kawsay’s secrets.



ABOUT

Ruta Inka Cultural Association was born in the year 2000 with the start of the new millennium and in the context of the celebration of the International Decade of Indigenous Peoples, under the umbrella of Machu Picchu and other villages of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Our aim is to reassess and promote the ancient cultures of the old Tahuantinsuyo, the former Inka Empire, with the active participation of international young leaders.

PARTICIPANTS



students between 18-25 age

in recognition of their academic records, leadership, tolerance, ability to take on challenges, responsibilities and intense activities such as hiking, sports tournaments; adverse climates, coexistence with native communities.



artists of all fields



UN volunteers



professors



journalists

Journalists wishing to join us must submit a recommendation letter from the media they are working for, provide regular coverage of news about the expedition, and afterwards prepare a report or documentary about it. Finally, they are expected to help recruiting good candidates to participate.

HOW TO APPLY

Personal info

A copy of the first page of your passport; your CV with a recent photo; and a copy of your academic records.

Recommendation letter

Letter from a professor indicating his/her name and email address.

Cover letter

Stating the participant's interest in the program, and a self-introduction showing evidence of a high-level performance (e.g. merit scholarships, athletic or academic prizes, research results, artistic creations, publications, service to the community, international experience...)

Essay/ Artwork

in English or Spanish on one of the following topics:

- **Mother Earth: The need for protection for the preservation of life.**

- **Sumak Kawsay: The indigenous concept of Good Living.**

Essays will have a maximum of 20 pages in A4 size, 1.5 line spacing, type and font size are free. Those applicants having artistic skills can send a novel, a diary, a story, a stage play, a comic or a note in prose or verse. And those with musical skills can send a songwriting work in mp3 format about the Ruta Inka or on one of the proposed topics.



Send your application to:

Asociación Ruta Inka (ARI)
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Plaza de Armas Arequipa - Peru.

With any further questions contact:

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April 30 2016

deadline for submitting applications

May 30, 2016

list of selected participants will be published

RUTA INKA ASSOCIATION

The Ruta Inka Association is a non-profit organization, legally registered in the Public Registry of Lima, which has the support of major indigenous organizations, government officials and universities of Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and other countries.

Various indigenous groups and regional governments have recognized The Ruta Inka as their Cultural Embassy in the World.

For its universal appeal and laudable goals, Ruta Inka has received moral encouragement of the UN and government officials of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Romania, Italy and Canada. This has had a big influence on the level of awareness of indigenous peoples that Ruta Inka currently supports.

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The 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Rigoberta Menchú recognized Ruta Inka's work, saying that

“THESE EFFORTS MUST BE REPEATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA AND JOIN SIMILAR EFFORTS THAT TRANSCEND GEOGRAPHIC AND TEMPORAL BOUNDARIES. AND THESE EFFORTS MUST BE INCORPORATED FULLY, ACTIVELY AND EXPERIENTIALLY INTO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF MANKIND...”

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