

Today's activities were in the Sacred Valley outside of Cusco.



On the way to the Sacred Valley, we saw several archeological cites.





Pukapukara



The Sacred Valley is a fertile agricultural area beside the Urubamba River.



Agricultural terraces.





Quinoa





Red and
white quinoa.



Drying corn after harvest.







Shelling corn by
hand is a family job.



We stopped at a wildlife
recovery center that cared for a
variety of birds and mammals.









Andean Condor



Dreams of flight





Peruvian
hairless dog



And of course,
llamas and alpacas.



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* Lama:

Llama



Q'ara



Ch'aku

Guanaco



* Vicugna

Alpaca.



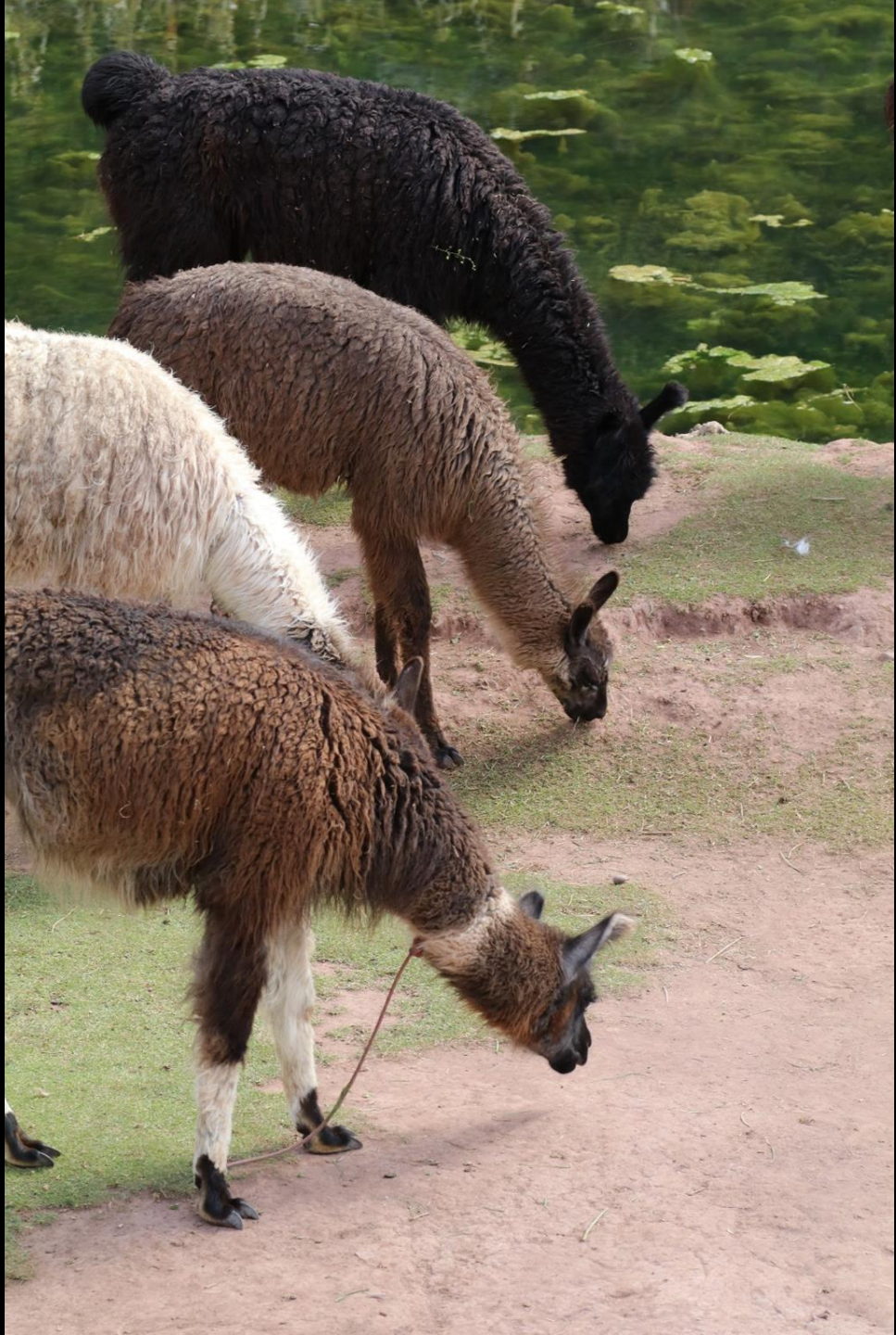
Huacaya



Suri

Vicuña





















Along the way, we saw a truly unique hotel complex consisting of pods only accessible by rock climbers clinging to the cliff face.



We were scheduled
to have lunch in a
rural community.



We drove down a remote dirt road and you would not have suspected that this home was where we would have lunch.



Brandon entering into the courtyard. He had to duck to get through the door.



The roof ridges were often decorated with a mix of Incan (bulls) and catholic (the cross) symbolism.



The roof ornament can be decorated to indicate family milestones, like champagne for a wedding.



Lunch typically begins with quinoa soup.

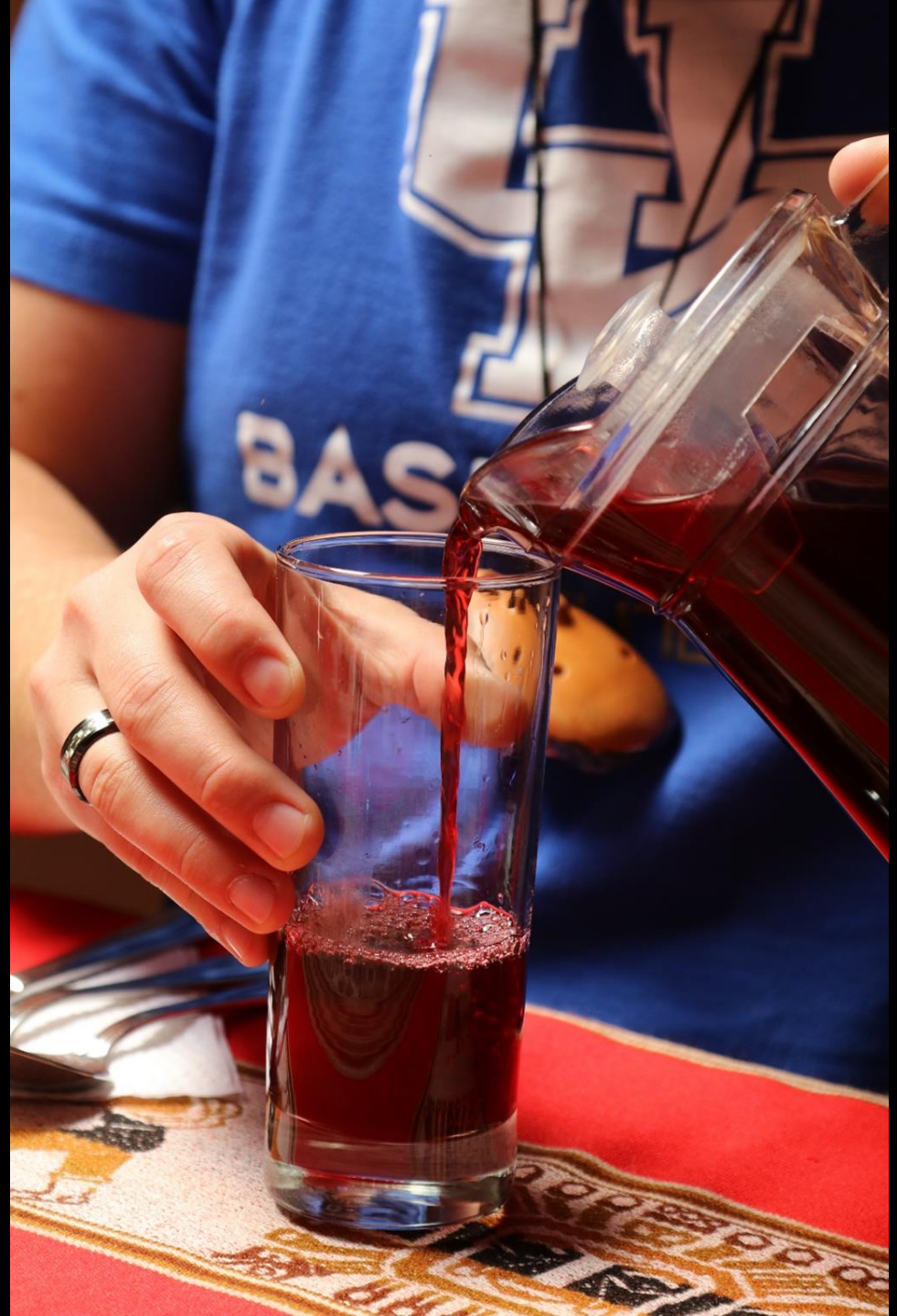


Quinoa with potato,
pumpkin and local
spinach.



The purple drink is Chicha morada made from purple corn infused with pineapple, spices and sugar.





After lunch, we traveled into the mountains to the town of Ollantaytambo to catch the train to Machu Picchu.



Ollantaytambo is a small town
surrounded by several
archeological sites.



Ollantaytambo has wonderful narrow cobblestone streets and walkways.



The blue flag indicates that this dwelling sells Chicha an alcoholic corn beer.





Pinkuylluna mountain
overlooking Ollantaytambo.





Granaries

