



## CUSCO & MACHU PICCHU

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5 days / 4 nights

This is the classic trip to Cusco. In five days you will see the historic and cultural sites of Cusco and the Sacred Valley, ending your trip at the majestic citadel in the heart of the Machu Picchu Sanctuary.

Itinerary: Day 1 Cusco, 2 Sacred Valley, 3 Machu Picchu, 4 Cusco, 5 Cusco/Lima/Out

Location: Cusco - Machu Picchu

Season: All year

Fixed Departure: Any Day

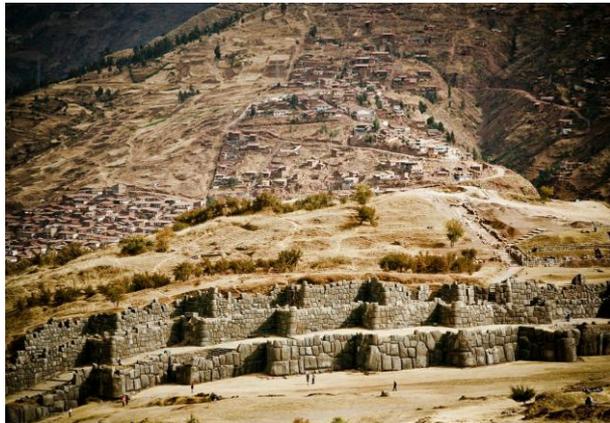
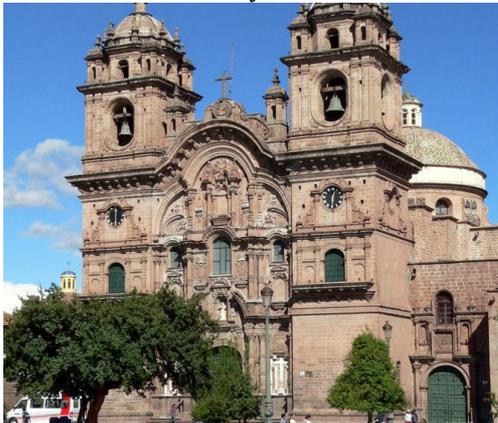
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### Day by day description

#### Day 1 CUSCO

Upon arrival to Cusco airport you will be met by our personnel and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the morning free to relax and slowly acclimatize. In the afternoon pick up from your hotel for a combined city and nearby ruins tour on a group basis. Leaving by vehicle we wind our way on the road to *Sacsayhuaman*, a vast fortress built on three platforms overlooking the city of Cusco. From here we continue to *Kenko*, a site of worship with a large rock carved into the shape of a Puma, which dominates a series of canals, passageways painted with animals.

The road continues uphill to reach *Pucapucara* and *Tambomachay*, a site with Inca baths. Return to Cusco, and visit the main sites around the *Plaza de Armas* - The Cathedral. The Inca walls with its 12 angled stone and the Sun Temple of *Koricancha* inside the *Santo Domingo* Temple. Overnight in Cusco hotel. Meals on your own.



#### Day 2 CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY

Pick up from hotel, a 45 minute bus ride will take you to the Sacred Valley for a full day group visit to the Pisac market and then on to Ollantaytambo, an attractive little village located at the western end of the Sacred Valley, which has been built on top of original Inca foundations and is the best surviving example of Inca town planning. The town is divided in *canchas* (blocks), which are almost entirely intact. Each *cancha* has only one entrance (usually a huge stone doorway) that leads into a central courtyard. We will also visit the Inca ruins situated on a hilltop landscape with surrounding terracing and cyclopean rock carvings. From the hill-top there is an extraordinary view of the village below and the surrounding countryside. Return to your lodging in the Sacred Valley at the end of the day. B/L



### **Day 3 SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU**

Early transfer from your hotel to the train station at Ollantaytambo for a two hour ride down the Urubamba gorge, enjoying as it changes from mountain vegetation to cloud forest, until arrival at the station of Machu Picchu Village.

Then, a half hour bus ride will bring you to the citadel for a group guided visit as your official guide walks you through the different sectors of the hill-top citadel, with astonishing views, telling you aspects of life here that will take you back in time. Lunch is included in Machu Picchu Village, dinner on your own. B/L



### **Day 4 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO**

Early rise for those who want an optional visit to the Citadel with a hike to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (Conditioned to availability). The other option is to stay around the village and undertake shopping, relax in your hotel or take a walk in the surrounding cloud forest. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon you will board the return train and be transferred back to Cusco. Drop off at your hotel, dinner on your own. B

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**Day 5 CUSCO/LIMA/OUT**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima - or any other connecting destination. B

**End of services**