

FULL DAY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL CUSCO

Explore and discover the bewitching city of Cusco, once the capital of the Inca Empire. Stroll on the cobbled stoned streets of the atmospheric Inca city which features the essence of the perfect blend of Incan and Colonial architecture. Believe it or not, under the cobbled stoned streets of the Plaza de Armas there are Incan ruins. Be dazzled by the Plaza de Armas with the Inca Fountain in the center with the surrounding park where the locals relax and people watch. Tour the Basilica Cathedral built by the Spaniards with a Baroque and Renaissance style using the stones from Sacsayhuaman on top of the Incan Temple of Kiswarkancha. Walk to the artist district of San Blas bypassing the 12-angle stone and the many shops up many steps to get to the lovely bohemian district. Admire the small plaza with a small chapel and many Peruvian artists displaying their bracelets, and earrings made by hand. Visit the unusual unique Mendivil Museum displaying the Long-Necked Angels and saints and the other artist shops with hand-made mirrors, and wooden frames for religious paintings unique to Cusco. The San Blas neighborhood dates back to the Inca Times and had the name of T'oqokachi, meaning "Salt Cave" in Quechua. Many important families lived here which were dedicated to architecture and craftsmanship. Take a side street walk to San Cristobal Church and the neighborhood to get incredible views of Cusco. Explore the other side of Cusco with a walk by Plaza Regocijo with a water fountain and continue to the San Francisco Church and Plaza where the locals sit around and relax. Then a cultural immersive visit to the largest bustling San Pedro Market where the locals go about their everyday lives shopping for fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, bread, natural medicinal plants, and secret potions, and the many food stalls where you could try a local dish or the delicious white corn with cheese. Enjoy a succulent lunch in a local restaurant with the locals. Continue the excitement with a visit to the White Jesus (Cristo Blanco) where you can get phenomenal views of Cusco said to have been designed in the shape of a Jaguar. The White Jesus was a gift from the Christian Palestinians who built it in 1945 in gratitude to Cusco for accepting them when they sought refuge. Walk over to the impressive Sacsayhuaman with the perfectly built immense walls which were initially built by a pre-Inca civilization called Killike and when the Incas conquered they built their shrine around it. There are many untold mysteries surrounding this amazing site such as that there are tunnels underground which were closed back in the 1920s because many people disappeared when they were searching for unimaginable treasures. Uncover the mysteries surrounding Qenko the labyrinth for its zig-zag shape. It is believed my sacrifices and rituals were performed here. Now we are on the Qapag Ñan Andean Road System constructed by the Incas that interconnected the entire Tahuantinsuyo of Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, and a small section of Brazil and Colombia. Stroll around the Temple of the Moon said to have been built dedicated to fertility with many caves. Walk to the Temple of the Monkeys to see the unusual construction. From here we return to Cusco.

TOUR PRICE:

Price per person in US\$, depending on the size of the group:

Group Size	Based on 1 person	Based on 2 persons	Based on 3 persons	Based on 4 persons	Based on 5 persons
Price per person:	\$321	\$213	\$178	\$157	\$148

Included:

- Private transportation
- English speaking guide
- Private tour
- Lunch
- Entrance ticket to ruins + cathedral and qoricancha
- 2 bottles of water per person

Not Included:

- Personal Expenses
- Meals not indicated.