



CUSCO CITY TOUR HALF DAY ANCIENT INCA CITY

EXPLORE AND LIVE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Cusco, the navel of the world! Join us on this spectacular half-day tour of all the most important historical sites in the city. You'll feel inspired as you walk through ancestral streets and the pretty plazas of Qosqo. You'll go back in time as you walk through each era in the royal city's past—it's the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Americas! We can trace time through history from Native Americans to Incas and Spaniards and finally to modern-day citizens of Cusco.

Besides the historical importance of this grand city, Cusco is breathtaking with a buzzing culture and a cuisine highly-acclaimed on the world stage! We're sure this majestic city will go above and beyond any expectations you have.

As you touch down in the imperial city of Cusco, you'll be greeted by our friendly team who'll help you get settled in. Whether you're visiting by yourself, as a couple, or as part of a larger group, you can join us any day of the week to explore the magical city's magnificent past.

The half-day city tour is a perfect way to spend your first day in Cusco. It's a relaxing trip consisting of visits to nearby archaeological sites and admiring the surrounding landscape. There's only light walking involved, and you don't need to worry about the logistics as we've got it all covered.

Cusco holds amazing cultural richness. This tour is highly recommended for those who would like to know more about our culture and the city's past—which made it what it is today. You'll enjoy a visit to the Main Plaza (Plaza de Armas), where you'll find the Cusco Cathedral. We'll also stop at Qoricancha (Temple of the Sun) & Santo Domingo Convent. Later on, we'll head out of the center and drive to the archaeological sites of Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo, Puca Pucara, and Tambomachay.

Cusco maintains its customs, traditions, mysteries, and tales of its legendary past as a city. So make your first day in the imperial capital of the Inca empire one to remember.



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Highlights

- ✓ Soak up the rich culture and traditions as you touch down in the city of Cusco.
- ✓ Cusco holds various titles, including UNESCO World Heritage Site, Archaeological Capital of America, Historical Capital of Peru, and Navel of the World. Come and see why for yourself.
- ✓ Take a tour of the most historically important sites in the whole city to welcome you in the best way possible.
- ✓ During the Viceroyalty in Cusco, houses, colonial churches, and convents with magnificent art pieces were built on top of Incan walls and foundations. You'll get to witness this and more.
- ✓ As you head out of the center, you'll be blown away by the incredible views of the surrounding mountains as well as the expansive city below, right in the middle.
- ✓ Sit back and relax as every last detail of your trip is taken care of by our friendly team.

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco or In the center of the Plaza de Armas at 8:00 – 8:30 and 13:20 – 13:50 hrs to begin your City Tour. First, we will visit the main Cathedral in the Plaza de Armas where you will have the opportunity to see a wide range of paintings from Cusco's School of Art, old writings, and works in gold leaf and embossed silver. Once finished, you will continue on to Koricancha or the "Temple of the Sun" to appreciate its architecture and perfect stone constructions only seen in Inca temples of high importance. Continuing on, we will head outside the city to visit the archaeological circuit of 4 sites: Saqsaywaman, Q'enqo, Puca Pucara, and Tambomachay. At Saqsaywaman, you will see its famous stones all carefully carved and enormous in size. At Q'enqo, you will learn some more about this archaeological site's religious importance in the Inca times. At Puca Pucara, you will see an ancient military construction, part of Cusco's ancient defense system. Lastly, at Tambomachay, you will see a temple dedicated to the Water Cult with fountains that still work in today. Your return to Cusco will be at approximately 18:30 hrs.

Cusco's Cathedral

Located in Cusco's Main Square, the cathedral is a colonial monument of great artistic value. It was built on top of the Wiracocha Inca Palace and houses works of carved wood such as the choir, pulpit and altars, beautiful paintings from the Cusquenian School of Art (including a Last Supper painting in which Christ and His disciples eat cuy – guinea pig!) and works of embossed silver. This cathedral flanks the grandiose Plaza de Armas – the historical and cultural heart of Cusco.

Koricancha Temple and Santo Domingo Convent

This religious center was built to worship the Sun, the most revered deity during the Inca Empire. Inside the temple, you will find smaller temples dedicated to the sun, moon, stars, etc. Outside are beautiful, regal gardens and fountains on the grounds of the monumental temple. Here, the combination of the extraordinary Inca architecture and the Spanish colonial architecture is what stands out the most. In addition, the Cusquenian School of Art's gallery offers you the opportunity to appreciate some of their colonial art pieces.



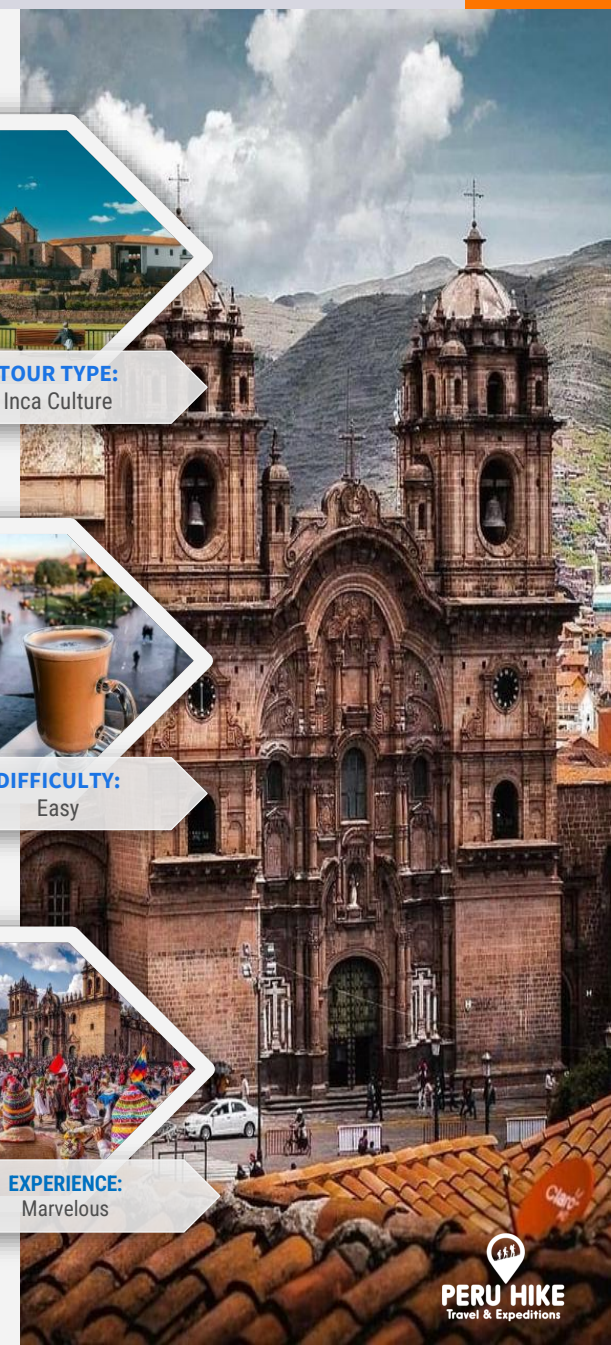
TOUR TYPE:
Inca Culture



DIFFICULTY:
Easy



EXPERIENCE:
Marvelous



Saqsayhuaman

Located 2 km from Cusco City, this fortress was built using enormous carved rocks joined with compelling precision. It is composed of three overlapping platforms with an average length of 360 meters. In its construction, you can see stones as big as 9 meters in height! From here, you can enjoy a spectacular view of Cusco city along with the beautiful landscape formed by the surrounding mountains.

Q'enqo

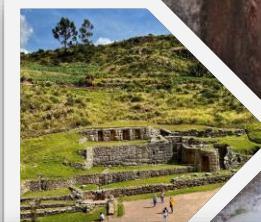
Located 1 km from Saqsaywaman, this complex was an Inca ceremonial cult center. The most prominent feature of this complex is an open space called the amphitheater. Back in its day, you would have found Inca mummies in the 19 trapezoidal niches found here. Today, the amphitheater is half of its original height.

Puka Pukara

This complex is known as the “red fortress” due to its reddish tints resulting from the vast amounts of iron in its rocks. It is thought that this fortress was perhaps an old tambo (dairy farm?) that served both as a resting and guarding spot to protect Tambomachay. Here you can see attractive architecture, fountains, aqueducts, and several Incan enclosures.

Tambomachay

This complex is made up of a combination of finely carved stones, waterfalls, and aqueducts to carry water coming from nearby springs and hot springs. For this reason, Tambomachay is associated with the water cult. In front of this construction, there is a tower that is said to have served as a guarding post and communication tower.

**Q`ENQO****PUKA PUKARA****TAMBOMACHAY**



INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

At Peru Hike company, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour itineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logistics, but please pay attention to the details to avoid missing anything. Some items may be different for specific programs, so please read carefully before booking with us.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

High Quality Service & Safety

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced Guide speaks English and Spanish
- ✓ Medical Kit – First Aid Kit
- ✓ Customer Service 24/7

Transportation

- ✓ Transportation to all archaeological sites



WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED?

What Is Not Included?

- Travel Insurance
- Tips for our staff
- Additional costs or delays out of control of the management
- Boleto Turistico (Tourist Ticket) for entrance to archeological sites
- Entrance to Koricancha
- Entrance to Cusco's Cathedral





BEFORE YOU GO

Is it for me?

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Peru Hike Company in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

How many days do I need to acclimate in Cusco before the Trek?

It's very important to be well acclimated to the altitude before exerting yourself on a trek. We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 2 or 3 days before the trek starts to help you adjust and avoid possible problems with altitude sickness while on the trek. You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altitude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we still recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before departing for the trek. Here are some suggestions for activities to do in the Cusco vicinity before starting your adventure trek:

City Tour and Sacred Valley



City Tour



Sacred Valley



Briefing or Informative Meeting

All information meetings and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meetings last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to attend, you must coordinate another meeting by email, by phone or at the Peru Hike Company office.



Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

The trek has to be paid for in full at most 6.30 pm one day before your departure (generally after the briefing). It would be much appreciated if you pay the trek balance in cash US dollars or local currency at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw some money from several ATMs along Avenida Sol (either in US dollars or local Peruvian Soles). You can pay by credit card or PAYPAL online, but you will have to pay an charge, charged by VISA and PAYPAL. We do not accept bank checks or payment of the balance by traveler's checks.



Group tours

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical conditions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own pace on the route. It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all the participants, if such modifications are possible.



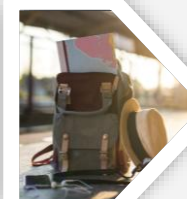
Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are usually common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date. Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellations, everything will be coordinated with you by our operations department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.



Lost Objects

Please pay attention to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport, tents, or restaurants. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.



Can I store my luggage at your office?

Of course! During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge. Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of the, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.



Pick up of guests

Peru Hike Company can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup with me in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic. Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodation with good access.

THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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