



SPIRIT OF CUSCO
5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Cusco – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu

We invite you to discover one of South America's most captivating destinations: Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This thoughtfully crafted 5-day program blends history, culture, nature, and gastronomy into one unforgettable journey. Explore iconic archaeological sites like Machu Picchu and Sacsayhuamán, immerse yourself in the Sacred Valley's living traditions, dive into Cusco's rich heritage, and enjoy a hands-on culinary experience. Every detail has been curated to ensure a seamless, enriching, and memorable trip.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN CUSCO

Upon arrival at Cusco's international airport, our team will warmly welcome you and provide a private transfer to your hotel. We recommend taking the rest of the day to relax and acclimate to the high altitude (3,400 meters / 11,200 feet above sea level). You may rest at the hotel or enjoy a gentle stroll through the nearby historic center.

Tips for acclimatization: Drink coca leaf tea, avoid heavy meals, and take it slow as you adjust to the altitude.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: None

DAY 2: SACRED VALLEY – TRANSFER TO AGUAS CALIENTES (MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO)

After breakfast, embark on a full-day excursion to the breathtaking Sacred Valley, a region known for its fertility and spiritual significance in Inca culture. Highlights include:

- **Pisac:** Explore the impressive archaeological complex perched on the hillside, followed by a visit to the vibrant traditional handicraft market.
- **Urubamba:** Enjoy a traditional Andean buffet lunch featuring authentic Andean flavors at a local restaurant.
- **Ollantaytambo:** Discover this remarkable fortress-town, showcasing military and religious architecture from the Inca era.

In the afternoon, board the train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, you will be assisted and transferred to your hotel for overnight stay. You'll have time to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of Aguas Calientes after hotel check-in.

Overnight: Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3: MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

Early in the morning, board the shuttle bus to the entrance of the majestic Machu Picchu citadel to the iconic Inca citadel of Machu Picchu for a guided tour lasting approximately three hours. Visit the sanctuary's main highlights, including the Temple of the Sun, the Sacred Plaza, the Ceremonial Rock, and the royal enclosures. After the guided tour, enjoy some free time to soak



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in the breathtaking views and explore independently. **Optional:** For those seeking an adventurous challenge, we offer an optional climb up Huayna Picchu mountain (advance reservation required and recommended for those in good physical condition). This hike rewards you with stunning panoramic views and a unique vantage point of the citadel.

After your visit, take the shuttle bus back to Aguas Calientes and enjoy some free time for lunch. Later, board the train to Ollantaytambo, where your private transfer will be waiting to take you back to Cusco.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: CUSCO CITY TOUR – PERUVIAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided tour of Cusco's most important historical sites:

- **Qoricancha (Temple of the Sun):** The ancient Inca ceremonial center dedicated to Inti, the Sun God.
- **Sacsayhuamán:** An impressive ceremonial fortress built with massive stone blocks expertly fitted together.
- **Qenqo, Puka Pukara, and Tambomachay:** Explore these archaeological sites known for their ritualistic, administrative, and water-related significance.

In the afternoon, participate in a Peruvian cooking class led by a local chef. The experience begins with a guided tour of the iconic San Pedro Market to discover vibrant local ingredients, followed by a hands-on lesson in preparing a traditional four-course meal (vegetarian option available) and learn the art of crafting Peru's iconic Pisco Sour.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5: FREE MORNING & TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

After breakfast, enjoy a free morning to rest, shop, or further explore Cusco at your leisure. At the designated time, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight back to Lima. We are honored to have shared this journey with you and hope the spirit of the Andes stays with you long after your departure.

Meals: Breakfast

END OF SERVICES

Thank you for trusting us to guide you through this unforgettable journey into the heart of the Inca Empire.

INCLUDED:

- All private guided tours and personalized experiences
- Professional bilingual guides (English & Spanish)
- Domestic flights (Lima – Cusco – Lima)
- All ground transportation, including private airport transfers
- Hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy)



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Perú Increíble

- Meals as noted in the detailed itinerary
- Vistadome train service to and from Machu Picchu
- Entrance fees to all sites and attractions listed in the itinerary
- Bus and train tickets for all excursions
- Personalized trip coordination and documentation
- 24/7 in-country support

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Tips and gratuities
- Meals not specified in the detailed itinerary
- Optional hikes to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain
- Personal expenses

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Valid passport (with minimum 6 months before expiration)
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots and trekking clothes
- Warm layers for cool Andean nights
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- Reusable water bottle
- Daypack for daily excursions
- Small bills for local markets and tips
- Personal medications
- Travel insurance documents

