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# "Cusco Highlights Tour"

# 08 Days & 07 Nights

# Day 1: Arrival in Cusco & Afternoon City Tour



#### **Airport Pickup in Cusco:**

Depending on your flight's arrival time, our team will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in Cusco.

#### Afternoon City Tour:

In the afternoon, we'll explore the main historical and archaeological highlights of Cusco:

- **Cusco Cathedral:** Located in the Plaza de Armas, this impressive church was built on top of the former palace of Inca Wiracocha and houses valuable colonial artwork.
- **Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun):** Known in Quechua as the "Golden Temple," this was the most important temple of the Inca Empire, once covered in gold and silver sheets.
- **Sacsayhuamán:** A stunning archaeological complex known for its massive, precisely cut stone blocks.
- **Q'enqo and Pukapukara:** Ceremonial and administrative centers with deep spiritual significance.
- Tambomachay: A site associated with water rituals, also referred to as the "Inca baths."

At the end of the tour, we will return to your hotel in Cusco for a restful evening.



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#### **INCLUDES:**

- Airport transfer to your hotel in Cusco.
- Hotel pickup for the city tour.
- Private tourist transportation throughout the tour.
- Professional tour guide.
- Entrance tickets to all sites visited: Cathedral, Qorikancha, Sacsayhuamán, Q'enqo, Pukapukara, and Tambomachay.
- **3-star hotel accommodation**: *Anden Inca* or a similar option.

# Day 2: Sacred Valley of the Incas Tour – Full Day



## Route: Chinchero – Moray – Maras – Ollantaytambo – Urubamba – Pisac Schedule: 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We'll begin with hotel pickup between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m. Our first stop will be **Chinchero**, a charming Andean town featuring Inca terraces, a colonial church, and a demonstration of traditional Andean textile weaving.

Next, we'll visit **Moray**, an ancient Inca agricultural laboratory with circular terraces, followed by the **Maras Salt Mines**, where salt is still harvested using ancestral methods. We'll then explore **Ollantaytambo**, a strategic Inca fortress with impressive stonework and panoramic views.

Afterward, we'll enjoy a buffet lunch in **Urubamba**. In the afternoon, we'll visit the **Pisac Archaeological Complex**, located atop a mountain offering spectacular views of the Sacred Valley. We'll return to Cusco around **7:00 p.m.** 



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#### **INCLUDES:**

- Pick-up service from your hotel in Cusco.
- Private tourist transportation throughout the tour.
- Professional tour guide.
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological sites of Chinchero, Moray, Maras, Ollantaytambo and Pisac.
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel and buffet lunch in the Sacred Valley.
- Tourist train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes.
- 3-star hotel accommodation: Anden Inca or a similar option

# Day 3: Machu Picchu by Train – Full Day Tour



Early pickup from your hotel in Cusco between **3:50–4:00 a.m.**, followed by a bus ride to **Ollantaytambo** to board the train to **Aguas Calientes** (1h 45m journey). Enjoy scenic views of valleys, mountains, and rivers along the way.

Upon arrival, your guide will meet you and take you by bus to **Machu Picchu** (30 minutes). You'll explore the citadel on a **guided tour**, visiting key sites such as the **Temple of the Sun**, **Intiwatana**, **Sacred Plaza**, and more, with time for photos at major landmarks.

After the visit, return to **Aguas Calientes** for **lunch (not included)**. In the afternoon, take the **train back to Ollantaytambo**, then transfer by bus to **Cusco**, arriving around **8:30 p.m.** 



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#### **INCLUDES:**

- Hotel pickup service in Cusco.
- Private tourist transportation from Cusco to Ollantaytambo and back.
- Round-trip tourist train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes and return.
- Round-trip **Consettur bus tickets** (Aguas Calientes ↔ Machu Picchu)
- Entry ticket to Machu Picchu
- Professional tour guide
- 3-star hotel accommodation in Cusco: Anden Inca or a similar option

# Day 4: South Valley of Cusco – Cultural Adventure







On this day, you'll enjoy an **exclusive journey** through the picturesque and lesser-known **South Valley of Cusco**, rich in history, culture, and stunning architecture.

Our first stop will be at **Tipón**, an impressive archaeological site dedicated to **water worship**, considered a sacred element in the Andean worldview. Next, we'll explore **Piquillacta**, a large **pre-Inca urban center** built by the Wari civilization, featuring extensive stone structures and a well-planned layout.

Finally, we'll visit the charming town of **Andahuaylillas**, home to a breathtaking 16th-century church often referred to as the **"Sistine Chapel of America"** for its stunning murals and baroque art adorning the walls and ceilings.

After this enriching cultural experience, we'll return to Cusco and drop you off at your hotel.



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#### **INCLUDES:**

- Pick-up service from your hotel in Cusco.
- Professional tour guide.
- Private tourist transportation throughout the tour.
- Entrance tickets to Tipón, Piquillacta, and the Sistine Chapel of Andahuaylillas.
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel.
- **3-star hotel accommodation**: Anden Inca or a similar option

# Day 5: Q'eswachaka Inca Bridge Tour – Full Day Adventure





Early in the morning, we will pick you up from your

hotel in Cusco and begin a scenic 2-hour drive to the town of **Cusipata**, where you will enjoy a traditional **Andean breakfast** made with local products.

We'll then continue to **Combapata**, where you'll take in breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys and the **Vilcanota River**. Our journey continues through the town of **Yanaoca** before reaching **Q'ewe**, a small village near the famous **Q'eswachaka Bridge**.

From here, you'll get your **first glimpse of the ancient Inca suspension bridge**, dramatically hanging between steep cliffs over the **Apurímac Canyon**. We'll take a short hike to a **viewpoint**, perfect for taking photos of the incredible landscape and the bridge itself.

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Afterward, you'll experience the thrill of **crossing the Q'eswachaka Bridge**, made entirely of braided **Ichu grass**, a traditional Andean technique passed down for centuries. The bridge is rebuilt annually by local communities, preserving this unique cultural heritage.

We'll then return to **Cusipata** for a well-deserved **lunch**, before heading back to Cusco. Upon arrival, we'll drop you off at your hotel.

#### **INCLUDES:**

- Pick-up service from your hotel in Cusco.
- Professional tour guide.
- Private tourist transportation throughout the day.
- Meals: Breakfast and lunch.
- Trekking poles for support during the hike.
- First aid kit for safety throughout the trip.
- 3-star hotel accommodation: Anden Inca or a similar option

# Day 6: Humantay Lake - Full Day Hike



We will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco around **4:00 a.m.** and begin a scenic **2.5-hour drive** to the town of **Mollepata**, where you'll enjoy a hearty **breakfast at a local restaurant**.

After breakfast, we'll continue by vehicle to **Soraypampa**, the starting point of our hike. Along the way, you'll admire beautiful mountain landscapes and lush vegetation, depending on the season. Once in Soraypampa, you'll begin the **2-hour hike** to **Humantay Lake**, located at an altitude of **4,200 meters (13,780 feet)**. Though the trek is moderately challenging due to the high altitude, you'll be rewarded with the breathtaking sight of the **turquoise lake nestled beneath the snow-capped Salkantay Mountain**.



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At the lake, you'll have time to explore, relax, and take unforgettable photos. Here, your guide will perform a **traditional Andean ceremony** to honor **Pachamama (Mother Earth)**, in which you're welcome to participate.

After this magical experience, we'll descend back to **Soraypampa** for a delicious **lunch**, and then return to **Cusco**, where we'll drop you off at your hotel.

#### **INCLUDES:**

- Pick-up service from your hotel in Cusco
- Professional tour guide
- Private tourist transportation throughout the tour
- Entry ticket to Humantay Lake
- Meals: Breakfast and lunch
- Trekking poles
- Oxygen and first aid kit
- 3-star hotel accommodation: Anden Inca or a similar option

# Day 7: Rainbow Mountain – Full Day Hike



Early in the morning, we will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco around **4:00 a.m.** (pick-up time may vary depending on weather conditions). We'll begin our journey with a **2-hour and 40-minute drive** through the southern valley to the town of **Cusipata**, where you'll enjoy a **buffet breakfast at a local restaurant** and have time to rest.

We'll then continue our drive along a scenic mountain road, passing through **breathtaking landscapes** filled with native flora and fauna, including **llamas and alpacas**, which add charm to the natural surroundings. Once we reach the trailhead, we'll begin a **2.5-hour hike** to the summit of the stunning **Rainbow Mountain**, located at an altitude of approximately **5,000 meters (16,400 feet)** above sea level. From the



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top, you'll be rewarded with spectacular views, including the majestic **Ausangate Mountain** in the distance.

You'll have time to take in the views and snap those **magical photos** you've always dreamed of. After spending about **40 minutes at the summit**, we'll begin our descent and return to Cusipata for a **delicious lunch**. Finally, we'll head back to Cusco, dropping you off at your hotel in the late afternoon.

#### **INCLUDES:**

- Pick-up service from your hotel in Cusco
- Professional tour guide
- Private tourist transportation
- Entry ticket to Rainbow Mountain
- Meals: Breakfast and lunch
- Trekking poles
- Oxygen and first aid kit
- **3-star hotel accommodation**: Anden Inca or a similar option

# **Day 8: Departure**

Depending on your flight schedule, we will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to **Cusco Airport**. Our team will be at your hotel **2 hours before your flight** to ensure a smooth departure.

#### Not Included in the Tour Package:

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Payment processing fees for the tour package deposit
- Personal expenses such as bottled water, tips, and other extras

Package Type	Price per Traveler
Couple (2 or more)	USD 1,325
Family (4 or more)	USD 1,009
Shared Tour Option (hotel not included)	USD 419