



HALF DAY TOUR

CITY TOUR CUSCO

Half day



DESCRIPTION

Explore the Best that Cusco Has to Offer

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.

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Packing List



--- FOOTPATH
--- MAJOR ROAD

DAY 01: Cusco | Cathedral - Qoricancha - Sacsayhuaman - Qenqo - Puca Pucara - Tambomachay

FULL ITINERARY

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.

DAY 01

Cusco | Cathedral – Qoricancha –
Sacsayhuaman – Qenqo – Puca Pucara –
Tambomachay

Touch Down in Cusco City and Explore the Sites

We'll pick you up from your accommodation to start the half-day city tour. The first stop is Qoricancha before we head on to the Cusco Cathedral in the main square. You'll see some incredible artwork at the first and then astounding Inca constructions at the second.

After, it's time to head out of the city center and visit four historically important Inca archaeological sites—Sacsayhuaman, Q'enqo, Puca Pucara, and Tambomachay. At each, you'll learn something different about the incredible ancient culture. You'll then be taken back to Cusco and dropped off at your accommodation for the evening.



DAY FACTS

» MINIMUM ELEVATION:
3,390 m / 11,122 ft

» HIGHEST ELEVATION:
3,800 m / 12,467 ft

1. Sacsayhuaman Fortress, 2 km from the Main Square of Cusco.
2. The Plaza de Armas of Cusco preserves Inca and colonial architecture.
3. Qoricancha, the Temple of the Sun, is a sacred precinct from Inca times.

INCLUSIONS



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure briefing Phone Call

The evening before the tour, you will receive a phone call via WhatsApp from your guide, who will provide you with important information about your trip. To ensure that you receive all the necessary information, it is essential that you provide us with accurate and complete personal information.

- Experienced Tour Guide

An official English and Spanish-speaking tour guide will accompany you along the route. Your guide will explain the culture and surroundings and keep you safe, sound, and comfortable to enjoy your trip worry-free!

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions with our guides every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.) as well as oxygen. If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your tour.

» Transportation

- Transport

All transportation is included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and after the end of the trip, we'll drop you back at the door of your hotel in Cusco.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Boleto Turistico or Cusco Tourist Ticket

This ticket is required to access many of the most popular attractions in Cusco and the Sacred Valley, including archaeological sites and museums.

- From PEN 70.00 (US\$ 20.00) to PEN 150.00 (US\$ 45.00) per person.

» Cusco's Cathedral Entrance Ticket

- Adult: PEN 40.00 (US\$ 12.00)
- Students and Children (11-17): PEN 25.00 (US\$ 8.00)
- Children (under 10): Free

» Qoricancha Entrance Ticket

- Adult: PEN 20.00 (US\$ 6.00)
- Students and Children (11-17): PEN 8.00 (US\$ 3.00)
- Children (under 10): Free

» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is the norm on any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our entire team, something extra is always welcome.

» Additional costs or delays beyond our control

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemic, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, act of God, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO

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 Salkantay Trekking in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

Have another question that we haven't answered here? Drop us a line and we will get back to you asap!

» 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 theft, 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

Salkantay Trekking can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup time 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.

» 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 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.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- » Valid Passport
- » Extra money (recommended soles)
- » Personal medication
- » Water bottle or CamelBak - (optional water purifying pills)aa
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Light footwear or sandals
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger





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