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CUSCO – POST TRIP 2023

Lima, Valle Sagrado & Cusco

JULY 16th – 20th, 2023



Welcome to CUSCO!



- The original inhabitants of Cusco, the Incas, believed their city to be the navel of world, and still today it is filled with majestic traces of why they were able to build a vast and powerful empire. Discover its many attractions and walk through extravagant palaces and lovely town squares that look as if they were built yesterday.

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Note: domestic flights are included!

Day 1: Sunday 16th, July 2023: Cusco, Lima, Valle Sagrado

Tentative Flight: Lima – Cusco 10:10 departure, 11:35hrs arrival

Upon arrival, gather your luggage and then locate Condor Travel outside of the baggage claim area for assistance and a transfer to the hotel in the sacred valley with visits on route. Representatives will be holding a sign with your name.

ONROUTE TOUR TO CHINCHERO, MARAS AND MORAY

Straight from Cusco airport, you will enjoy a panoramic visit of the Maras salt mines, where the finest salt in the world is extracted: Maras salt. Then, you will head to Moray, a fascinating archaeological site in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. You will visit its huge concentric terraces, which the Incas used as a botanical laboratory. Afterwards, you will head to Chinchero to the PARWA Center, where you can appreciate beautiful textiles and even buy some to take home. Afterwards, visit the church of Chinchero, which was built by the Spanish in 1607 and remains standing until today. Continue with the visit to the Chinchero ruins, where you will find an important Inca center in which terraces and aqueducts were built.

Dinner and Overnight at Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay – Standard room

<https://www.sonestapiyucay.com>

Check In: 15:00

Check Out: 12:00

Meals: - / Box lunch /Dinner

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Day 2: Monday 17th, July 2023: Misminay community and Ollantaytambo archaeological site

Buffet breakfast.

Today, visit the Misminay community, where you will be received in a very special way by its inhabitants. Engage in some of the activities available in the community, which help improve the environment and lifestyle of Misminay families. At the end, you will enjoy an exquisite lunch prepared by the members of the community with local ingredients.

You will participate in a private ceramic workshop in Ceramica Seminario, where you will be provided with tools and materials to make your creations.

You will work with a clay plate and learn pre-Columbian techniques, which are the result of Pablo Seminario's research. Your plates will then be dried in the sun and then burned in the oven, being ready in 2 or 3 days. Once ready, they will be delivered to you.

Proceed to the village of Ollantaytambo, with its impressive and eponymous Inca fortress. This is very important historically, as it was here that Manco Inca defeated the Spanish in 1538. Then a climb up steep stone steps to admire the astonishing monoliths that make up the Temple of the Sun. Finally, back to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight at Sonesta Posada del Inca Yuca – Standard room

<https://www.sonestapiyuca.com>

Check In: 15:00

Check Out: 12:00

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Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Day 3: Tuesday 18th, July 2023: WALK TO THE PLATFORMS AND AQUEDUCTS OF YUCAY & - DISCOVERING ANCIENT PERUVIAN CULTURES AT THE INKARIY MUSEUM

Buffet breakfast.

You head to the town of Yucay, in the Sacred Valley, where the walk will begin towards the archaeological complex. Once there, you will see the huge Inca walls surrounded by aqueducts. These platforms are full of crops that continue to be used to date. You will travel the Inca roads until you reach the highest part of this citadel. Follow another way towards the cave paintings, which are located on rocks that can be seen at a close distance. There you will take a short break, then return to the Inca citadel and go through some local farming areas. Finally, you will return to the town of Yucay. Lunch included at local restaurant.

You will visit the Inkariy Museum, where the combination of highly realistic figures, videos and music will take you through centuries of history, where you will discover cultures such as Caral, Paracas, Chavín and the Incas, among others. Thanks to this ambitious and innovative project, you can see how the ancient Peruvians looked, how they lived and how all these civilizations contributed to the country's cultural evolution.

Dinner and Overnight at Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay – Standard room

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Check In: 15:00

Check Out: 12:00

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

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Day 4: Wednesday 19th, July 2023: Machu Picchu citadel

Buffet breakfast.

Early this morning, transfer from hotel to Ollantaytambo train station.

VISTADOME TRAIN Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes (1.30hrs journey)

A visit to one of the most important tourist destinations in the world: Machu Picchu. The excursion starts with a train trip to the town of Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo. The natural beauty of the surroundings makes the train the best way to start your visit. When you arrive, you will start the ascent to the ruins, which will without a doubt be one of your most unforgettable experiences. At Machu Picchu you can see every part of one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World, relax and take some impressive photos. Then you return to Aguas Calientes and the train for the return journey.

VISTADOME TRAIN Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo (1.30hrs journey)

At the scheduled time, you will be transferred from the Ollantaytambo station to Cusco hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at Sonesta Cusco Hotel

<https://www.sonesta.com/pe/cusco/sonesta-hotel-cusco>

Check In: 14:00

Check Out: 12:00

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

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Day 5: Thursday 20st, July 2023: CITY TOUR WITH SAN PEDRO MARKET AND NEARBYRUINS

Buffet breakfast.

You will visit the city of Cusco, also known as the Imperial City and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You will start your tour at the Koricancha Temple, an ancient Inca palace and cult center of the Sun God, above which the order of the Dominicans built a church, which remains standing to this day. Then, you will visit the Plaza de Armas, where you will visit the Cathedral, the most important temple in the city. Continue ascending to the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, an impressive example of Inca military architecture. Afterwards, you will visit Kenko, an archaeological site where the Sun, Moon and Stars were celebrated. Continue with a visit to Puca-Pucara, place that would have served as "tambo" or resting place and lodging of the Inca. Finally, you will visit the art workshop Inka's Expression, where you will appreciate a sample of the various uses of Peruvian natural products (plants, fruits, vegetables, among others) and will know their nutritional, healing and cosmetic properties.

At the scheduled time, transfer to the airport to board the departure flight. Be aware check out time is at 09:00am

Tentative Flight: Cusco – Lima 17:40 departure, 19:00 hrs arrival

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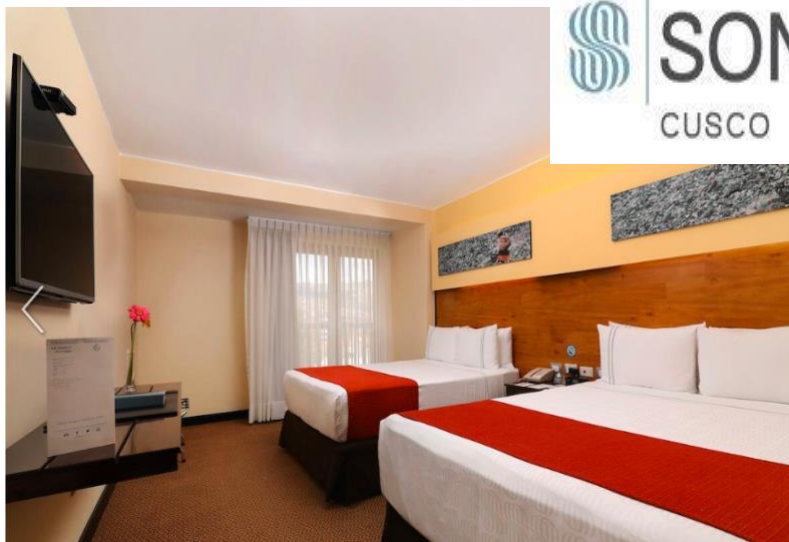
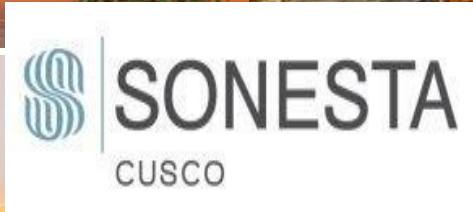



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