

Classic Cusco Tour

Chimu Rating



Ideal for:	Those wanting to get a quick taste of the Cusco area, including the Inca Trail
Departs:	Every Day (Recommended Sunday departure so as to visit the famous Tuesday Pisac markets)
Trip Length:	8 Days / 7 Nights
Accommodation:	Hotels and Camping



Why not take a few days to get acclimatised in the wonderful city of Cusco before embarking on the "Camino Inca" (Inca Trail). This tour includes transfers from the Cusco airport or bus terminal to your hotel. This tour is perfect for those on a short schedule, or who want to take in the sites.

As this tour includes the Inca Trail, you will need to book early to avoid disappointment. Hotel accommodation is included for the portions of the tour in Cusco and the Sacred Valley and tented accommodation is provided on the Inca trail. We hand pick locally owned accommodation in central locations. Breakfast is provided daily, and all meals are provided on the Inca trail. We also run the Cusquenita tour which is similar, but with a Machu Picchu day trip rather than the Inca Trail.

DAY 1 : Arrival In Cusco. Flying into what the Inca's called the "Navel of the World" is truly a magical experience. After your arrival transfer you have time to relax in your hotel and acclimatise to the altitude of 3200m. In the evening you are free to explore the maze of markets, wander the cobbled stone streets or sample some of the famous Cusco nightlife.

DAY 2 : Cusco City tour. After breakfast you depart on a city tour of the famous city. The tour visits the ruins of Saksaywayman (the ancient Inca fortress), the ruins of Koricancha and Kenji, the awe inspiring cathedral and the famous rock of the 12 angles. The tour allows you to truly appreciate the blend of Colonial and Inca influence on the City. Remainder of the day free.

DAY 3 : Sacred Valley. Today we explore the "Sacred Valley of the Incas". This fertile river valley was home to many important sites for the Inca, both strategic and religious. Our first stop is the village of Pisac for its famous Tuesday markets (Sunday departures only).

After the market we stop for a traditional Peruvian lunch. We then continue our journey along the river to the giant Inca fortress of Ollaytantambo, which was the scene of some of the most famous battles between the Incas and the Invading Spanish Conquistadors (with the Inca's being victorious). After the day's touring why not relax with a famous Pisco sour before having an early night to prepare for the Inca Trail.

DAYS 4 – 7 : Inca Trail. Itinerary as per the "Independent Inca Trail" module. Hotel provided in Cusco on the evening of day 7. All meals provided on the Inca Trail.

DAY 8 : Tour ends after breakfast and includes transfer to the airport.

NOTE: We run a four day version of this tour without the Inca Trail.

