



CULTURE

**CITY TOUR
CUSCO**

FULL DAY



DESCRIPTION

CITY TOUR IN CUSCO

Start your journey in Cusco the right way with a relaxed and enriching afternoon tour designed especially for those just arriving in the city. This easy going experience is the perfect introduction to Cusco's vibrant mix of Inca heritage and colonial charm. Accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide, you'll visit iconic sites like the awe-inspiring Sacsayhuamán fortress and the peaceful fountains of Tambomachay, all while taking your time to adjust to the altitude. Whether you're preparing for a trek or simply want to ease into the cultural wonders of Peru, this tour offers a smooth and insightful beginning to your adventure.

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Included



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Route City Tour Cusco

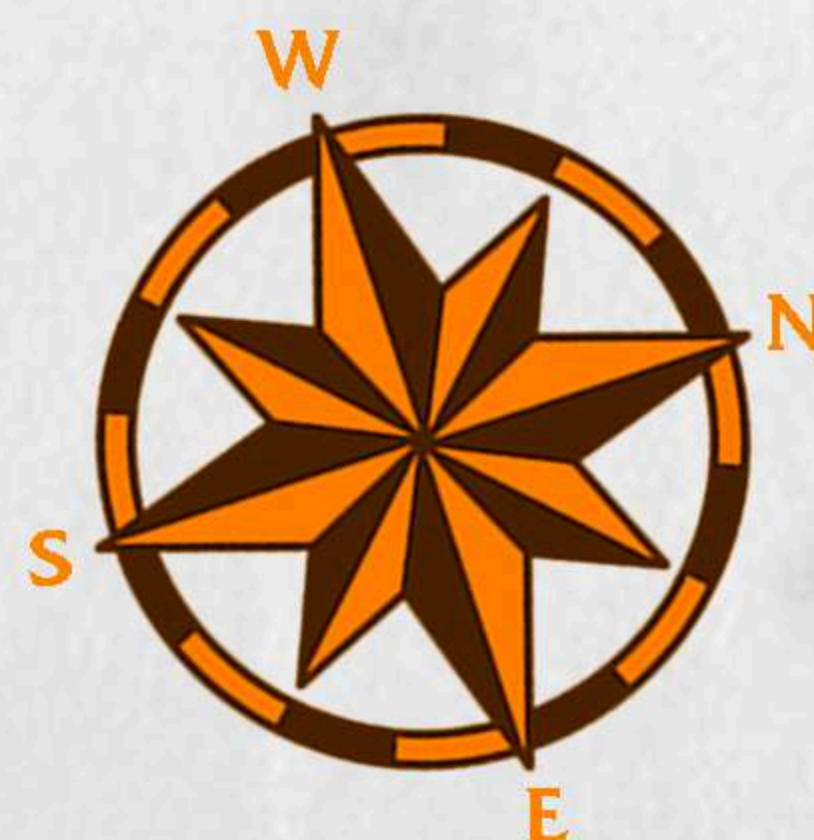
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**CONDE
TRAVEL**



LEGEND

- POINT OF INTEREST
- PART BY CAR
- HIKING PART



City Tour Cusco Full Day Itinerary

DAY 1 – Hotel Pick-up – Qoricancha – Sacsayhuaman
– Qenqo – Puca Pucara – Tambomachay

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Discover the fascinating blend of Inca and colonial history on an easy and enriching afternoon tour through Cusco's most iconic sites.
- » Stroll through ancient temples, mysterious ruins, and sacred fountains while adjusting comfortably to Cusco's altitude.
- » Learn from a local expert who will guide you through the hidden stories and impressive stonework of the Inca Empire.
- » Begin your Cusco adventure with a cultural immersion that's both light and inspiring — perfect for your first day in the Andes.
- » Acclimatize while discovering the imperial city

FULL DAY

CITY TOUR IN CUSCO

Walk Through Living History in the Heart of the Inca Empire

Step into a city where every stone holds a story. This City Tour through Cusco invites you to explore the cultural and spiritual heart of the ancient Inca Empire. From sacred temples to majestic archaeological sites, you'll witness how history, architecture, and legend blend in one of South America's most fascinating destinations.



START

MAP

ITINERARY

INCLUSIONS

PACKING LIST

Qoricancha – The temple of the Sun

Your journey into the heart of Inca empire begins at Qoricancha, once the most sacred temple in the entire Inca Empire. Known as the Temple of the Sun, this majestic site was a center for worshiping Inti, the Inca sun god. According to some chroniclers, some of their inner areas gleamed with gold sheets reflecting the deep reverence the Incas held for the cosmos.

Today, the remnants of that glory blend with the Santo Domingo Convent, built by the Spanish directly atop the Inca foundations. As you walk through this site, you'll witness the fascinating collision of two worlds. You will be able to appreciate decorations dating back centuries as well as paintings from the "Escuelas Cusqueñas". It's a profound introduction to the layered history of Cusco.

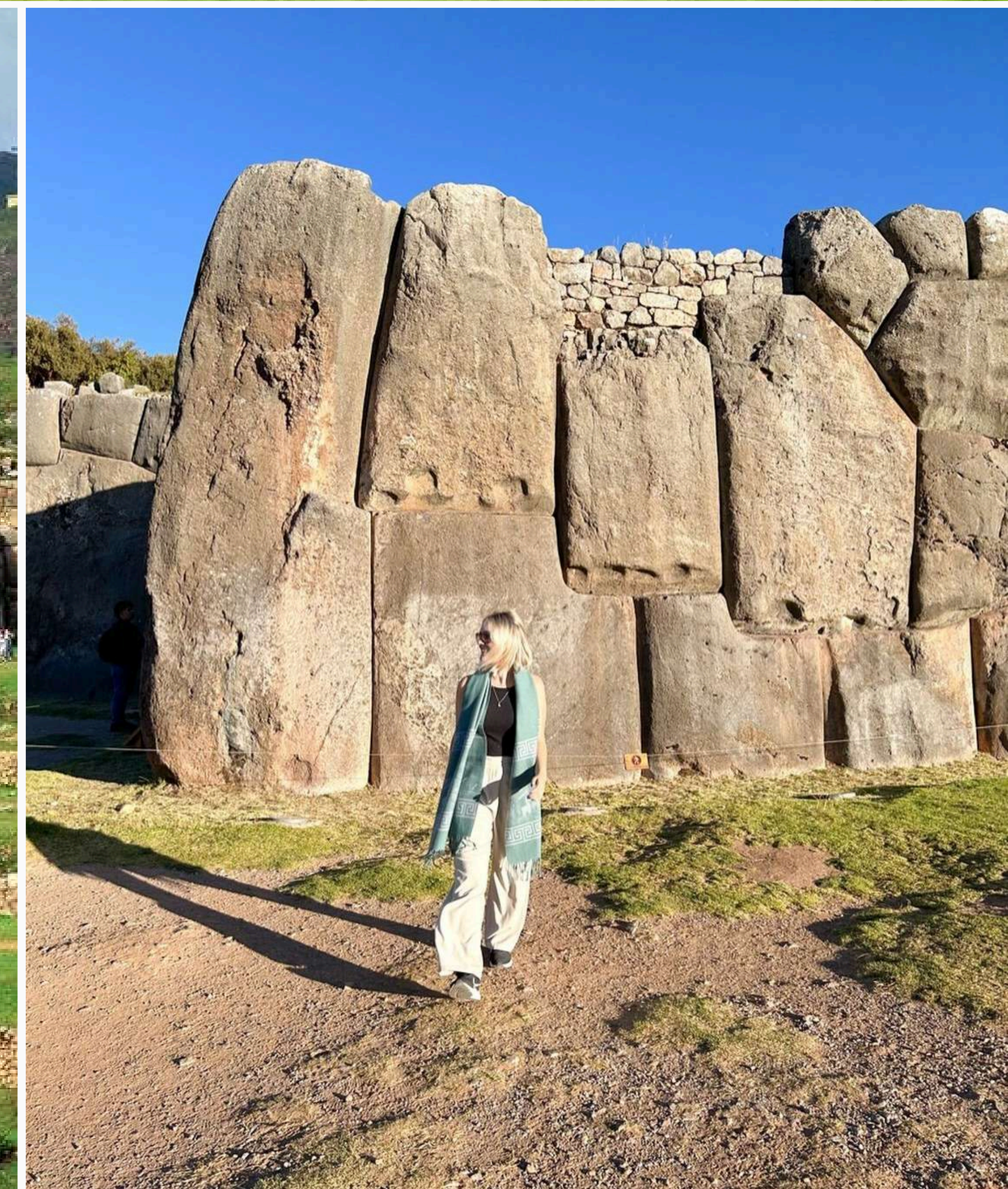


Sacsayhuaman - Inca Fortress Above the City

The second destination will be Sacsayhuaman, an awe-inspiring fortress perched high above the city.

This marvel of ancient engineering stuns with its immense stone walls—each block cut and fit together without the use of mortar. Some stones are so massive they defy modern explanation, weighing more than 100 tons yet locking together with astounding precision. Beyond its role as a military stronghold, Sacsayhuamán served as a ceremonial site during major Inca celebrations like Inti Raymi, the Festival of the Sun. As you explore its terraces and towers, you'll not only grasp its architectural genius but also enjoy panoramic views of Cusco that will take your breath away.

The guided tour will include an expert guide, comfortable transportation, and small groups.

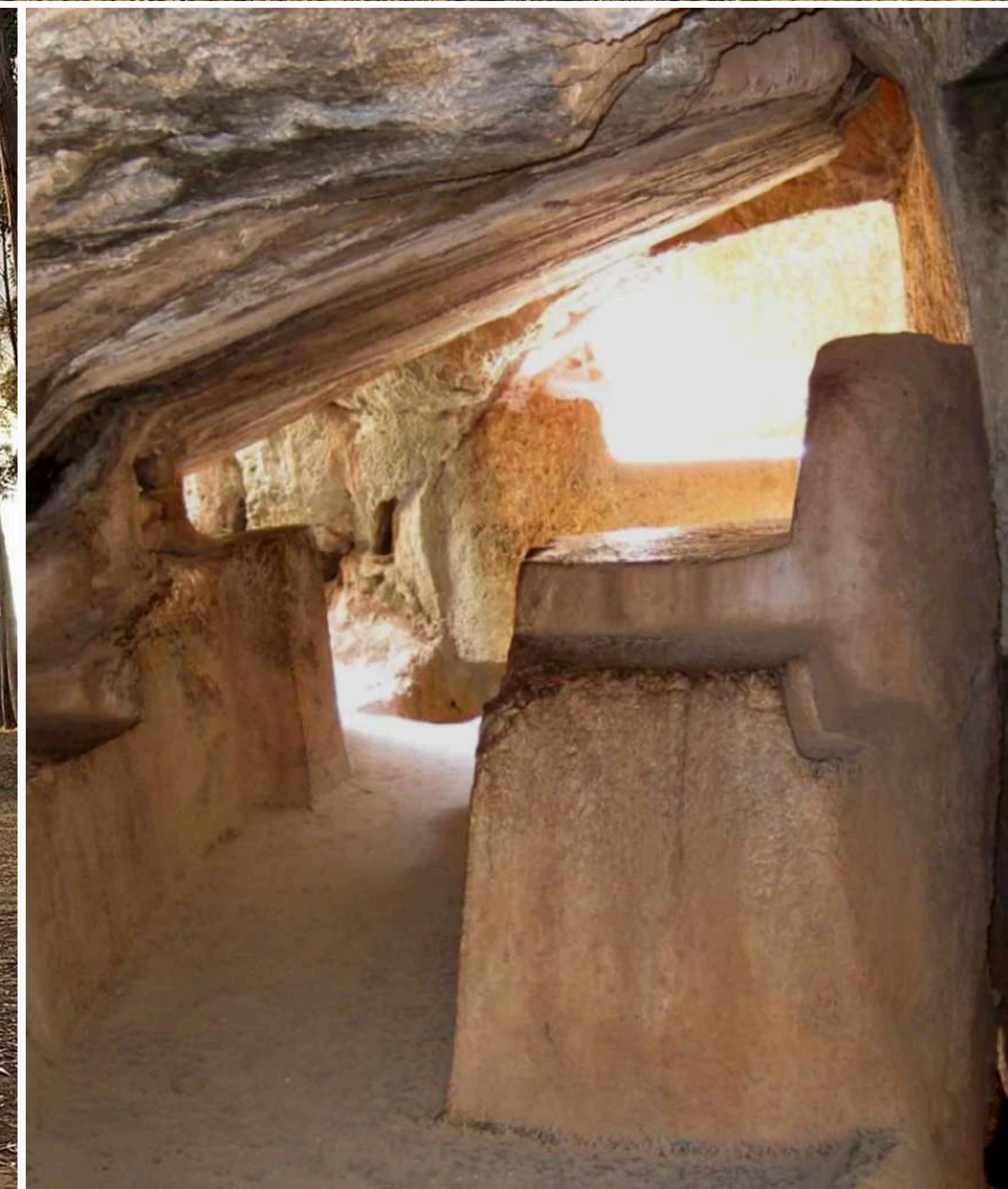
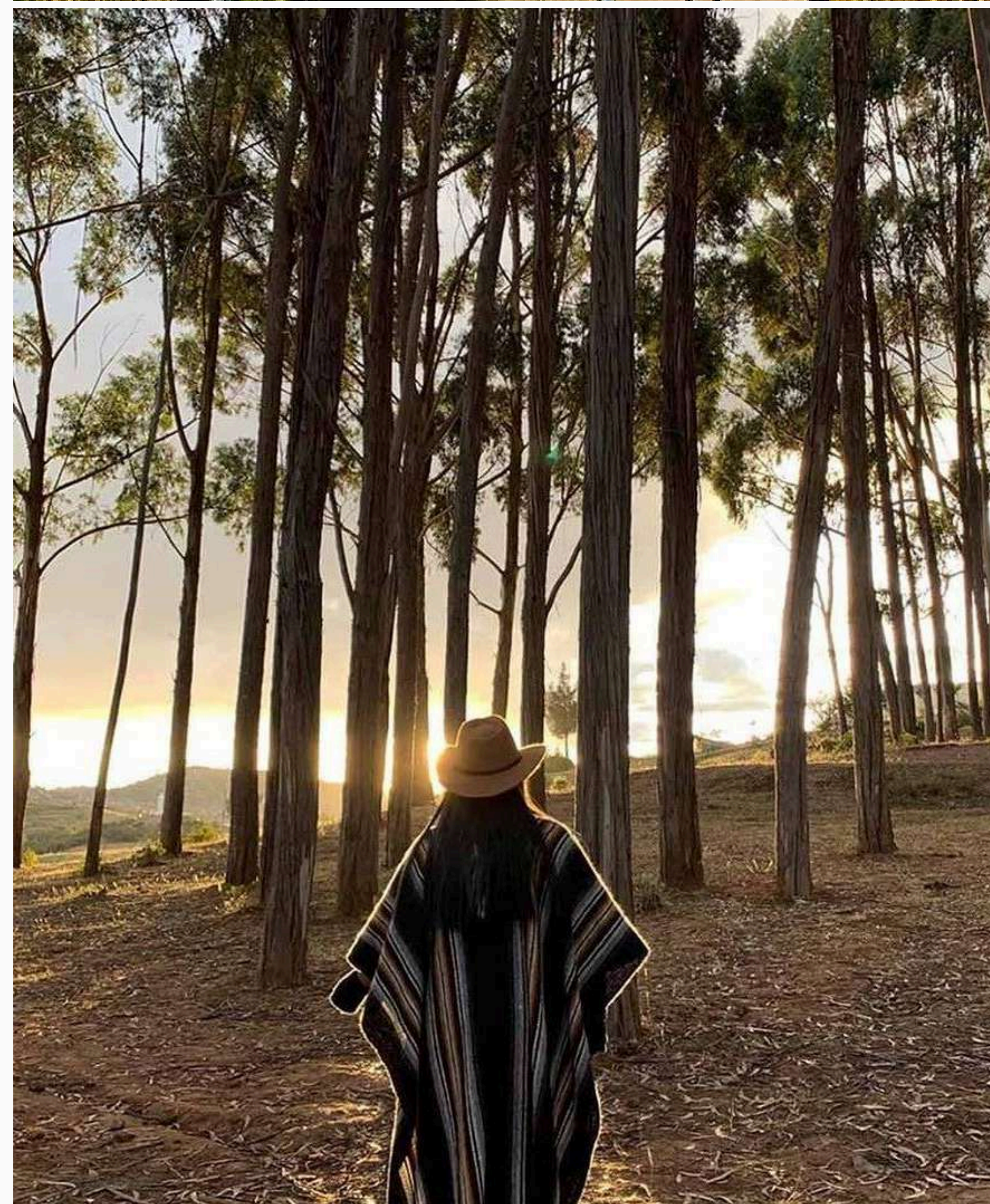


Qenqo – A mysterious ritual center

The mysticism of Qenqo awaits for you. Qenqo is a lesser-known but fascinating ceremonial site shrouded in mystery and carved directly into a massive limestone rock.

Unlike the more prominent sites, Qenqo invites quiet contemplation. With its underground chambers, zigzagging channels. Some chronicles indicates that the Incas believed to have used it for religious rituals, including sacrifices and offerings to Pachamama (Mother Earth). You'll explore the underground chambers and passageways, where the Incas likely performed sacred ceremonies.

Your professional guide will teach you the spiritual significance behind the carvings and ceremonial spaces, offering a deeper understanding of the Inca worldview, which intertwined life, nature, and divinity.



Puca Pucara – The red fort

Continue your cultural immersion in the ancient inca civilization with a visit to Puca Pucara, the “Red Fortress”.

Though smaller in scale, its strategic location and multi-level structure suggest it served both defensive and administrative purposes. Some academic researchers indicate that this place may also have functioned as a resting point for Inca nobility traveling through the region.

As you walk among its open plazas and ancient passageways, you’ll enjoy sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, and sense how this quiet outpost once stood as a watchful guardian over the Cusco region.

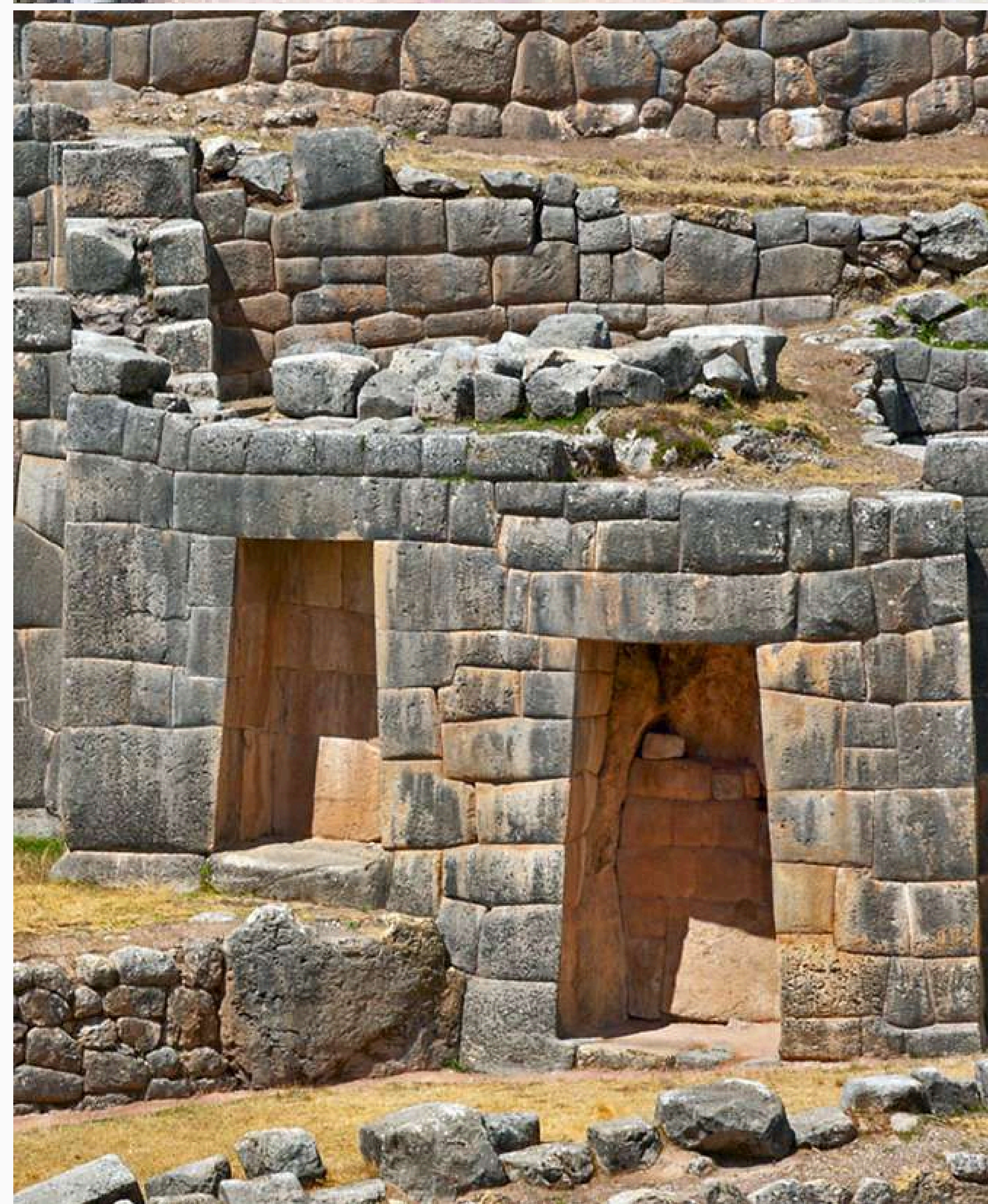


Tambomachay - The Inca Baths

This cultural experience will end at Tambomachay.

Tambomachay, known as the "Inca Baths." Surrounded by lush hills and flowing water, this serene site features a sophisticated system of canals and fountains that still function flawlessly today. Archaeologists believe Tambomachay was a place of ritual purification and water worship, honoring water as a sacred and life-giving element. Standing there, surrounded by nature and listening to the gentle sound of water, you'll feel a connection not just to the Incas energy, but also to their profound respect for nature.

It's the perfect way to end a day filled with wonder, history, and spiritual discovery in the majestic highlands of Peru.



You will end this day with your soul full of satisfaction because each place visited is not only a historical and cultural area but is also a space of reconnection with nature and with yourself.



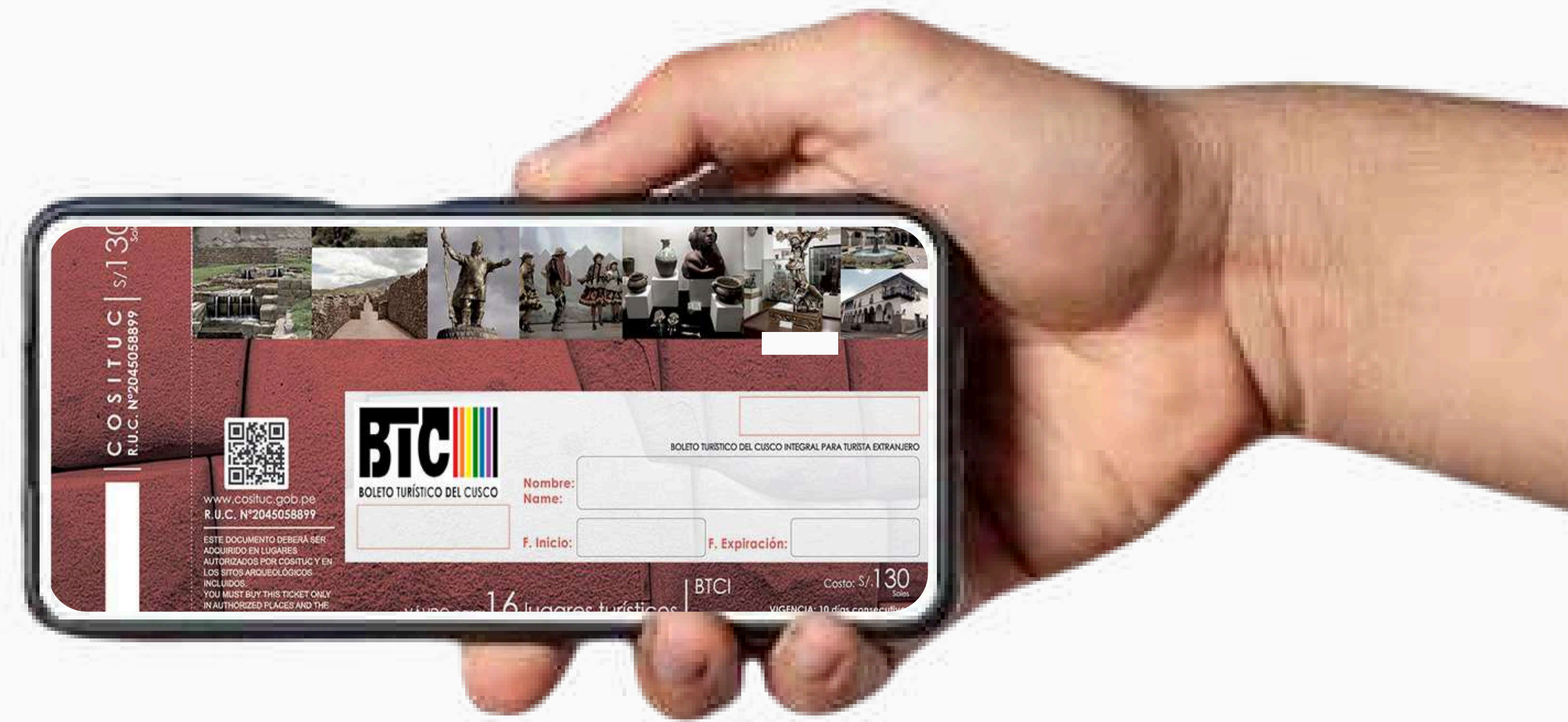
DAY FACTS

- » **TOUR TYPE**
SMALL GROUP TOUR
- » **DIFFICULTY**
EASY
- » **DURATION**
5 HOURS APPROX.
- » **ACTIVITIES**
EXPLORING HISTORICAL SITES

If you're looking for the most comprehensive way to explore Cusco's most iconic and ancient sites in a single day, the City Tour is the ideal option.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- » Professional bilingual guide (English/Spanish).
- » Private transportation.
- » Entrance fees to all sites.
- » Transfers and personalized assistance.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

DON'T FORGET... THESE ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED

- » Meals not mentioned
- » Water and snacks
- » Personal expenses
- » Anything not specified

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have questions? We'll answer them here!

In this section, we encourage you to read this information carefully, as it will also answer any questions you may have about our exclusive services.

➤ **IS THIS TOUR SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AND OLDER ADULTS?**

Yes, it's suitable for all ages. The walking is moderate and there's plenty of time to rest.

➤ **WHAT TRANSPORTATION IS USED DURING THE TOUR?**

We provide comfortable transportation throughout the tour.

➤ **ARE ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED?**

Yes, all entrance fees to the sites are included.

➤ **WHAT SHOULD I BRING?**

Comfortable shoes, water, sun protection, rain gear, and some cash for personal purchases.

➤ **CAN I TAKE THIS TOUR RIGHT AFTER ARRIVING IN CUSCO?**

Yes, this tour is a good way to get a feel for the city and start acclimating to the altitude.

➤ **HOW CAN THIS TOUR HELP WITH ALTITUDE?**

Cusco is at about 3,400 meters (11,200 feet). Some people feel short of breath at first. This tour is a gentle way to get used to the altitude while seeing key sites. Take it easy, drink water, and go at your own pace. It's especially helpful if you plan to do any trekking afterward.

➤ **IS THE TOUR AVAILABLE IN OTHER LANGUAGES?**

Yes, private tours in other languages can be arranged. Pricing depends on guide availability.

➤ **WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?**

The tour runs in all weather. Bring a raincoat or poncho during the rainy season (November to March).



WHAT TO BRING?

- › Comfortable walking shoes.
- › Hat or cap.
- › Raincoat or poncho.
- › Sunglasses.
- › Bottled water.
- › Plastic bags (for trash or wet items).
- › Camera with extra batteries.
- › Small bills for personal expenses.
- › **Original passport or ID (required for entrances and identification).**



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