# Cusco, Peru

## About Peru

You must see Peru firsthand to experience its magic. Imagine scenery on the epic scale of an adventure movie, forgotten temples, ancient tombs and buried treasure of gold and jewels. Wild rivers, condors soaring, and shaman rituals – it's not just a movie here, it's real life. Like a continent in miniature, Peru will astound you with its diversity. Not even fierce Inca warriors or Spanish conquistadors could totally dominate the jaw-dropping terrain, from Andean peaks to the steamy rainforests of the Amazon basin.

Peru offers such a wide range of experiences that it is difficult to choose between them. Outstanding museums to visit, ocean and lakes to ogle, labyrinthine cities to explore – Peru has it all. And let's not forget the food – it's where the potato originated, and other delicacies are dishes such as ocean ceviche and a typical guinea pig called cuy. many visitors a trip to the cloud-topping Inca citadel of Machu Picchu is a once in a lifetime experience. It's on everyone's travel bucket list.

## Arrival

Fly into Lima International Airport with connecting flights to Cusco. Your flight to Cusco can be arranged by the school or on your own. There are also packages of airport pickup service with overnight hotels in Lima.

**Extra services offered (airfare subject to change)**

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| Domestic flt Lima-Cusco, one way | $140 |
| Domestic flight Lima-Cusco round trip | $275 |
| Airport pickup pkg Lima – Cusco, 2 star hotel | $95 |
| Discount pp when above is shared | $10 |
| Extra night Lima 2 star hotel | $45 |
| Supplement 3 star hotel (per nt/person) | $40 |
| Cusco Airport transfer 18:30 and 5:30 am | $15 |

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**Students**

Students - Minimum age for independent study 16 or completion of high school. Younger students may study if they are accompanied by a family member, but they must be in private classes. Children and Teen courses offered.

**About Cusco**

Cusco (less preferred spelling Cuzco), the capital of the ancient Inca Empire, is the cultural heart of the Peruvian Andes and is a UNESCO designated World Heritage City. Situated at almost 11,000 feet in altitude and surrounded by dramatic mountains it has a population of 300,000 mostly indigenous inhabitants. It makes the perfect base for exploration of the country.

Cusco was founded around 1100 A.D. with its name meaning “the navel of the world”. After the conquest the Spanish built their colonial churches and houses on top of the Inca foundations, and this interesting architectural style is still evident. Imagine exploring the cobbled stone colonial alley ways with streets lined with original Inca walls and arches. Cusco remains a city of indigenous people with colorful markets and alpaca wool treasures. It totally offers a unique experience for Spanish students and discerning travelers.

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***Calendar***

*Start classes any Monday year round for any number of weeks.*

***2024 School Holidays: Jan 1, March 29, May 1, May 30, Jun 24, Jun 29, Jul 28, Jul 29, Aug 30, Oct 8, Nov 1, Dec 8, Dec 24 after 1 pm, 25 Dec, Dec 31 after 1 pm***

## Families, Children and Teens

- Spanish for Families - Custom designed program to incorporate the whole family, including excursions and trips around Cusco for everyone. June 10-July 15 (one week or more).
- Spanish for Kids & Teens -Specially designed classes for children of varying ages, designed to educate and entertain while learning and having fun. June 10-July 15 (one week or more).
- Teen Spanish & Activities Camp - An exciting and full on camp for teenagers incorporating daily Spanish study with many other exciting activities. (Choose between our camp in the Sacred Valley June 23 and July 7 and our camp in the Peruvian Rainforest July 1). Two weeks for Sacred Valley and one week Rainforest.

## Courses and Descriptions

**SPANISH COURSES - CUSCO and THE SACRED VALLEY**

Group of 5 – 6, available for all levels of Spanish, starting date any Monday, each class 55 minutes

Includes many no cost activities announced weekly such as Peruvian cooking, dance, music, and cultural lectures.

| Description | Price | # of Classes |
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| • Group Course Cusco Any Mon | $140 | 20 per week |
| • Private course | $260 | 20 per week |
| • Best of Both + 5 | $205 | 25 per week |
| • Best of Both + 10 | $270 | 30 per week |
| • Individual class | $15 | min 2 per week |

Sacred Valley MUST have 6 registered participants for the program to go. Set start dates (not guaranteed):

Sacred Valley – runs with minimum of 6 people and must be booked with accommodation. Mandatory supplement fee of $40 US to be paid before departure to school admin. Start dates Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 23, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 29, Oct 27 - 2024

If there are no group courses available at your Spanish level, Amauta will instead offer a reduced number of private hours for a single student and a higher number of semi-private hours for 2 students. Each class hour is 55 minutes of instruction.

**SPANISH COURSE IN TAMBOPATA RAINFOREST**

Group Course 20 sessions in one week

Accommodation 6 nights all meals included

***Needs a minimum number of 6 for program to be offered

Start Dates Apr 29, May 27, Jul 1, Aug 12, Oct 7

All Levels EXCEPT total beginners

Daily excursions w/guide, course, and meals $985

*Transport by night bus from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado is not included, and you will travel with the group. We will Inform you in advance of bus cost.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM…a great resume enhancement!**

Please contact us for complete information. Long term internships also available.

An idea of cost is $2,005 for 4 weeks group class and 8 wks family or residence lodging plus $125 volunteer fee

Volunteer Plus Program $2,929 for 4 wks group class and 4 weeks of family or residence + 12 weeks residence hall, plus $125 volunteer fee


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Combine your Spanish study with mastering extreme outdoor sports – your choice of paragliding, white water rafting or rockclimbing; trekking through the Andes or the Salkantay Trek including Machu Picchu, or spirituality with yoga and mystical locations. Ask for more info!

## Style of teaching

All courses are taught in the communicative method. All classes include the study of grammar in theory and practice, exercises to extend vocabulary and pronunciation, development of listening, writing and reading comprehension, techniques of oral communication, guided conversation and role play, and information on Peruvian culture and society. All teachers are native Spanish speakers and professionals who have been qualified under Amauta's teachers' course and participate in continuing education. They are committed to giving students the richest possible experience of Peruvian culture and customs. All teachers have been chosen because of their high quality teaching skills, their enthusiasm and their local knowledge of Cusco and Peru.

## Levels offered

There are 12 levels offered which accommodate complete beginners to advanced speakers. All students come to school their first Monday morning at 8am to take a placement test which is multiple choice questions and a short oral test.

## About the School

Amauta offers the opportunity to study Spanish while experiencing the culture of Peru. Language Link has worked with this school since its early beginning and has made several on site evaluation visits. Founded in 1996, Amauta offers a variety of lively self-paced Spanish classes taught by well trained teachers, as well as no cost activities such as Peruvian cooking, dance, music and cultural events. The school is located just one block from Cusco's main square, the Plaza de Armas.The building boasts ten classrooms, a sunny courtyard, a common room and an internet café/multi-media room. Located in the charming San Blas area, the building also hosts the residence hall and the affiliated Dos Manos Travel Agency.This makes it very convenient for you to book additional excursions within the city or country such as a Machu Picchu trip. The staff of Amauta is multinational and speak various languages to accommodate all.Students are of all ages and come from many countries. This creates a wonderful mix to enhance your experience.

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## The Sacred Valley

Amauta's campus in the picturesque Sacred Valley of the Incas is an off-the-beaten-path location to learn Spanish. Get away from the city life of Cusco and experience the tranquility of traditional Peruvian life. The Sacred Valley puts you in the heart of Incan culture with easy access to some of Peru's most noted Inca ruins, including Ollantaytambo, Pisac, Chinchero, Maras and Moray. The Sacred Valley school is divided into sleeping/living and study areas. There are bedrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen, a dining room, spaces for the classes, and a lounge room– perfect for relaxing and studying. Located approximately 80 minutes by bus from Cusco, the Sacred valley boasts breathtaking views of snowy peaks, green valleys and picturesque houses. The climate is warmer than Cusco due to the lower altitude, and the people are exceptionally friendly.

Spanish lessons take place in either the morning or late afternoon, allowing time to explore by visiting Inca fortresses, markets, salt flats, cultivated Inca terraces, and more! In addition, the Sacred Valley gives you a chance to go walking, mountain biking, horseback riding, or four-wheeling.

A week in the Sacred Valley includes transportation from Cusco, accommodation in either double or single room, all meals, field trips and 4 hours per day (M-F) of group Spanish classes at all levels. Start dates Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 23, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 29, Oct 27 - 2024 (runs with minimum of 6 people ).

## Tambopata Rainforest

Experience the Amazon Basin of Peru in a tropical rainforest. Your all inclusive week's cost includes 4 hours daily of group Spanish classes, 6 nights of accommodation, all meals and daily excursions with a professional guide. Arrival from Cusco to Puerto Maldonaldo will be with the group on a night bus. Bus cost not included in the package, but cost upon request. **Suitable for all levels except complete beginners.** Start Dates Apr 29, May 27, Jul 1, Aug 12, Oct 7 (runs with minimum of 6 people).

## Three Locations to Choose From

A unique feature of Amauta is that classes are offered in three different locations – Cusco with host family stays or school residence, the Sacred Valley with accommodations and board within the school, and an all inclusive program in Tambopata in the Amazon Jungle. You can remain in Cusco for your entire study or you can combine with one or more of the other locations. Please note that all the programs have specific start dates, and the costs are different in each. Also note that study in the Sacred Valley and Tambopata Rainforest locations require a minimum of 6 participants on any scheduled date. The school cannot guarantee that these programs will be a go until four weeks prior. We can keep you closely advised on the possibilities if you have interest in a location in addition to Cusco.

A special note here – if through the Amauta Dos Manos travel agency please keep your calendar in mind.We can book this for you along with your school reservation, but if you want to prebook a Machu Picchu train trip, reserve must be made at least 4 weeks in advance. To hike the Inca Trail, reserve must be made 4 – 6 months in advance.

**Cusco**

The principal location, as described earlier in About Cusco and About The School – Classes with start dates of any Monday for all levels of Spanish, variety of classes offered. See programs and price list. We recommend that you start your study in Cusco.


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If you want to do Machu Picchu or hike the Inca Trail place plan on booking this at least 3 to 4 months prior. Please note that the government issues limited amount of tickets to this amazing place. There are a variety of options and this is a must see!

## Accommodations

### Host Family

The families are carefully chosen and monitored through regular inspections and student feedback. The families that work with the school are middle class families. Most of them live about 25-35 minutes walking distance from the school and in these cases regular public transport (approx. every 10 minutes) is available. Unfortunately, Cusco suffers from a chronic water shortage and most of the families do not have a water tank. Also hot water installations might not meet Western standards. You should take this situation into account. Host families provide two meals a day, breakfast (6:30am – 9:30am) and the main meal/lunch (1pm – 3.30pm). Generally, these times are flexible and the student may make other arrangements for meals if they wish. Special diets may be requested, such as vegetarian or diabetic, with advance notice. Vegans incur a special charge.

### Homestay Plus

This package offers a slightly higher comfort level with larger rooms and a courtyard or garden. We can also request a private bath at this level, although they are limited in number. This is especially well suited for couples who wish to share a room and is especially recommended for older people.

### Student Residence

This is located directly next to the school and is perfect for those who want contact with students from many different parts of the world. Single rooms, shared bathrooms or private, a terrace and a common kitchen/living room. The location is perfect, only a 2 minute walk from the Plaza de Armas. No meals.


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## COURSES ENROLLMENT FEE $45

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| • GROUP SPANISH COURSE 20 HOURS GROUP | $140 |
| • PRIVATE SPANISH COURSE 20 HOURS | $260 |
| • BEST OF BOTH GROUP AND 1 HOUR DAILY PRIVATE INSTRUCTION | $205 |
| • BEST OF BOTH GROUP AND 2 HOUR DAILY PRIVATE INSTRUCTION | $270 |
| • SPANISH IN THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS* | PRICED PER CLASS TYPE |
| • SPANISH IN TAMBOPATA, THE PERUVIAN RAINFOREST* BOTH OF THESE ARE ALL INCLUSIVE | $985 |
| • TOTAL IMMERSION PACKAGE - 5 HOURS OF DAILY PRIVATE INSTRUCTION, FOLLOWED BY DAILY EXCURSIONS | $560 |
| • MEDICAL SPANISH 2 WEEK PROGRAM | $550 |
| • SPANISH FOR 55+ | $370 |
| • INCA CIVILIZATION COURSE- STUDY THE ORIGINS OF PERUVIAN CULTURE AND LEARN ABOUT THIS FASCINATING CIVILIZATION | $290 |
| • QUECHUA COURSE · LEARN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE OF THE INCA PEOPLE, STILL WIDELY USED IN CUSCO AND SURROUNDING AREAS | $18/HR |
| • PERUVIAN CULTURAL WORKSHOP - LEARN MORE ABOUT PERUVIAN CULTURE WHILE STUDYING SPANISH WITH INTERACTIVE CULTURAL COURSES FOCUSED ON WEAVING, TRADITIONAL PERUVIAN MUSIC OR DANCE, OR PERUVIAN CUISINE | $250 |
| • SPANISH & EXCURSIONS - SPANISH STUDY WITH TOURS AND EXCURSIONS AROUND CUSCO SUCH AS VISITING RUINS AND LOCAL PLACES OF INTEREST, RAFTING, TOURS AROUND THE CITY, VISITING LOCAL VILLAGES, JUNGLE TOURS AND VISITING BEAUTIFUL LAKE TITICACA 3 WEEK PROGRAM | $1,699 |

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

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| • HOMESTAY 2 MEALS | $165 |
| • HOMESTAY PLUS LAUNDRY (LIMITED PRIVATE BATHROOMS) 2 MEALS | $190 |
| • STUDENT RESIDENCE HALL CUSCO NO MEALS PRIVATE ROOM | $240 |
| • CAMPUS SACRED VALLEY (3 MEALS INCLUDED) RESIDENCE HALL PRIVATE ROOM | $240 |

## FEES

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| • AIRPORT PICKUP FROM CUSCO AIRPORT FROM 6:30 PM TO 5:30 AM | $15 |