

# SOUTH VALLEY CUSCO



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## WELCOME TO CUSCO!

Cusco is the most visited tourist destination in Peru and one of the best in all of South America. There you can find attractions as famous as the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Humantay lake, the mountain of 7 colors and, of course, Machu Picchu, a destination considered one of the 7 wonders.

In Cusco there are Andean and tropical landscapes of great beauty. Most visitors stay in the city of Cusco because there is the airport to the city. Also in the 'capital of the Inca empire' there are important tourist attractions such as Sacsayhuaman, the Cathedral, the Coricancha and more. Currently the best hotel and restaurant services are there.

100 kilometers from the city of Cusco is the best tourist destination in South America: the Inca city of Machu Picchu. The wonder of the world is the goal of almost all tourists who come to Cusco. Machupicchu was a citadel for agricultural, urban and religious purposes. It has a history that goes back more than five centuries. In addition, the lush landscape that surrounds it, make it one of the most photographed places in the world.

**However, Cusco is not just Machu Picchu. In the high mountains of Cusco, near the imposing snow-capped Ausangate, is Vinicunca, the famous mountain of 7 colors.** This summit is more than 5 thousand meters above sea level. Thousands of visitors arrive there every day. This amount has made the rainbow mountain the second most visited tourist destination in Cusco, only after Machu Picchu.

And Cusco offers even much more. There you can find beautiful landscapes, archaeological sites, thermal baths, memorable walks and a long etcetera. Some of the little known but worth visiting destinations are: the Palcoyo mountain, the South Valley of Cusco, the Waqrapukara fortress, the Tres Cruces de Oro viewpoint, the abode of the gods, the Cocalmayo thermal baths and more. Meet them!

All tourist destinations can be visited on your own or with a tour organized by a tourism agency. Of course, the safest and most reliable option is to do it through a tourist agency in Cusco. Most tourist agencies offer a well-organized and complete service to enjoy the best of Cusco.

The most popular tours in Cusco are: the City Tour (through the city of Cusco), the Sacred Valley of the Incas tour (Full Day), the tour to the mountain of the 7 colors (Full Day), the tour to the lagoon Humantay (Full Day), the tour to Maras and Moray (half day), the tour to Machu Picchu (Full Day), the 2-day tour to Machu Picchu, the 4-day Inca Trail and the 5-day Salkantay trek.

**All these services are performed with the best organization. For this we have a team of tourism experts who organize every detail of our services.** All our tours include: tourist pick-up, full round trip transportation, entrance to each tourist attraction and professional tour guide service. They will not have to buy anything else!

The tourist attractions of Cusco are exceptional. However, there are many other tourist destinations in Peru that are worth visiting. Soon we will be able to offer tours to all the destinations of the Inca country: the Colca Canyon, Paracas, the city of Lima, the Huacachina, the Amazon jungle and more.

Here you can learn about the tours offered by 'Machupicchu Terra', one of the leading tourism agencies in Cusco. You will know what it includes, the itinerary, the prices and more. Get to know Cusco with the best! Welcome!

## ABOUT US?

Welcome to Machupicchu Terra! We are a tourism agency recognized for the quality of its tours to all destinations in Cusco such as the Sacred Valley, the 7 Colors Mountain, Machu Picchu and much more. Since 2013 and until today we have been offering quality services to tourists from all over the world.

We have our own premises in the historic center of the city of Cusco at Calle Recoleta Angosta 604. To operate our different services we have authorization from the Ministry of Culture of Peru with code AUT00115. In other words, we are a professional tourism agency that offers all the security and good organization of a legal service.

To contact our travelers we have different well-designed web pages that offer all the information about Cusco and Machu Picchu. Highlights: [www.boletomachupicchu.com](http://www.boletomachupicchu.com), [www.machupicchuterra.com](http://www.machupicchuterra.com), [www.imachupicchu.com](http://www.imachupicchu.com) and more.

To carry out our operations we have a team of professionals in the tourism sector as well as collaborators in web system programming, content writers, video editors and more. All our services organized in detail to meet the expectations of our customers.

### Mission

Our main mission is to offer tourists a quality service that meets their high expectations in the different tourist attractions of Cusco and Peru.

For this we propose to create a website with easy navigation and complete information about the trip to Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Machu Picchu. Our goal is to provide a safe and easy interface for booking our tours. Likewise, we seek to assist tourists on prices, times, information, documents and everything related to the trip to Machu Picchu.

### Vision

We seek to offer the best tourist services in Cusco and the rest of Peru. For this we constantly update ourselves looking for new tourist proposals. In addition, we use the latest web technologies to reach more and more customers. This is how we have a YouTube channel 'Imachupicchu' with educational videos that help the traveler to decide their best experience in Cusco.

Every day we seek to improve to offer the best tourist service to our customers. We have constant communication through various digital channels. Our goal is to become the most serious and best organized tourism agency in all of Cusco and Peru.

### Reliability

We are a legal tourism agency of Cusco authorized by the Ministry of Culture of Peru and the Regional Directorate of Culture Cusco. Our authorization code is AUT00115. All our operations and services are legitimate. We have good reviews on online forums like TripAdvisor, Google Business and more.

All our payment methods have internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of all tourist information during the purchase. With us you can be sure to choose a legal and reliable tourism agency!

## CUSCO SOUTH VALLEY TOUR HALF DAY – THE TOUR TO THE ORIGINS OF THE INCAS!

### ABSTRACT

Legends say that the Incas came to Cusco from the south. Historical sources confirm these hypotheses. Citadels of great importance were built there, such as Tipón, Raqchi and even the pre-Inca citadel of Piquillacta. Today all these historic places are known in the tourist market as the South Valley of Cusco. The preferred tour for visitors to this Andean area is the so-called 'South Valley Tour of Cusco' for half a day (6 hours) which includes a visit to: the archaeological site of Tipón, the archaeological site of Andahuaylillas and the colonial church of Andahuaylillas. Also during this route you can see the picturesque town of Andahuaylillas and the famous Rumicolca (gateway to the South Valley).

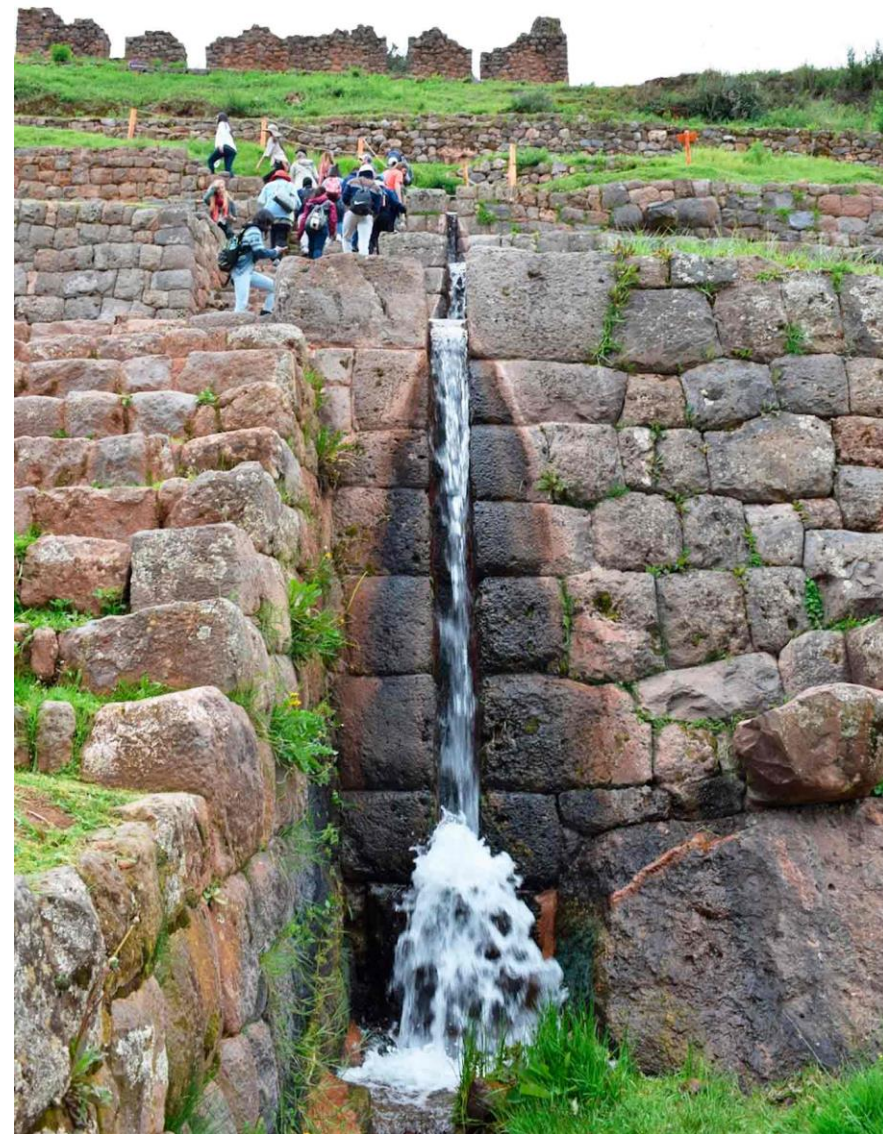
The South Valley tour of Cusco begins at an average of 8 in the morning with the pick up of the tourist at the door of his hotel. In addition to the pick-up, it includes: full round trip transportation, entrance to all tourist attractions and professional tour guide service. The tour ends at an average of 2:30 in the afternoon in a central square in the city of Cusco. This adventure allows you to appreciate the beautiful landscapes of the south of Cusco as well as touring Inca constructions in a good state of conservation. It is an excellent option for the last days of the trip to Cusco. Dare to take the tour to the origins of Cusco!

### IT INCLUDES

- ✓ Pick up from the tourist hotel.
- ✓ Full tourist transport by minivan.
- ✓ Entrance to all tourist attractions.
- ✓ Professional tour guide (Spanish or English).

### IT DOES NOT INCLUDE

- × Breakfast and lunch.
- × Telephone calls.
- × Snacks and drinks.
- × Tips.





## CUSCO SOUTH VALLEY TOUR HALF DAY – DETAILED ITINERARY



### ITINERARY

#### 1. Pick up from the tourist hotel

The tour begins between 8 and 8:30 in the morning with the pick up of the tourist at the door of his hotel located in the area of the historic center of Cusco. Tourists staying outside this area can expect to be picked up at a central city square, such as Plaza Regocijo (a few steps from Plaza de Armas).

#### 2. Trip and visit to Tipón

Then we head south of Cusco, heading to the archeological site of Tipón. There we will tour some of the best preserved and least known Inca constructions in Peru. Tipón is famous for its water sources and beautiful landscapes.

#### 3. Trip and visit to Piquillacta

Next we will go to Piquillacta, where you can see all the beauty of the South Valley of Cusco, such as the Huacarpay lagoon and the mountain range. In addition, we will visit the Wari archaeological site, famous for its high walls and immense streets. The tour will be, as always, in the company of a professional tour guide.

#### 4. Trip and visit to Andahuaylillas

We continue the tour, visiting the traditional town of Andahuaylillas. There we will visit the Church of San Pedro Apóstol, one of the colonial jewels in Cusco. Due to the beauty of its canvases, murals and its baroque interior decoration, this temple is known as the 'Sistine Chapel of America'.

#### 6. Return to the city of Cusco

We will end the tour returning with the tourist transport to the city of Cusco at an average of 2:30 pm. The service ends in a central city square, a few steps from the main restaurants and hotels. The visit to the South Valley of Cusco is an adventure to the origins of the Incas. Enjoy it!

## CUSCO SOUTH VALLEY TOUR MAP



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## CUSCO SOUTH VALLEY TOUR HALF DAY – THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS YOU WILL VISIT

### LANDSCAPES OF THE SOUTH VALLEY OF CUSCO

The South Valley of Cusco offers Andean landscapes of great beauty. The Vilcanota River, the Huacarpay Lagoon as well as the Pachatusan, Huaypun, Pumacancha and more mountains stand out. All these landscapes can be seen in the attractions to visit as well as in tourist transport. If time permits, you can also stop to take a beautiful photo with the most beautiful landscapes.

### TIPÓN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

The archaeological site of Tipón was an Inca citadel and religious site for the worship of water as an element of purification. It has terraces, platforms, carved stone rooms for the Inca elite, simple stone and adobe rooms for the common population and, above all, water channels. The chronicles indicate that Tipón was the residence of the Inca ruler Yahuar Huacac. It stands out for its Intihuatana, the Cruzmoqo viewpoint and its Andean landscapes. Tipón is the first tourist destination to visit in the South Valley tour of Cusco. It is only 25 kilometers from the city of Cusco.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PIQUILLACTA

The archaeological site of Piquillacta was a pre-Inca citadel, dating from the Wari period, from the end of the 6th century to the beginning of the 9th century. This city had a population of 10 thousand people. The archaeological site was made up of 700 buildings, 500 warehouses (colcas), streets, squares and other stone and adobe buildings. It stands out for its walls two or three stories high. Some of its most important constructions are the Choqepucjio, the Qaranqayniyuj, the Kanturqaqa, the Urpicanha, the Amarupata platforms and the Yunkapunku. Piquillacta means 'Village of Fleas'. This kind of 'ghost town' encompasses approximately 700 structures. It is one of the most photographed tourist attractions in the South Valley of Cusco.

### THE RUMICOLCA

The Rumicolca is one of the most famous Inca constructions in the South Valley of Cusco. It is located next to the southeast highway, 31 kilometers from the city of Cusco. It is a pyramidal structure made of stone and adobe that functioned as an entry point to Piquillacta. It is also known as the gateway to the South Valley of Cusco. Each pyramid has three levels reaching 4 meters high. A set of stone steps leads from the base to the top of the building. Your visit is optional in the South Valley tour of Cusco.

### TOWN OF ANDAHUAYLILLAS

The town of Andahuaylillas is located 40 kilometers by road from the city of Cusco. It is located on the banks of the Vilcanota River in a warm valley at 3,133 meters above sea level. From there you have beautiful views of the Wiraconchan and Curi Orqo mountains. This peculiar town enjoyed great importance during the colonial era. Powerful families of Inca origin settled there. Its quiet streets and smiling square attract the attention of visitors. However, what stands out most about this place is its colonial church, the temple of San Pedro de Andahuaylillas, also known as the 'Sistine Chapel of America'.

### THE SISTINE CHAPEL OF AMERICA

The colonial church of the town of San Pedro de Andahuaylillas is famous for its baroque interior decoration full of murals, paintings, altarpieces, organs and more. Works of art stand out, such as the mural of the evangelizing program, the main altarpiece, the organ of King David and the Queen, the organ of the Angels, the Baptistry, the triumphal arch, the ceiling, and its beautiful canvases. Of the latter, the paintings of the 'Escuela cusqueña' stand out, such as: The Crucifixion, The Virgin of the Rosary and more. This church is the last tourist attraction to visit on the tour to the South Valley of Cusco. Then the return to the city of Cusco is made.



## CUSCO SOUTH VALLEY TOUR HALF DAY – PHOTO GALLERY





## CUSCO SOUTH VALLEY TOUR HALF DAY – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE THE PICK UP FROM MY HOTEL IN CUSCO?

Yes, the tour includes the pick up of the tourist from the door of his hotel in the city of Cusco. The pick-up is available for hotels located in the area comprised by the historic center of Cusco (the vast majority of tourist hotels are located there). Coordination is by email prior to the tour.

### CAN I CANCEL THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

Yes, the tour can be canceled and request a refund if an email request is sent up to 3 days in advance as the latest deadline. The cancellation has a penalty of 35% of the value of the tour (refund of 65% of the amount paid).

### CAN I CHANGE THE DATE OF THE TOUR IF I ALREADY PURCHASED IT?

Yes, tour modifications can be made with an email request. If the change is made 3 to 5 days in advance, the penalty is 35% of the value of the tour. If it is done from 5 days to more, there is no penalty.

### IS THE TOUR DANGEROUS?

No, the tour is safe for all visitors. The places to visit do not show any type of danger. It is only recommended to follow the advice of the tour guide, who is in charge of ensuring the safety of all visitors.

### ARE ALL TICKETS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE TOUR?

Yes, all the tickets are already included in the tour: the entrance to the archeological sites of Tipón, Piquillacta and the colonial temple of Andahuaylillas.

### AT WHAT ALTITUDE IS THE SOUTH VALLEY OF CUSCO?

Tipón is located at 3,560 meters above sea level. Piquillacta is 3,250 meters above sea level. Andahuaylillas is 3,122 meters above sea level.

### DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

No, the tour does not include breakfast or lunch as it lasts only 6 hours (half a day).

### HOW DO I PAY FOR THE TOUR?

You can pay for the tour online using our payment form. Payment is by any Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club or PayPal credit or debit card. The website has internet security systems that guarantee the privacy of tourist information. After payment you will receive a confirmation email. The reservation will be confirmed.

### IS THE TOUR SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE? CAN I SUFFER FROM ALTITUDE SICKNESS?

Yes. The tour is suitable for all people, both children and older adults. For a better adaptation to the altitude of the South Valley of Cusco, it is recommended to spend one or two previous days in the city of Cusco. In this way, the tourist will be able to better adapt to the Andean geography and reduce the symptoms of altitude sickness.

### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO DO THE TOUR?

The tour to the South Valley of Cusco can be done every day of the year. Most tourists prefer to do it between the months of April to December when the rains are less frequent. In April, November and December excellent photographs are achieved.

### IS THE TOUR AVAILABLE EVERY DAY?

Yes, the tour is available all year except in cases of emergency such as protests or natural disasters.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS THE TOUR?

In case the tourist does not show up for the tour at the time indicated for the pick-up, the service will be considered as 'No Show' and the tourist will not have the right to any claim or refund of money.

