

# Cusco Insights

## Highlights Covered in the Brand g Tours:

Your Brand g City Tour will include a visit to the Koricancha and the Convent of Santo Domingo. The Convent was built on the Koricancha (site of gold), the most important temple dedicated to the worship of the sun by the ancient Incans. We continue to Cusco's Plaza de Armas central square, for a visit to the Cathedral, one of the most imposing structures in the city. The Cathedral houses an important collection of gold and silver work from the colonial period as well as a beautiful collection of oil on canvas. This evening, we gather for a pisco tasting and a festive dinner at Republica del Pisco. The next day, we will visit the Sacsayhuaman fortress, one of the emblematic Inca constructions, built by Inca Pachacútec in the 15th century. It is a huge fortress made of very large stones, and the manner in which they were transported and cut is still a mystery. Then visit Qenqo, one of the largest huacas (holy places) in the Cusco Region.

## Additional Highlights For Your Independent Exploration:

You will have a little time in Cusco for some exploration. Below are some highlights for your journey. Also, you can consult the concierge staff at the Palacio del Inka to arrange many other options for tours inside and outside the city.

**MAP Museum** – Museo De Arte PreColombino has a variety of artifacts created by the people of what is now Peru. If you enjoyed the Larco Museum in Lima, this would be the place for you. This museum has over 400 pieces of art on exhibit of religious, political and cultural significance.

<https://mapcusco.pe/en/>

**ChocoMuseo** – This interactive museum provides learning experiences including the history of cacao, chocolate, processing chocolate products, and chocolate transportation. In addition to the museum many classes are available including Bean to Bar Workshop, Peruvian Tasting Explorer and many additional cooking classes. <https://www.chocomuseo.com/peru/cusco/>

**Museo Machu Picchu**– Now that you have experienced the wonders of Machu Picchu dive deeper into the history and artifacts at the Museo Machu Picchu, Cusco. This museum features objects returned by Yale University in 2011. Located in Casa Concha, a restored colonial era site of Puka Marka, this was once the residence of the royal lineage of Tupac Ink Yupanqui.

<https://www.museomachupicchu.com/>

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## Recommended Restaurants

\*Some of these restaurants are very popular; we recommend guests make reservations in advance.

### MAP Cafe

- Cuisine: Contemporary Peruvian
- Address: Plaza de las Nazarenas 231, Inside MAP Museum, Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-242-476

### Cicciolina

- Cuisine: Italian International
- Address: Calle Triunfo 393 (second floor), Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-239-510

### Limo

- Cuisine: Peruvian and Japanese Fusion
- Address: Portal de Carnes 236, (second floor), Plaza de Armas, Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-240-668

### Chicha

- Cuisine: Novoandean
- Address: Calle Plaza Regocijo 261 (second floor), Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-240-520

### Inti Raymi Restaurant

- Cuisine: Peruvian, Latin, Vegetarian
- Address: Palacio del Inka Hotel

### Inka Grill

- Cuisine: Peruvian, International
- Address: Portal de Panes 115, Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-262-9

## Gay Nightlife/Restaurant

### Fallen Angel

- The “official” gay bar of Cusco, which is mainly a restaurant. Very quirky and somewhat erotic ambience.
- Address: Plazoleta Nazarenas 221, Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-258-184
- <https://www.facebook.com/fallenangelperu/>

### Mama Africa

- The main dance club in Cusco This **gay friendly** club is a favorite of locals. Fun crowd, Latino pop music.
- Address: Plaza de Armas, Cusco, Peru
- Phone: +51-84-246-544
- <https://www.facebook.com/mamaafricacusco/>