

Cusco & Machu Picchu, Andes, Peru

The Inca heartland is not a port — it is a pilgrimage. A multi-day overland journey takes cruise passengers from the Pacific coast into the clouds, past colonial Cusco, through the Sacred Valley, and finally to the stone citadel that has awed the world for centuries.

🏔️ Overland excursion (not a pier/tender stop)

🕒 Minimum 2 nights / 3 days required

💰 Currency: Peruvian Sol (PEN); USD widely accepted

🗣️ Language: Spanish & Quechua

✈️ Requires domestic flight Lima–Cusco

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Getting There: Fly from Lima (LIM) to Cusco (CUZ) — ~1 hr 20 min; then train + shuttle bus to Machu Picchu

Altitude: Cusco: 11,152 ft (3,400 m); Machu Picchu: ~7,972 ft (2,430 m) — acclimatize carefully

Best For: Bucket-list Inca ruins, Andean culture, Sacred Valley villages, train scenery

Don't Miss: Machu Picchu citadel, Qorikancha in Cusco, train ride through Urubamba gorge, Ollantaytambo fortress

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ S/12–S/25 (~\$3–\$7 USD) · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Cabify, inDrive

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Machu Picchu Citadel — Classic Circuit** — The 15th-century Inca estate perched on a cloud-forest ridge.
- **Cusco City — Inca & Colonial Highlights** — Walk the Plaza de Armas, enter Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun, partly destroyed to build the Santo Domingo Convent on...
- **Sacred Valley — Ollantaytambo & Pisac** — The fertile Urubamba Valley between Cusco and Machu Picchu.
- **Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain Hike** — Add-on hikes with separately ticketed access.
- **Luxury Hiram Bingham Train Experience** — PeruRail's premium Belmond Hiram Bingham train departs Poroy (near Cusco) for Aguas Calientes with gourmet meals, live...

BEST WALKS

- **Cusco Old City Centre Walk** 1.5–2 hrs | Easy (mostly flat) | Altitude: 11,152 ft — Stroll Cusco's historic core: begin at the Plaza de Armas, duck into the Cusco Cathedral (free exterior), cross to Qorikancha, then...
- **Aguas Calientes Town Wander** 30–45 min | Very easy | Altitude: 6,700 ft — The base town for Machu Picchu is compact and lively.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌧️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	45°	19d
Jun	62°	41°	2d
Aug	64°	41°	7d
Sep	64°	44°	12d
Oct	65°	45°	20d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 5:54AM–5:41PM · Jun 6:08AM–5:28PM · Aug 6:02AM–5:42PM · Sep 5:42AM–5:43PM · Oct 5:21AM–5:45PM

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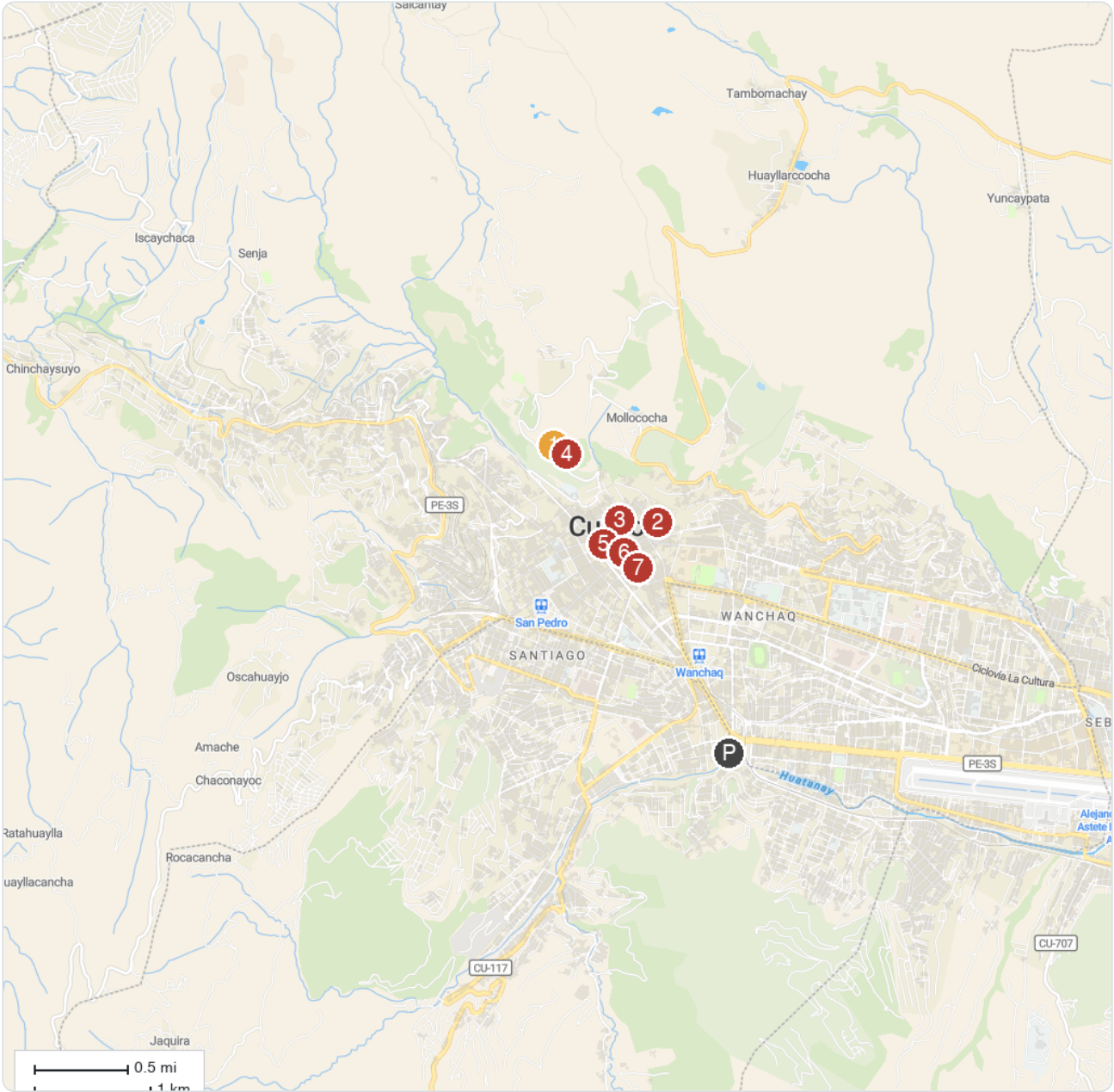
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Altitude sickness is real. Cusco sits at 11,152 ft — higher than the top of Whistler. Ask your doctor about Acetazolamide (Diamox) before sailing. Avoid alcohol your first 24 hrs...

Cusco & Machu Picchu, Andes, Peru — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Muyuq Marka | Circular tower ruins within Saqsaywaman fortress. | 2 | Templo del San Blas | Historic church in Cusco, famous for its carved pulpit. |
| 3 | Museo de Arte Precolombino Larco | Museum showcasing ancient Peruvian pre-Columbian art. | 4 | Saqsaywaman | Massive Inca fortress and ceremonial complex near Cusco. |
| 5 | Plaza de Armas | Cusco's main square, surrounded by historic cathedrals and arcades. | 6 | Museo Maximo Laura | Museum showcasing contemporary Peruvian tapestry art by Maximo Laura. |
| 7 | Dirección Desconcentrada de Cultura Cusco | Cusco's regional government office for cultural heritage. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |