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Offering culture, history, world class cuisine and a spectacular array of landscapes, Peru is a country on many travel wish lists. If you are considering visiting this magical part of the world, it is likely that you will stop by the city of Cusco, known by the Incas as the 'Naval of the World'. This charming city is filled with markets selling alpaca wool souvenirs, restaurants dishing up Peruvian classics such as ceviche and lomo saltado, plus, some outstanding museums and historical treasures. This is the best place to begin an adventure into the Andean mountains and follow the journey of the ancient civilisations that once lived here. A stay of 2 or 3 nights is ideal for visitors, but where to stay? Here are 8 of the best luxury hotels in Cusco;

1. La Casona by Inkaterra

With just 11 rooms situated around a stunning colonial courtyard, this hotel combines the best of Peruvian history and sheer luxury. As a guest you will arrive through an ancient wooden door, which leads to a beautiful and relaxed reception area. Hot towels and a welcome drink are offered by the professional staff, and you will be shown to your room, a short walk which will most likely involve passing through halls decorated with traditional artwork and antique furniture. Each room is spacious, with the same style offered throughout the rest of the hotel, plus a variety of modern amenities including heated floors, a pillow menu, twin basins, flat screen TV, Inkaterra toiletries and more. Just a 2 minute walk from the main square makes this a wonderful option when beginning your holiday in Peru.



2. El Retablo

For those looking for something quirky and unique, but still with a touch of luxury, El Retablo should be considered. This small boutique hotel has been hand painted throughout with bright colourful designs which are complimented by the traditional fabrics and textiles that adorn each room. The hotel has a strong focus on sustainability, and guests are provided with eco-friendly toiletries and glass water bottles which are refilled daily. Rooms of a higher category offer breathtaking views over the city of Cusco, which can be accessed via a short 5 minute walk. The courtyard is often host to laid-back live musicians and each morning a delicious buffet breakfast is served. This alternative hotel is simply wonderful.



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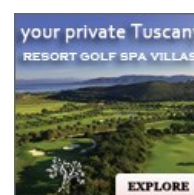
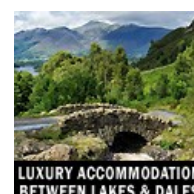
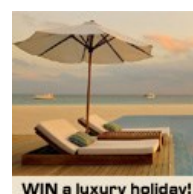
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3. Belmond Monasterio

The Belmond name is ever popular, and the Monasterio is no different. Living up to its name, the hotel is located in a Monastery which dates back to 1592. There are a variety of historic sites within the hotel itself, which will appeal greatly to anyone visiting Cusco to see first hand the ancient artifacts which can be found all over the city. This vast hotel has pretty courtyards and gardens which sit between the many room options. If altitude sickness is a concern, the hotel even has rooms which offer guests a supply of oxygen to help alleviate any symptoms. With all the modern luxuries one would expect from a Belmond hotel, this centrally located hotel is perfect for those seeking a stress-free stay in Cusco.



4. Aranwa Boutique

Due to its incredibly rich history and astounding collection of antiques and artwork, guests would be forgiven for thinking they are staying at a museum rather than a hotel. This stunning building oozes luxury and offers guests every comfort they could want, including an oxygen supply in each room. The colonial charm is evident in every room, and guests will be made to feel like royalty when visiting this centrally located hotel.



5. El Mercado

This small boutique hotel is an excellent choice for those looking for underrated luxury. White washed walls are decorated with flowering plants and colourful artwork, and a stunning traditional balcony surrounds the courtyard. A fire pit can be found in the middle, with comfy seats and woven blankets on offer, making this the perfect place to sit back with a pisco sour. Each room is beautifully presented with excellent amenities and eco-friendly features. Another fabulous aspect to this hotel is the restaurant which serves delicious Peruvian cuisine in a relaxed manner. For a real taste of Peru, this should be your first choice.



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6. Libertador Palacio del Inka

Impressive and luxurious, this Libertador hotel offers guests everything they could possibly need when visiting Cusco. A modern spa will keep guests happy after a day out exploring the city and a historic tour of this centuries old building will intrigue every person who stays here. Over 200 rooms are spread out among the carefully restored grounds, with a variety of categories available. All feature premium facilities such as flat screen TVs, high speed WiFi, cotton bed linen and complimentary toiletries. Location is key when choosing a hotel in Cusco, and the Palacio del Inka won't disappoint.



7. Belmond Palacio Nazarenas

Situated next door to the Belmond Monestario hotel in Cusco, this alternative option is still historically rich and beautifully decorated. Guests can enjoy colourful, manicured gardens throughout, plus a swimming pool which is a rare luxury in Cusco where space is at a premium. In addition, a spa is available for those wishing to relax. The rooms are spacious, with antique furniture and modern amenities – some feature original Inca walls which will appeal to many visitors to the city.



8. Marriott Cusco

The grandeur of this Marriott hotel is obvious the moment you step through the door. Built in a restored convent, guests are encouraged to take the daily tour which showcases the many different historic areas and artefacts that were discovered during the renovations. The sumptuous spa area offers a swimming pool and jacuzzi's alongside treatments such as massages and facials. Rooms mix modern-day luxury with splashes of Andean art and pure comfort. This stylish hotel is a short walk to the main square of Cusco, making it an excellent option when visiting Peru.

