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The 10 Best Hotels in Cusco, Peru



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As the capital of the Inca Empire, [Cusco](#) is the perfect destination for tourists looking to explore archaeological wonders, and the preferred starting point en-route to Machu Picchu. Tourism is Cusco's main industry, making for a city filled with hotel accommodations. From the backpacker beginning a hike along the Inca Trail to the more-refined traveler looking to experience Cusco in luxury, here are this ancient city's best spots to stay.



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Inkaterra La Casona

One of the best hotels in South America, [La Casona](#) is well worth splurging for. A refurbished 16th century colonial mansion, this 11-suite hotel maintains original charm while introducing luxurious amenities. Travelers looking for a retreat will appreciate rooms equipped with fireplaces, cable TV and marble sinks, in addition to the dining room's delicious Peruvian dishes. La Casona is located minutes from the busy [Plaza de Armas](#), at the smaller Plazoleta Nazarenas, making for a quieter, private setting perfect for guest getting up early to see Machu Picchu. In addition, the hotel sets out a gourmet breakfast buffet at 5:00am, indicative of this luxurious base to see Cusco's sights.

[Inkaterra La Casona](#), 113 Plaza Nazarenas, Cusco, Peru +51 1 610 0400

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Hotel Rumi Punku

Guests enter the [Rumi Punku](#) through an Incan stone entry-way onto a colonial-style hotel, emblematic of the mixture of [Spanish](#) and Incan influences throughout Cusco. A five minute walk uphill from the Plaza de Armas, Rumi Punku provides clean, comfortable rooms located around one of three patios. The patios – beautifully adorned with fountains and plants – are the perfect place to spend a relaxing afternoon. Enjoy views of Cusco from the sauna and gym on the top floor, which are especially spectacular after the sun goes down.

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