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HOTEL GUIDE — CUSCO, PERU

Best Hotels in Cusco

SIX HOTELS · THREE PRICE TIERS

A GUIDE TO CHOOSING YOUR BASE IN CUSCO

WHERE TO STAY

Best Areas to Stay in Cusco

HISTORIC CENTER (AROUND THE PLAZA DE ARMAS)

The best choice for most first-time visitors — walkable, well-lit at night, and close to restaurants, museums and the main taxi routes to the train stations. All six hotels below sit in or within a few blocks of this area.

SAN BLAS

Cusco's artist quarter, one tier up the hill from the plaza — charming cobblestone streets and independent cafés, but genuinely steep, which matters more than it sounds like it should when you've just arrived at altitude.

HOW WE SELECTED THESE HOTELS

- **Location first.**

Every hotel is within a short, manageable walk of the Plaza de Armas — a real consideration at altitude.

- **Verified guest reviews.**

Scores reflect aggregated, publicly available guest ratings rather than the hotel's own marketing claims.

- **Altitude-friendly amenities.**

We noted which properties offer oxygen-enriched rooms, coca tea and humidifiers, since Cusco sits at roughly 3,400 meters.

- **Value for the price tier.**

A three-star hotel is judged against other three-star hotels, not against a five-star benchmark it was never trying to meet.

- **Transparent booking.**

Every link goes directly to Expedia, so you can compare live rates, room photos and cancellation policies before committing.

AT A GLANCE

Cusco Hotel Comparison

Hotel	Stars	Best For	Price	Guest Score
JW Marriott El Convento Cusco ★ TOP PICK	★★★★★	Luxury & location	\$\$\$\$	9.5
Palacio del Inka	★★★★★	Historic luxury	\$\$\$\$	9.3
Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco	★★★★	Business & comfort	\$\$\$	8.8
Sonesta Hotel Cusco	★★★★	Modern convenience	\$\$\$	8.7
Casa Andina Standard Cusco Plaza	★★★	Central budget	\$\$	8.4
Tierra Viva Cusco Centro	★★★	Value & location	\$\$	8.3

Price tiers reflect typical rate ranges relative to one another, not fixed figures — check Expedia for live, date-specific pricing.

HOTEL COMPARISON SCORE

How Each Hotel Scores

A closer look at how each hotel scores across the four factors that matter most for a Cusco stay.

Hotel	Location	Comfort	Service	Value
JW Marriott El Convento	9.8	9.6	9.7	8.2
Palacio del Inka	9.2	9.3	9.4	8.0
Costa del Sol Wyndham	8.6	8.5	8.8	8.7
Sonesta Hotel Cusco	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.5
Casa Andina Standard	9.0	7.8	8.4	9.3
Tierra Viva Centro	8.8	7.6	8.3	9.4

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WHICH HOTEL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Once-in-a-lifetime luxury

JW Marriott El Convento Cusco or Palacio del Inka — both five-star, both built around genuine colonial architecture, both an easy walk from the historic center.

Business trip or larger group

Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco offers reliable four-star comfort, meeting space and consistent service for travelers who need dependability over flair.

Modern rooms, central location

Sonesta Hotel Cusco pairs contemporary comfort with a walkable location, a solid middle-ground pick for couples and small families.

Best value without leaving the center

Casa Andina Standard Cusco Plaza and Tierra Viva Cusco Centro both deliver clean, well-run three-star stays a short walk from the plaza at a fraction of the five-star price.

JW Marriott El Convento Cusco

TOP PICK



BEST FOR	PRICE TIER	GUEST SCORE
Luxury & location	\$\$\$\$	9.5 / 10

LOCATION

Historic Center — 2 min walk from Plaza de Armas

PLA RECOMMENDATION

Cusco's best-known luxury address, built into the restored courtyard of a 16th-century convent. The blend of original stonework, colonial arches and modern five-star service makes it the standout choice for travelers who want their hotel to feel like part of the city's history rather than a box dropped into it.

Location 9.8 · Comfort 9.6 · Service 9.7 · Value 8.2

HIGHLIGHTS

Oxygen-Enriched Rooms · Spa · Fine Dining · Full Service · Historic Building

INSIDER TIP

Request a courtyard-facing room — the interior rooms are quieter than those facing the street.

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Palacio del Inka



BEST FOR	PRICE TIER	GUEST SCORE
Historic luxury	\$\$\$\$	9.3 / 10

LOCATION

Historic Center — short walk from Plaza de Armas

PLA RECOMMENDATION

A five-star property built on the site of a former Inca palace, with a grand colonial façade and interiors that lean into Cusco's layered history. It suits travelers who want the full luxury experience with a slightly more traditional, formal atmosphere than the JW Marriott.

Location 9.2 · Comfort 9.3 · Service 9.4 · Value 8.0

HIGHLIGHTS

Historic Site · Fine Dining · Spa · Full Service · Oxygen on Request

INSIDER TIP

Ask about the heritage rooms — they carry more original architectural detail than the standard category.

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Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco



BEST FOR	PRICE TIER	GUEST SCORE
Business & comfort	\$\$\$	8.8 / 10

LOCATION

Historic Center, near San Pedro station

PLA RECOMMENDATION

A dependable four-star international brand that suits business travelers, small groups and anyone who prioritizes consistency over character. Clean, professionally run, and well-placed for an easy transfer to the train stations.

Location 8.6 · Comfort 8.5 · Service 8.8 · Value 8.7

HIGHLIGHTS

Business Center · Free Wi-Fi · On-Site Restaurant · Meeting Rooms · Consistent Service

INSIDER TIP

A solid choice if you're arriving on an early Machu Picchu train — it's a short ride to San Pedro station.

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Sonesta Hotel Cusco



BEST FOR	PRICE TIER	GUEST SCORE
Modern convenience	\$\$\$	8.7 / 10

LOCATION

Historic Center

PLA RECOMMENDATION

A modern, well-maintained four-star hotel that balances comfort and location without the five-star price tag. Rooms are contemporary rather than colonial in style, which appeals to travelers who prefer a cleaner, more minimal aesthetic.

Location 8.4 · Comfort 8.7 · Service 8.6 · Value 8.5

HIGHLIGHTS

Modern Rooms · Restaurant · Free Wi-Fi · Fitness Room · Central Location

INSIDER TIP

Book a higher floor for better natural light and quieter nights.

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Casa Andina Standard Cusco Plaza



BEST FOR	PRICE TIER	GUEST SCORE
Central budget	\$\$	8.4 / 10

LOCATION

Steps from the Plaza de Armas

PLA RECOMMENDATION

Part of Peru's most consistent domestic hotel chain, this three-star property delivers reliable comfort and a genuinely central location at a fraction of the cost of the five-star options. A strong pick for travelers who'd rather spend on tours and meals than on the room.

Location 9.0 · Comfort 7.8 · Service 8.4 · Value 9.3

HIGHLIGHTS

Great Value · Free Wi-Fi · Coca Tea Lobby · Walkable Location · Trusted Chain

INSIDER TIP

Book directly for the plaza-facing rooms early — they're the first to sell out in high season.

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Tierra Viva Cusco Centro



BEST FOR	PRICE TIER	GUEST SCORE
Value & location	\$	8.3 / 10

LOCATION

Historic Center

PLA RECOMMENDATION

A well-run, no-frills three-star hotel in a converted colonial building, popular with travelers who want character without the luxury price. Compact rooms, attentive staff, and a location that keeps everything within walking distance.

Location 8.8 · Comfort 7.6 · Service 8.3 · Value 9.4

HIGHLIGHTS

Budget Friendly · Colonial Building · Free Wi-Fi · Attentive Staff · Central Location

INSIDER TIP

A dependable choice if you're mainly using Cusco as a base between Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu excursions.

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BEFORE YOU BOOK

Hotel Booking Tips for Cusco

Book early for June–August and Inti Raymi (June 24):

Cusco's dry season and its biggest festival both drive the best hotels to sell out two to three months ahead.

Choose flexible rates when possible:

Andean weather and itinerary changes are common enough that free cancellation is worth the small premium.

Ask about altitude amenities before you book:

oxygen-enriched rooms, coca tea and humidifiers genuinely help on your first night at 3,400 meters.

Confirm early transfer support:

most Machu Picchu trains depart before 6 a.m., so ask your hotel to arrange transport in advance rather than relying on a taxi at that hour.

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