

Welcome to Cusco, Peru!

2009 Dates: Begin any Monday!

2009 Prices:
\$1,200 for 4 weeks
\$3,525 for 12 weeks

Additional weeks: \$300



Cusco

Cusco once was the capital of the Inca empire, and it still invites you to explore the remains of this fascinating culture. You will find traditional Incan arts and architecture in the city, and the world famous Machu Picchu ruins nearby. At an altitude of over 10,000 feet, you will feel on top of the world!

The Language Institute

The institute occupies a beautiful colonial home from the 19th century on one of Cusco's many small plazas, right behind the "Temple of the Sun" and only a few blocks from the *Plaza de Armas*, Cusco's central meeting area. It offers an indoor patio, a video room, an auditorium, and wireless internet access for the students. The institute recently evolved into an accredited university, offering courses in Environmental Studies, Liberal Arts, Indigenous Culture, Entrepreneurial Development, Medical Vocabulary, and more. Ask about earning college credit for your undergraduate or graduate degree!

The Classes

You can begin your studies at the school any Monday of the year and stay for as many weeks as you like. After an initial placement test, you will study Spanish at your level for four hours per day. Each class will consist of no more than four students to ensure that you will have plenty of opportunities to participate. Classes with a focus on Hispanic history and culture are also available!

Cultural Activities

The school organizes two to three afternoon activities and excursions per week, such as city tours, dance classes, lectures, trips to historical sites, and cooking classes. Budget a little extra to take advantage of these opportunities to further explore the area and the culture.



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Special Option: Spanish and Medical Services!

If you are a medical student or a health care professional, this program is a great opportunity for you! You will learn about Peru's medical system, gain insights into cultural practices and traditions, acquire specific medical vocabulary, and meet people who share your goal of promoting health and quality of life. Volunteer opportunities for students without a background in the medical field are also available. Call for specific dates and details!

Accommodations

Deepen your understanding of the Spanish language and the Peruvian culture by living with a local host family. Families are carefully selected and all homes are within easy walking or public transportation distance of the school. Your host family will provide breakfast, lunch and a light dinner each day.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, tuition, single homestay placement, cultural activities, classroom materials and on-site support in Cusco are included in the cost. Your homestay includes laundry service and three meals per day, and your host family will meet you at the airport upon your arrival. Bring extra spending money for the optional field trips.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, beginners can participate in this program.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your class starting date.

Will there be an orientation session in Cusco? Yes. On your first day of class, you will take a placement test and then go on a city tour with the local coordinator to get familiar with important places and services. After that, you are invited to attend a comprehensive orientation session covering all aspects of your programs.

Will I have access to email? There is an internet café a few steps from the language institute and many more throughout Cusco. An hour online will cost you about \$1.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: January 1, May 1 and 24, August 10, November 2-3, December 6, 25, and 31.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Do I need travel insurance? We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

Can I speak to people who have attended the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have previously participated in this program.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download an application at www.andeo.org. This deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

What is your cancellation policy? If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program, so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the institute. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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