

HIKING PERU

And
Its Stamps and coins

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Peru

Pop 31 million

Large country

Two languages and two cultures : (Spanish and Quechua)

Bio- and Geo-diverse

Democracy

Developing economy



Cities and Towns



Magnificent Cathedral in Cusco Square





Cusco Square again – note: it is another cathedral

Great indoor small town market scene —
not for the tourists



Check out the Baby Llamas in The slings





Church built on Inca ruins



Buying Coins



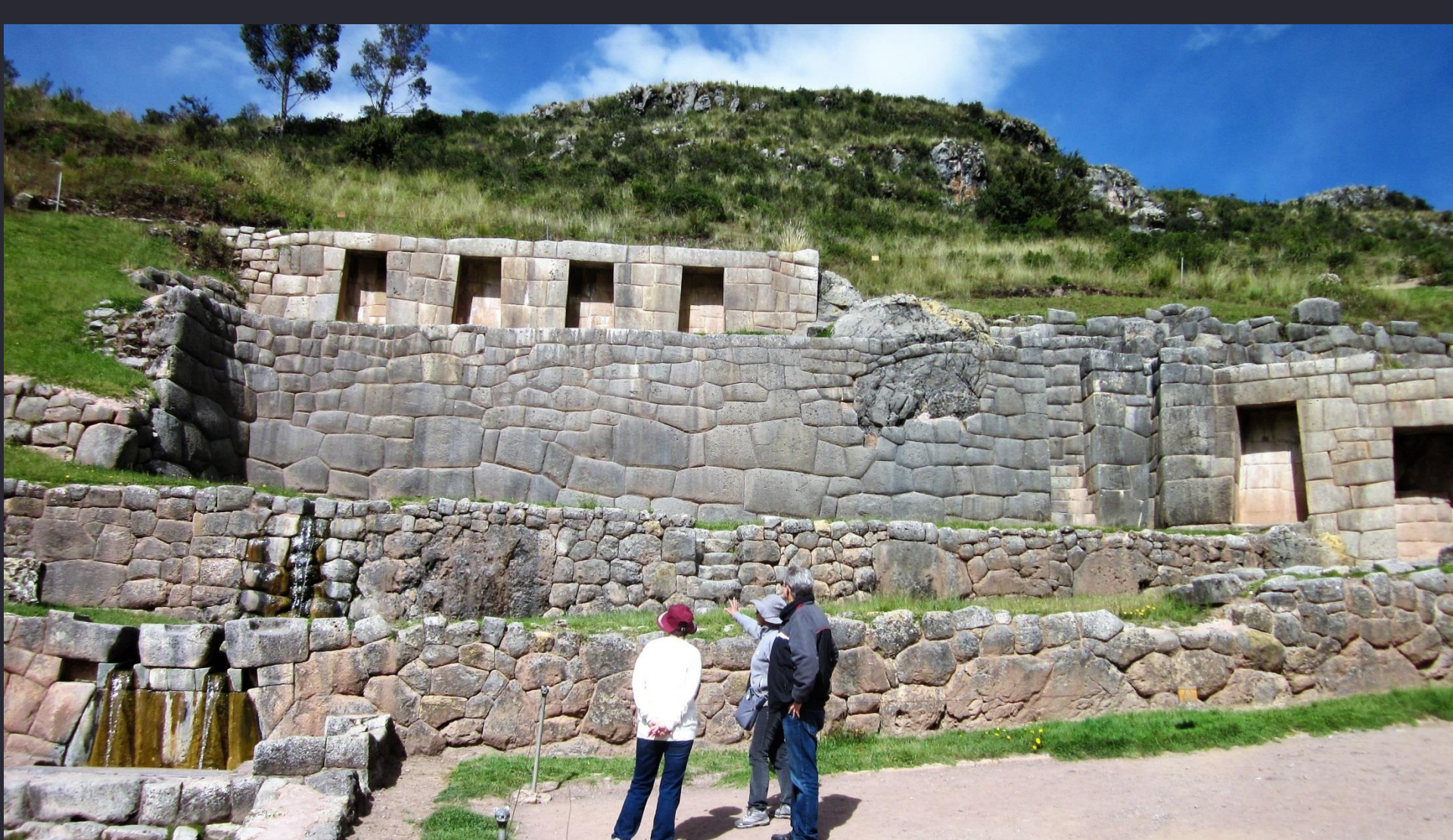
Small village
central square

Little tricycle
taxis seen
All over

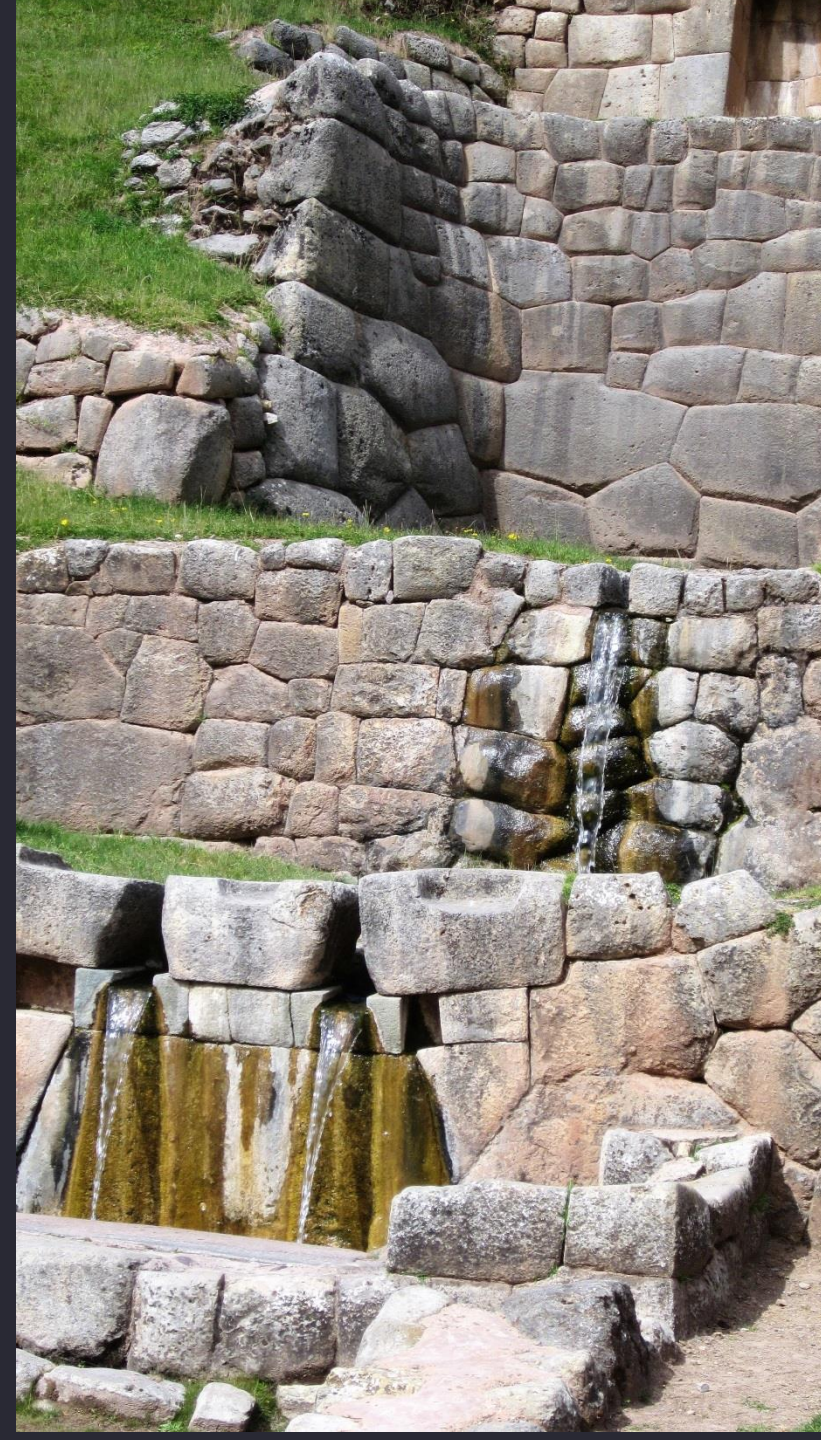




Inca Ruins



Inca Ruins and Spring Outside of Cusco



The Incas
revered water
and were masters
at using it

Big rocks at
Sacsayhuaman
Ruins near Cuzco



Standing on the fortress walls





The plain where the wedding party is standing is filled-in land where a deep valley once existed. Rocks were quarried on the other side and dragged across the plain to the fortress behind us.

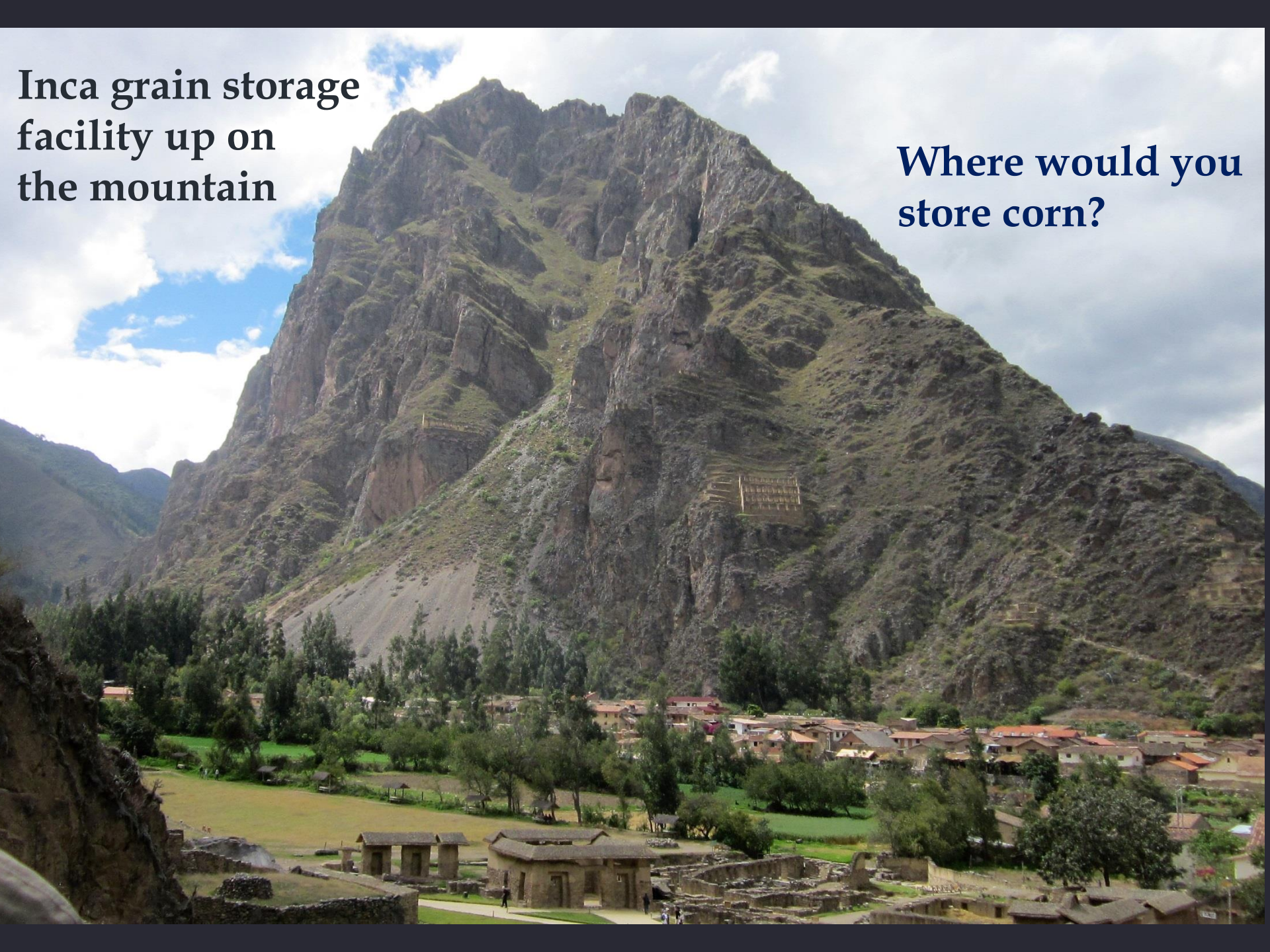


Ollantaytambo



**Inca grain storage
facility up on
the mountain**

**Where would you
store corn?**





On the Trail



Starting down the trail, built by the Incas.– we are at 13,000 feet









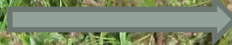
Farmstead high in the Andes; Quechua spoken here

Our
excellent
head
Guide,
Manolo





Dog



High up –
near 14,000
feet; check out
weather









The llama- National Mascot, seen everywhere in the mountains



Our lodge coming into view after a long, high, Wet hike. Note the uphill approach at 13,000 feet!



On the Road



Traditional weaving demonstration



Guinea pigs – dinner





Peru boasts 3,500 varieties of potato

Corn too



One of our Drivers, Roberto

Inca agricultural terraces high above the valley



Famous Inca terracing





Red plastic flag means – a roadside bar





Drinking home-made corn beer — pretty good

Lunch Stops



Museum in the Sacred Valley of the Incas





Some of the best dioramas I have ever seen











Many cultures are represented here before the Incas









Lodging



Elegant lobby of our first hotel



First Mountain Lodge, owned by National Geographic



**Second Five Star
hotel lobby –
Urubamba**

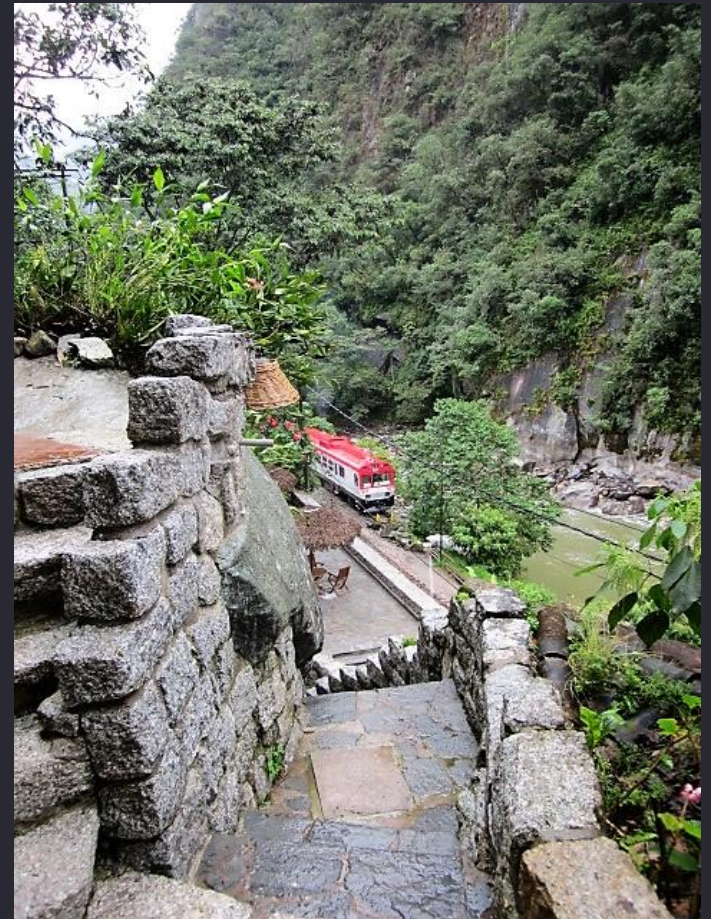




Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu



Great rail trip to Machu Picchu



Aguas Calientes Heliport

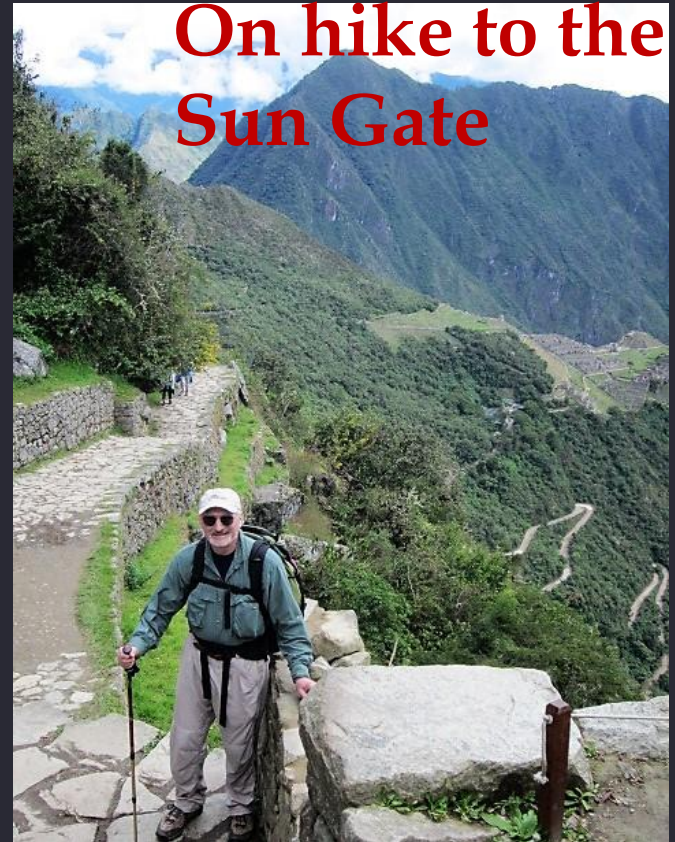
Personal
Guide to the
Tea Plantation





**They let in 4,000 tourists
a day to Machu Picchu**

**Not so crowded
On hike to the
Sun Gate**





Machu Picchu – my photo and Stamp



Taken from trail
to Sun Gate



Teddy, superb assistant guide



Trail to the Inca Bridge

Control Gate



Inca draw-bridge

Perilous trail



View from Inca Bridge Trail; it's 3000 feet down



Storm coming in over Machu Picchu





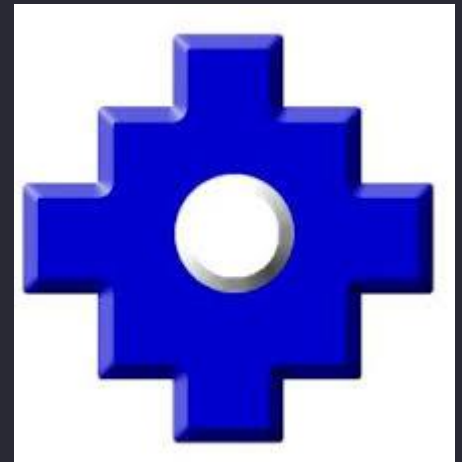
World Heritage Site



Road from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu, and pics of bus ride down from the shotgun seat



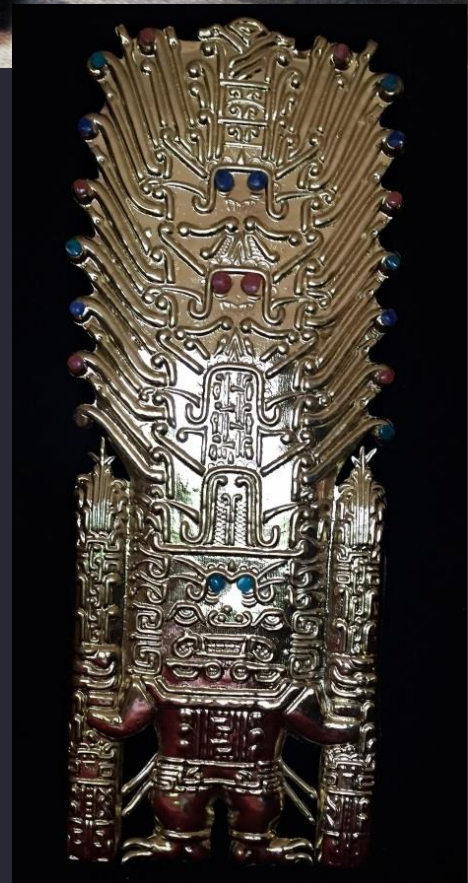
Coins, Stamps, and Gold





Ancient artifacts
and

gold that I brought
back from Peru





Weight 27.07 gms; 0.8960
Fineness; ASW 0.7797 toz;
Obverse: Ferdinand in Draped
Laureate Bust; Reverse:
Crowned Arms and Pillars

Peru as Spanish Colony –
1816 8 Reales minted in
Lima





Peru One Sol depicting National Arms and Seated Liberty; .900 fine; ASW 0.7234 troy ounces. Catalog Value \$11 and up.

**Honoring an Indigenous Leader
Who Lead Rebellion
Against the
Spaniards**





Llama or
Vicuna

Radiant Sun or
Radiant Flower



Modern Coinage



Coins of Peru

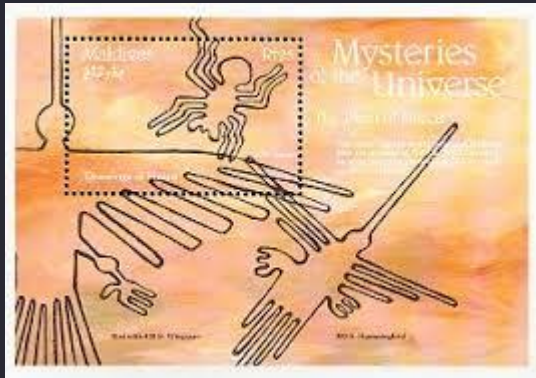


Typical Peruvian Stamps



Inca themes
Industry and Agriculture
Heroes and Dignitaries
Monuments
Buildings





Selected Peruvian Stamps

The End

