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
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
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
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
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
Peru as Spanish Colony — 1816 8 Reales minted in Lima

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