

CUSCO INCA ARCHEOLOGY AND PHILATELY

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The **Qorikancha** was the most important and richest temple in the Inca state. In this temple, the god Inti, the main Inca deity, was worshiped, which is why its initial name was: Inti Cancha (Enclosure of the Sun).

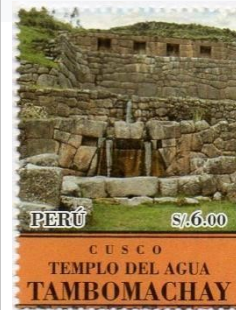
In 1539, Francisco Pizarro ordered Fray Vicente Valverde of the religious order of the Dominicans to build the convent, the cloister and the church of Santo Domingo, which remains to this day and is one of the main tourist attractions in Cusco.

Sacsayhuaman: (satisfied falcon) architectural complex attributed to Pachacutec, its construction began in the year 1460. The perfection of the stone treatment is to be admired, both the megalithic size of some of them, as well as the cutting, polishing and assembly of them.

Garcilaso de la Vega, in his chronicles says that Sacsayhuaman was the work of the devil and the art of enchantment.



Tambomachay: (resting place), archaeological place that was destined for the worship of water and so that the Inca could rest. It consists of a series of aqueducts, canals and several waterfalls that flow through the rocks. It has three levels joined by stairs and corridors.



Wall of the Hatun Rumiyuc palace, where the stone of the twelve angles is located, a symbol of precision in the Inca construction technique. The palace belonged to Inca Roca.



Moray circular platforms: used as an experimental crop center, due to the various ecological floors it presents.



Pisac: has buildings of the best and most beautiful Inca style. The Incas built stepped terraces, they used them to grow a greater variety, corn being the most important. Pisac: Quechua word that means: "Partridge".



Ollantaytambo: it was a religious, political, military and rest complex of the Inca. The buildings that make it up had clearly demarcated functions. You can distinguish: temples, astronomical observatories, ceremonial plazas, platforms and food warehouses.



Machu Picchu (Old Mountain): Cultural Heritage of Humanity and one of the New Wonders of the world. Its construction has a ceremonial character and Inca palace. Machu Picchu is considered, at the same time, a masterpiece of architecture and engineering. Its peculiar architectural and landscape characteristics have made it one of the most famous tourist destinations on the planet.

