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AMAUTA Spanish School offers you the opportunity to study Spanish in the fascinating city of Cusco, while immersing yourself into Peruvian culture.



We are based in Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire; the name literally means "navel" in the local Quechua language, and it certainly still fits this description today, as it is at the center of Andean culture. It is the gateway city to the Andes, from where you can easily visit countless sites such as the famous Machu Picchu, one of the most fascinating lost cities in the world.

The word AMAUTA is also from Quechua, and means "teacher." Revered in Incan culture, the amautas were highly educated scholars and philosophers. They kept Incan culture alive by sharing information about history, customs and traditions throughout the Inca world. At the school we feel our broad program, which weaves together language and culture, is flavored with the wisdom of the ages and is highlighted by the backdrop of our history-rich setting.

AMAUTA is located just one block from Cusco's main square, the Plaza de Armas. Our beautiful building boasts ten classrooms, a sunny terrace, comfortable common room, and internet café/multi-media room. Our student residence and travel agency, Dos Manos, are also conveniently located in this building.

Cusco is nestled in the Peruvian Andes at an altitude of 3,400 meters/10,500 feet. With a population of over 300,000 people, it is a wealth of experiences. You will have plenty of time outside class to explore the city and visit Inca ruins, museums, the cathedral and the old, typical neighborhoods that are actually built on original Inca stone foundations.

Cusco is an eclectic place. While it may well be one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, it is also an indigenous center, with many traditional people coming into the city each day to sell their products and services. There are constantly fiestas and parades with traditionally dressed people dancing and live music. It's a fantastic place, with a great nightlife with live music, both western and latino. You can also choose to study Spanish in our other fantastic locations in Pisac, the Sacred Valley, in Lima, Peru's capital city, and in Tambopata, the Peruvian Rainforest. Come and experience this exciting country for yourself!



## Language Program

AMAUTA offers Spanish courses for students of all ages, levels and nationalities. We create customized instruction at the level and pace that best suits you. AMAUTA is known for its interactive, clear and personal teaching methods. Standard programs include four hours of private or group instruction per day, Monday through Friday, divided by a half-hour break.



You can combine your Spanish studies with other activities that interest you. We offer many exciting volunteering opportunities, with local charity projects that you can offer your time and make a difference. You can also combine your studies with adventure activities such as trekking in the Andes mountains, visiting Machu Picchu, river rafting, paragliding, yoga, spirituality programs, cultural courses and local excursions. Whatever you like doing, we can tailor a program to suit your personal tastes.

All AMAUTA teachers are native Spanish speakers and professionals who have qualified under the AMAUTA teachers' course. All teachers participate in continuing education during their employment. All of our teachers have been chosen because of their excellent teaching skills, their friendly and enthusiastic personas, and their local knowledge of Cusco and Peru. During your course you will spend time with a variety of teachers, enabling you to get the most from a variety of teaching styles.

Students are also invited to participate in our wide variety of free extracurricular, cultural activities. Enjoy cooking classes, traditional Peruvian music classes, salsa dancing classes, lectures on Peruvian culture and history, and Latin American movies.

All lesson materials are included with your courses, we offer free internet access, and a welcome dinner when you first arrive. We also have a student card which gets you discounts and specials at the best restaurants and bars in town. On the Sunday when you arrive we will take you on a walking tour of Cusco to familiarize yourself with the city. Upon finishing the course you will receive a certificate of completion.

AMAUTA also offers special courses such as Medical Spanish, Inca Civilization, Spanish for travelers and Spanish for families, a Christmas course, a Peruvian cultural workshop, Spanish with excursions and a complete total immersion program. We also offer volunteering opportunities, and internships for university students, or for professionals wishing to gain work experience in Peru.



As you can see, studying at AMAUTA isn't just about learning the Spanish language!

## Accommodation

You are welcome to arrange your own lodging in Cusco and simply participate in the language course. However, we recommend partaking in our total package in order to maximize language absorption and offer three options within the city of Cusco. You can choose to stay with a local host family while you study, which is a great way to practice what you have learnt in class and to experience the way a local family lives. You can also stay within our student residence, which is located in the same building as the school. This is a great way to meet and spend time with other students. We also have student apartments for those staying for longer periods of time, providing you more privacy and space. All options run from Sunday to Saturday, though we are happy to arrange additional days for you as needed. We also recognize special diets such as vegetarian or food allergies.

## Multiple Locations

AMAUTA Spanish School offers you the exceptional opportunity to participate in our program at three different locations in Peru, each highlighting a unique aspect of Peruvian culture: the beautiful city of Cusco; the picturesque village of Taray in the Sacred Valley of the Incas; and the rainforest of Tambopata. In Taray and Tambopata, excursions, beautiful accommodations and all meals are included.

### Cusco

Cusco is a beautiful city situated in the mountains, at high altitude. Our school and residence is located right in the centre of the city, close to all the nightlife and attractions Cusco has to offer.



### Lima

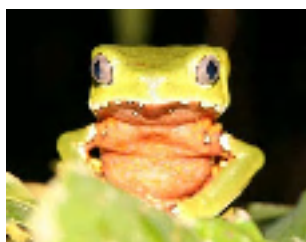
Lima is the capital and largest city of Peru. It is a great metropolis with 8 million people. Lima is home to many historical monuments, museums and archaeological places of interest. This is a city with much history behind it.

### Pisac

Pisac is approximately one hour from Cusco, in the beautiful Sacred Valley. The Sacred Valley program gives you endless opportunities to combine our language program with exploring and trekking in the surrounding mountains. Here students will enjoy the tranquility and intimacy of traditional Peruvian life.



### Tambopata



Tambopata National Park is internationally recognized as one of the most bio-diverse areas on earth. We offer you the unique opportunity to study Spanish in the Tambopata region of the



Peruvian Amazon, while experiencing the wonderful jungle atmosphere.

## Volunteering & Internships



AMAUTA's volunteer work program provides the unique opportunity to live and work in Peru while volunteering your time to a local charity project that needs your help. Working and living in Peru will help develop your Spanish skills further.

AMAUTA works with many social projects in and around Cusco. We prepare you to work in a foreign society, while also providing support

during your work. We also offer interesting internship options for students and professionals.

## Dos Manos Travel Agency

Peru and its neighbors hold a wealth of amazing sites that you'll surely want to see during your time in Peru. We can organize all your excursions for you, including flight and hotel arrangements. Exciting options include paragliding, river rafting, a visit to Machu Picchu, touring the Sacred Valley, as well as trips to Lima, Arequipa, Lake Titicaca and Bolivia. DOS MANOS is also an official operator of the traditional Inca Trail, although please note that the traditional Inca Trail must be booked three to four months in advance, however we also run many other trekking options such as Salkantay and a Jungle trek. Amauta students receive a 5% discount on all trips and tours. You can check our website for more information on these tours or send us an email.

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## Lima Pickup Package

We want your start in Peru to be safe and enjoyable. For your convenience, AMAUTA offers a Lima pickup package. Our Lima agent will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to a quality hotel, and bring you back to the airport the next day for your Cusco flight. We will also arrange extra days in Lima if you'd like to enjoy the sites, and can also arrange your local flights.

## Prices & Reservations

Details about pricing and reservations are available on our website, or feel free to contact us for a customized quote.

Conveniently register through the website, or we can email you a booking form for you to return via email or fax.

## Courses offered

- Group Spanish Course
  - *Study Spanish for 4 hours daily with a small group of other students*
- Individual Spanish Course
  - *Study Spanish for 2 or 4 hours daily with the private individual instruction*
- Best of Both
  - *Choose to combine your study both with group and individual instruction, spending 4 hours daily in a group, and a further 1 or 2 hours with a private tutor*
- Spanish in Pisac, the Sacred Valley of the Incas
  - *Study Spanish in the tranquility of the Sacred Valley, where you will be free to explore and trek around the beautiful surrounding valleys*
- Spanish in Tambopata, the Peruvian Rainforest
  - *Study Spanish in this divine location, one of the world's most amazing rainforests. Experience this green paradise and the wildlife spectacle.*
- Total Immersion Package
  - *Guarantee success in a minimal period of time with this full package including 5 hours of individual tuition each morning, followed by practical afternoon special visits to local places of interest*
- Medical Spanish
  - *This program is specially designed for doctors, nurses and other health professionals and focuses on medical terminology to prepare you for communicating and practicing in Latin America*
- Spanish for 55+
  - *This program is specifically tailored to the needs and interests of older people, which tend to differ to those of younger people. Learn Spanish with other people at a similar life stage*
- Spanish for University Students
  - *Study Spanish in Cusco while at the same time gaining university credits*
- Spanish for Travellers
  - *In a short period of time, learn the basic Spanish that you will need in order to communicate with locals while travelling around Latin America*
- Spanish for Families
  - *Custom designed program to incorporate the whole family, including excursions and trips around Cusco for everyone*
- Spanish for Kids & Teens
  - *Specially designed classes for children of varying ages, designed to educate and entertain while learning and having fun*

- Teen Spanish & Activities Camp
  - *An exciting and full on camp for teenagers incorporating daily Spanish study with many other exciting activities. Choose from our camp in the Sacred Valley or our camp in the Peruvian Rainforest.*
- Inca Civilisation Course
  - *Study the origins of Peruvian culture and learn about this fascinating civilization*
- Christmas Course
  - *Experience the celebration of Christmas in another culture, learn the myths and beliefs of the Andean people, experience the chocolate and spend Christmas with a Peruvian family*
- Quechua Course
  - *Learn the original language of the Inca people, still widely used in Cusco and surrounding areas*
- Peruvian Cultural Workshop
  - *Learn more about Peruvian culture while studying Spanish with interactive cultural courses focused on weaving or traditional Peruvian music*
- Spanish & Excursions
  - *Combine your Spanish study with exciting tours and excursions around Cusco such as visiting ruins and local places of interest, rafting, tours around the city, visiting local villages, jungle tours and visiting beautiful Lake Titicaca*
- Spanish & Adventure
  - *Combine your Spanish study with mastering extreme outdoor sports – your choice of paragliding, white water rafting, trekking or rock climbing*
- Machu Picchu with your Spanish Teacher
  - *Take a weekend guided tour to Machu Picchu to explore this fascinating lost city, whilst practicing your Spanish the whole weekend with your teacher*
- Spanish & Spirituality
  - *Study Spanish in the tranquil Sacred Valley whilst exploring the surrounding mountains, and then experience hiking through the Sacred Andes mountains*
- Spanish & Yoga
  - *Study Spanish in the beautiful Sacred Valley whilst practicing yoga in this tranquil, peaceful environment*
- Spanish & Volunteering
  - *Contribute to Peruvian society by volunteering your time to local charity projects, while studying Spanish in Cusco*
- All in One – Spanish, Excursions & Volunteering
  - *A three week program incorporating the best of all – two weeks studying Spanish in both Cusco and in the Sacred Valley whilst enjoying excursions to local places of interest, followed by a week of volunteering with a local charity project of your choice*

Whatever your personal needs and interests, we can tailor a wonderful program for you to get the most out of your time in Peru – just talk to us.

## Testimonials

"Amauta was welcoming from the start and I cannot imagine a more spectacular location to study Spanish. The language classes have been challenging and invigorating. It has been great to be able to put my Spanish to use while exploring the city and the surrounding ruins in my free time." **Alexandra Langley, United States, student, 26**

"Studying at Amauta was a very special experience for me, I was a complete beginner at the start but I found that the style of teaching was excellent and my Spanish now at a level where I can have conversations. The teachers and staff at Amauta are all very friendly and enthusiastic, it is like a home away from home!" **Sangeeta Shah, England, accountant, 31**

"I feel they did a great job of placing me in the right level of Spanish. The professors are very fun, articulate and patient. The accommodations are immaculate and enjoyable and there is a nice mix of international students at the school. The price is very reasonable and they have a free internet café as well. It is also close to the Plaza de Armas. It has it all!" **Ryan Crawford, United States, geologist, 33**

"Me gusta mucho. Esta escuela es la mejor yo he asistido en cualquiera país. Otra vez, gracias para todo. Todos hacen un gran trabajo!" **Heather Fuhrer, United States, teacher, 26**



"Amauta is a great school with a lot of options...You can take a week and go to the Sacred Valley or to the jungle. There are also activities at the school like music and cooking classes. The teachers speak Spanish very clearly and you will understand it well and quickly. Cusco is also a wonderful place to be in for a while." **Kirsten Van Der Zee, Holland, teacher, 24**

"I would recommend Amauta because it is very easy to meet many other nice students from all over the world. When you have a question or a problem just go to the office and you get help. During the week the school offers many interesting things like the salsa class or the movie evening. I really enjoyed my time at Amauta." **Jan Kossuch, Germany, student, 20**

## For More Info...

Thanks your interest in our program. We look forward to hearing from you, and are happy to answer any questions you have. We can send you more information about any courses you are interested in. We can also send a list of volunteer projects, as well as a current price list, payment information and general conditions. More information and photos are on our website at [www.amautaspanishschool.com](http://www.amautaspanishschool.com), and you are always welcome to contact us via email at [info@amautaspanish.com](mailto:info@amautaspanish.com). You can also visit our blog at [www.spanishschoolsblog.com](http://www.spanishschoolsblog.com), and follow what's happening at Amauta on FaceBook and Twitter! Talk to you soon.

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