

The School

Right on the school's doorstep, you can enjoy a majestic view of the Andes. The school is located in a nice building only one block from the main square, the Plaza de Armas. The school is equipped with multimedia classrooms, offices, an internet cafe, a spacious meeting room and a lovely, sunny terrace.



Cusco has it all: art, magic, mystery and all the beauty united in the centre and the 'belly button' of the world. It is a region with beautiful natural views: its streets and squares, the magical majesty of the Inca monuments and the elegance of the colonial constructions illuminated by a blue sky with white clouds which frame the six hills that surround the city. Cusco is very well connected and you can travel safely to the most important places of the ancient Inca Empire by taxi or bus without any problem. Undoubtedly your stay in Cusco will be an enriching experience in every aspect!

AMAUTA was founded in 1996 and has been offering quality Spanish Courses, Accommodation, Volunteer Placements and Excursions for our students ever since. We are represented by a large number of agencies all over the world. The average number of students attending our school is between 30 – 50 in low season and between 80 – 110 in high season (June, July, August). About 30% of our students is from (Northern) Europe, 30% of the States and Canada and 30 % from other countries. About half of our students are between 20 – 30 years old; the other half vary between 18 and 65! AMAUTA is recognized by the Peruvian Ministry of Education.

AMAUTA Spanish School offers an exceptional opportunity to study Spanish at your own pace while immersed in Peruvian culture. Other activities such as Quechua language courses and workshops on Latin American culture, history and society, make AMAUTA a distinctive educational destination in the former capital of the majestic Inca Empire.

Currently, the AMAUTA program in Peru runs at three locations: the beautiful city of Cusco, the picturesque Sacred Valley of the Inca's and MANU, in the heart of the Peruvian Amazon. Take advantage of studying at either or all of our locations, highlighting each different aspects of Peruvian culture.

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STAFF

AMAUTA has an international staff that speaks several languages. Our main goal is to help you improve your Spanish making your stay as enjoyable as possible. We will be pleased to help you organizing your leisure activities, book your flights and excursions, assisting you when needed and helping to find solutions to eventual problems. We want you to make the most out of your stay in Perú!

TEACHERS

All AMAUTA teachers are native speakers and professionals who are committed to giving students the richest possible experience of Peruvian culture and customs. They have been chosen because of their high quality teaching skills, their enthusiasm and their knowledge of Cusco and Peru. They are all native speakers and professionals who took the AMAUTA teachers' training and participate in continuing education during their employment.



Our Services include:

- Cusco Airport Pick-Up;
- Orientation Meeting for New Students with City Tour on Sunday with Informational Package;
- Placement Test (oral and written) & Final Test with a Certificate;
- Daily Student Activities;
- Internet Café & Multi Media room at school (half an hour free daily);
- Modernly equipped classrooms in traditional building at one block from the Main Square;
- Reception of faxes and e-mails;
- 24 hour Emergency Phone Number;
- Welcome Dinner;
- All Education Materials;
- Study Room;
- Big, sunny terrace;
- Multi-lingual staff;
- Student Card with discount options at several places in town;
- Study Options in the Sacred Valley and the Rainforest;
- Volunteer Work Program;
- Family Home Stay and Student Residence options.

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Spanish Program

AMAUTA offers you customized tuition at the level and pace especially suited to your personal goals. Amauta is known for its interactive, communicative and personal teaching methods. All standard programs include four hours of private or group instruction per day. Additional hours can be arranged for.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Free daily student activities are included in all programs (cooking, dancing, music, lectures on Peruvian Culture and History, movies, a welcome dinner) as well as all lesson materials, unlimited use of internet, an AMAUTA student discount card, a certificate and a walking tour in town during the first day.

INTERACTIVE, COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING

Successfully implementing the interactive method totally depends on the personal attention your teacher is able to give you. Therefore, our groups are small and all courses are (super) intensive. The make-up of the group is determined according to the students abilities; the first day of the course begins with an oral and written placement test.

LEVELS

We work with four levels fixing the goals for each based on our experience and in accordance with the curriculum of the Instituto Cervantes and the Council of Europe. (*Common European Framework of References).

- **Beginners (A1+A2+B1)** -The student will be able to formulate and understand short sentences relating to basic necessities and forms of politeness.
- **Intermediate (B2)** - The student will be able to express himself, perhaps sometimes with a little difficulty, but usually spontaneously and independently, in everyday situations.
- **Advanced (C1)** - The student will have advanced communication ability, even in complicated situations.
- **Superior (C2)** - Clearing up minor imperfections. Refining pronunciation and intonation. Communicating, without difficulty, with people who are native Spanish speakers.

LESSONMATERIALS

We work with our own Latin America-orientated text books which form the basis of the course, in combination with other materials (e.g. newspapers, songs, literature, cassettes, videos, grammar exercises etc.) making use of overhead projectors, videos, and other audio-visual materials. However, our materials have a support function only. Visits to typical locations (for example the market, a school or a hospital) may be arranged for during class and large part of the study material are practical activities and exercises through which the students will learn to understand and speak Spanish almost without noticing.



"Wheter a complete beginner or an advanced speaker, a recent student or returning to study, we offer you customized tuition at a level and pace especially suited to your personal goals."



Special Courses

CERTIFICATE

When finishing the course, students receive a certificate of participation. If you take the internal examination at the end of the course then the level reached will be shown in the form of a grade.

SPECIAL COURSES

- **Travelers' Survival Spanish:** the perfect course for travelers who want to start communicating in "daily" Spanish. Functional grammar only and speaking, speaking, and..... speaking. Group or individual.
- **Super Intensive Immersion Program:** especially designed for those people who need to learn Spanish very quickly, mainly for employment reasons, wanting to make the most out of their stay in Cusco. This program is based on a total immersion model which leads to guaranteed success in a short number of weeks. Individual only.
- **Quechua (native language of the Incas):** even a couple of hours only will give you an insight idea of how rich traditional Peruvian culture is. People at the countryside will greatly appreciate your efforts: when hiking and trekking, an "Allillanchu" will immediately open doors for you.
- **Inca Civilization:** fixed starting dates, only three times a year. Learn more about this incredible old civilization in our newly designed course including lectures, field trips, videos and pictures. Students do four hours of Spanish Group Classes during the morning and participate and two hours "Inca Civilization" in the afternoon. Fixed starting dates only, offered three times a year.
- **Christmas Course:** don't lose the opportunity to study in Cusco during the magical Christmas time. Extra activities will be arranged for including the visit to the unique Santurantikuy Christmas market. Fixed starting date.
- **Course for Health Care and Social Workers:** fixed starting dates, starting in January 2004. Specially designed for doctors, nurses etc. focussing on medical terminology and information to develop skills for improving communication with your Spanish speaking countries.



All AMAUTA courses include:

- Study of grammar (theory and practice);
- Exercises to extend vocabulary and improve pronunciation;
- Development of listening, writing and reading comprehension, through using newspapers, songs and local literature;
- Guided conversation, role playing and debates.

"Daily complementary courses on Peruvian Culture and Society are included in all programs: Traditional Medicine, Pre-Inca Cultures, Position of Women in Peruvian Society, Latin American Songs and Poetry, Traditional Peruvian Dishes, Religion, etc."



Accommodation

Suitable accommodation is an important component to a professional Spanish Program. AMAUTA currently offers two different options within the city of Cusco: local guest families and the Amauta Student House, which is located in the same building as the school.

AMAUTA guest families are carefully chosen and monitored through regular inspections and student feedback. Most of them live about 20-30 minutes walking distance from the school. The student will always have his/her own private room (couples may live together) and will share other facilities with the family. Guest families provide three meals a day. Special diets, such as those for vegetarians, diabetics may be catered for. There is a maximum of three students per family.

GUEST FAMILY (Standard)

The Guest Family option has been developed particularly for those who wish to make a cultural journey with the aim of not only learning the Spanish language but also about Peru, through the experiences, life and customs of a Peruvian family. AMAUTA guest families are carefully chosen and monitored through regular inspections and student feedback. Most of them live about 20-30 minutes walking distance from the school. The student will always have his/her own private room and will share other facilities with the family. Guest families provide three meals a day. Special diets, such as those for vegetarians, diabetics may be catered for.



"Host families provide a wonderful opportunity for students to practice their Spanish. Daily contact with the family will quickly enhance your understanding of local customs and culture."

GUEST FAMILY PLUS (Extra)

Currently, we are working with families in both Standard and Plus Packages. The Plus Package offers students a slightly higher comfort level, in terms of the house and room being of a larger size, the food being more adapted to the students' desires, and a courtyard or garden. The Lodging Plus package is especially suited for those who want to be away from the bustling city centre.

STUDENT HOUSE SUECIA

Within the school building, AMAUTA offers accommodation for those who like to live in the city center, close to the school and who enjoy contact with other students from different parts of the world. There is a total of 14 rooms with shared toilets, a big sunny terrace, a common living room with cable TV and a kitchen. Breakfast included!



Urubamba

Take advantage of studying at our school in the heart of the Sacred Valley. An excellent starting point for exploring the Valley, we include two excursions at no extra cost. We highly recommend that students plan a combination package to experience living in different areas of Peru.

The Sacred Valley is a small paradise, far from the tourist trail, with its picturesque valleys and colourful, traditional markets. The climate is perfect throughout the year. It possesses fabulous countryside with panoramic views of the valley and of the imposing and majestic snow-capped peaks of the Vilcanota Range. It is the ideal spot for adventure tourism.



OUR SCHOOL

The school is located in the heart of nature outside the city in a building of a rural style. It has a large garden with fruit trees and many native plants. There are classrooms, bedrooms, a kitchen and a meeting room with a fireplace. All meals are included in this option.

In the Valley we maintain the high level of instruction, since all teachers rotate between the AMAUTA locations. The teachers live with the students in the school residence, offering the students many opportunities to practice Spanish.



"Classes take place in a relaxed atmosphere and are stimulating and effective in maximizing a student's ability to begin communicating in Spanish. Teachers rotate in order to give the students the maximum exposure to the varieties of spoken Spanish."



Rainforest of Manu

AMAUTA's program "Spanish in the Rainforest" offers the unique opportunity to study Spanish in the MANU Biosphere Reserve of the Peruvian Amazon for those who want to study, while experiencing the mystical atmosphere of the Peruvian Rainforest. An unforgettable experience!

Manu is a protected area in the Peruvian Rainforest which still retains healthy populations of jaguar, tapir, anteater, black caiman, giant otter and 13 species of monkey. It's low human population and their continued use of traditional hunting techniques means that generally animals are still unafraid of man.



Wildlife aside, however, the journey into the park itself is amazing. Access to the park is by a single track dirt road, which carries you from Cusco, over the Andes mountains to an elevation of 4000 meters, past pre-inca ruins and then down through virgin cloud forest into the Amazon basin itself. The scenery is spectacular!

Accommodation is provided in bungalows with communal toilets at a lodge, located in the Cultural Zone of the Manu Biosphere abreast of the beautiful and turbulent 'Madre de Dios' river. At night, illumination is with candles and lanterns (no electricity present). Paths lead from the bungalows to showers and flush toilets and to a spacious and comfortable dining area and bar.



"We promise you that this presents a superb opportunity for those who want to learn Spanish and also experience the wonderment of Peruvian Amazonia. Spanish with AMAUTA in Manu is truly a complete and unforgettable experience."



Activities & Excursions

AMAUTA Spanish School and the Travel Agency **Dos Manos**, our own agency linked to the school, organizes a number of excursions and tours in and around Cusco, including Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, National Parque MANU, and also trips to Arequipa and Lake Titicaca. We also invite you to take part in cooking, dance, music and painting lessons.

Dos Manos is located at two minutes walking and offers fairly priced and good quality products.

>> Please visit: www.dosmanosperu.com



AMAUTA Spanish School is located in the centre of Cusco, cultural center of the Peruvian Andes. Cusco is situated at 3.400 meter above sea level, surrounded by mountains and valleys. It has a population of 300,000 inhabitants - most of them indigenous - and has much beauty to offer: the panorama of the Andes, famous Inca ruins and the magical town of Machu Picchu.

Just outside of Cusco lies the Sacred Valley of the Andes, with it's picturesque villages and colourful, traditional Indian markets. In the heart of this valley is Urubamba, where AMAUTA offers the opportunity to study and get immersed in traditional, Peruvian life, far away from the tourist centres.



"Peru's most famous attraction is Machu Picchu, and old Inca City built on a stunning location on a saddle between two mountains, a few hours only from the city of Cusco."

Free activities included in all Programs:

- Cusco airport pickup, transfer to accommodation;
- Walking Tour in town that will take the student to some interesting sites;
- Welcome Dinner for all new students;
- Peruvian Cooking Class;
- Salsa Class;
- Music Class;
- Latin American movies;
- Farewell Gathering;
- Daily lectures on Peruvian culture and society.

"All activities are directed towards socializing in a fun and learning environment and increasing the student's knowledge of Peru and Peruvian Culture."



Volunteer Program

Our Volunteer Program provides the unique opportunity to live and work in Peru while cultivating a superior level of Spanish proficiency.

Through this programme you can display your solidarity with Peruvian society, to bridge the gap between the people of Peru and foreign visitors. Participants will discover Peru's rich cultural diversity first hand. You can choose both your specialised subject and destination as a volunteer. Possible fields of your volunteer placement include social work, culture, education, tourism, etc.



When arranging a placement, our Volunteer Coordinator takes into account your personal goals, your level of Spanish proficiency, prior work experience and length of probable commitment as well as the needs of the host organization.

TYPES OF VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT

Participants may choose both the field and preferred location of their volunteer placement. Possible fields of interest include social work, education, tourism, cultural work and catering. While most of AMAUTA's projects take place in Cusco, there are also projects out of Cusco. A complete list of the 30 projects can be sent upon request.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

You will need to have a minimum of eight weeks to dedicate to the Volunteer Program. The first four weeks of the program will be spent studying Spanish; the volunteer placement will continue four weeks more. AMAUTA organizes an introductory meeting with general information and a workshop on Peruvian history and culture, working in Peru as a foreigner, cultural differences and social hierarchy of Peruvian society.



"Having an interesting work experience, being more than "just a tourist", learning and conversing in Spanish, are the most rewarding and challenging aspects of the Volunteer Program."



