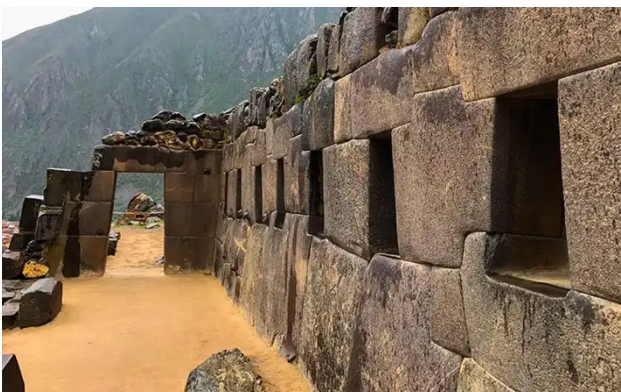


Santa Fe Workshops

Into the Heart of Peru

with Carl Austin Hyatt

October 13 – 20, 2027



Daily Itinerary

Please note: While we do our best to follow this planned itinerary, adjustments may be necessary due to weather conditions, road closures, archaeological site restrictions, local events, safety considerations, or other circumstances beyond our control.

Day 1 (October 13): Arrival in Cusco. Sacred Valley and Pachamama Offering

Upon arrival in Cusco, you are welcomed at the airport by your guide. Before leaving the city, there is an opportunity to exchange currency near the historic Plaza de Armas. From Cusco, we travel into the beautiful Sacred Valley, allowing your body to gradually acclimatize to the altitude while enjoying spectacular Andean landscapes.

After checking into our hotel, you have time to relax before gathering in the afternoon for a traditional Pachamama Offering Ceremony. This ancestral ritual of gratitude and reciprocity honors Mother Earth and opens your sacred journey with blessings for the days ahead.

Accommodation: *Hotel La Casona de Yucay or Sonesta Hotel Posadas del Inca Yucay*
Meals: *Welcome Dinner*

Day 2 (October 14): Ollantaytambo: Living Inca Town

After breakfast, we travel to the remarkable Inca town of Ollantaytambo, one of the best-preserved living Inca settlements in Peru. Ollantaytambo, known as The Sanctuary of the Wind, an ancient observatory and ceremonial center set amongst impressive hillside terraces. Visit the Temple of the Sun and also the Royal Baths and Fountains for a shamanic energy experience where you connect with the elements of earth, water, air, and fire. We then make our way along the murmuring river to the Temple of the Condor for a few moments of reflection and silent meditation.

You have plenty of time to photograph its charming cobblestone streets, traditional houses, colorful market, impressive archaeological complex, and magnificent Temple of the Sun while experiencing everyday Andean life.

At the end of the day, we return to the hotel for a relaxed evening.

Accommodation: *Hotel La Casona de Yucay or Sonesta Hotel Posadas del Inca Yucay*
Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch*

Day 3 (October 15): Pisaq and Unu Urqo

Today's journey begins with a visit to the spectacular Pisaq Archaeological Site, famous for its agricultural terraces, ceremonial temples, and breathtaking views over the Sacred

Valley. Later, explore the colorful Písaq Market, one of Peru's most vibrant artisan markets, offering excellent opportunities for street photography and portraits.

The afternoon continues with a visit to Unu Urqo, a lesser-known archaeological and ceremonial site surrounded by peaceful mountain landscapes.

Accommodation: *Hotel La Casona de Yucay or Sonesta Hotel Posadas del Inca Yucay*

Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch*

Day 4 (October 16): Chinchero: The Village of Weavers

Today we travel to explore the traditional Andean village of Chinchero, known for preserving centuries-old textile traditions.

You visit a local weaving center where master artisans demonstrate natural dyeing techniques and ancestral weaving methods passed down through generations.

In the afternoon you continue to explore and photograph the village's archaeological site, the colonial church built upon Inca foundations, the Temple of Puma, and the colorful local market.

Accommodation: *Hotel La Casona de Yucay or Sonesta Hotel Posadas del Inca Yucay*

Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch*

Day 5 (October 17): Moray and Cochahuasi Sanctuary

This morning begins with an exploration of the fascinating circular terraces of Moray, an extraordinary Incan site located about 600 meters above Urubamba. These massive, circular terraces, carved deeply into the Earth just like a natural amphitheater, were then used simply as an agricultural testing ground, creating greatly different microclimates in order to grow different crops. Moray is far more than just a farming innovation; instead, it was also regarded as the womb of Mother Earth, which remains a sacred space for healing and transformation.

Later, we continue to the Cochahuasi Animal Sanctuary, where you have the opportunity to photograph rescued native wildlife, including condors, pumas, llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and other iconic Andean species. In the afternoon, continue to Cusco and check into your hotel.

Accommodation: *Hotel Hacienda Cusco Plaza*

Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch*

Day 6 (October 18): Discovering Cusco

Today we explore Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire, beginning at the lively San Pedro Market, where local vendors sell fresh produce, flowers, herbs, traditional foods, and handmade goods.

We then continue to photograph the magnificent Temple of the Sun at Qorikancha, then visiting the impressive archaeological complexes of Sacsayhuamán and Qenqo. Both locations offer panoramic views of Cusco and extraordinary examples of Inca stonework.

Accommodation: *Hotel Hacienda Cusco Plaza*

Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch*

Day 7 (October 19): Pikillacta and Tipón: The Temple of the Water

We begin your day with a visit to Pikillacta, one of the most important pre-Inca sites in the region. Built by the Wari civilization, this ancient city is known for its impressive urban planning, expansive stone compounds, and panoramic views of the surrounding valleys. As you walk through its quiet corridors and plazas, you gain insight into a sophisticated culture that predates the Incas and helped shape the history of the Andes.

Then we visit Tipón. According to local legend, Tipón was one of the gardens ordered to be built by Wiracocha. Today you explore and photograph Tipón and witness its remarkable water system—an intricate network of channels, fountains, and waterfalls that still function today, serving local communities. Whether originally a sacred temple or a royal garden, Tipón remains a place of tranquility and spiritual connection. You deepen your bond with the feminine energy of water at this sacred site, and as you walk its terraces and listen to the soothing sound of flowing water, you discover and feel the peaceful energy of this healing place.

Later in the afternoon, we return to Cusco, carrying with us the serenity and wisdom of Tipón. Tonight, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner together. This is a time to enjoy each other's company and reflect on the days we have spent together and our own sacred journey.

Accommodation: *Hotel Hacienda Cusco Plaza*

Meals: *Breakfast and Closing Dinner*

Day 8 (October 20): Departure Day

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Depart with renewed energy, clarity, wonderful photographs and a profound sense of well-being as you say farewell to this land that has offered you the power of true healing. You are taking home enduring memories and new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Meals: *Breakfast*