Walking Tour: Cuzco

At every turn Cuzco’s architecture exhibits the collision of the city’s Inca and colonial past. There are refreshments everywhere, and small supermarkets near Plaza de Armas.

**Start** Plaza de Armas  
**End** Sacsaywamán  
**Length** 4km; three hours

1. **Start from the stunning Plaza de Armas.**

2. As you pass through Plaza Regocijo, there is a beautiful building on your left, once a hotel that now houses restaurants and chic boutiques.

3. Calle Garcilaso is named for the Inca chronicler Garcilaso de la Vega, whose childhood home now houses the Museo Histórico Regional.

4. On Sundays, Quechua-speaking country folk meet in Plaza San Francisco. Drop in to the church and museum of San Francisco.

5. If it’s open, peek inside the church and convent of Santa Clara. The mirrors were used in colonial times to entice curious indigenous people into the church.

6. The Palacio de Justicia is a big white building with llamas mowing the back garden.

7. The east wall of Loreto, a walkway with Inca walls on both sides, is one of the best and oldest in Cuzco, belonging to the Acllahuasi (House of the Chosen Women). Post conquest, it became part of the closed convent of Santa Catalina.

8. The Museo de Arte Religioso is housed in the former palace of the sixth inca, Roca. Its wall on Hatunrumiyoc is home to the 12-sided stone.

9. From Plaza San Blas, Cuzco’s bohemian HQ, head along Tandapata for the classic cobblestone experience.

10. Last, forge uphill to Sacsaywamán.

**Take a Break...**
Get a juice from a stall at Mercado San Pedro.