Walking Tour: Central 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  
**Distance** 4km  
**Duration** 3 hours

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

2. **As you pass through Plaza Regocijo,** there’s a beautiful building on your left; the former hotel 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** (8am-5pm).

4. **On Sundays,** Quechua-speaking countryfolk meet in **Plaza San Francisco.** Drop in to the **Iglesia San Francisco** (9am-6pm).

5. **If it’s open,** peek inside the **Iglesia y Convento de Santa Clara.** Its mirrors were used in colonial times to entice curious indigenous people inside.

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 **Iglesia y Monasterio de Santa Catalina.**

8. **The Museo de Arte Religioso** (8am-6pm) 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...**  
Order a juice from one of the many stalls at **Mercado San Pedro.**