

# THE STASH | CUSCO SINGLETRACK PACKAGE



## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Start a ride at 15,000 ft.
- ✓ 43,000 ft of descents
- ✓ 110 miles of singletrack
- ✓ Visit Machu Picchu
- ✓ Ancient 800-year-old trails
- ✓ Peru's world-class food and culture
- ✓ Good times with a fun-loving team of guides
- ✓ Charming lodging in Cusco and The Sacred Valley

## DAY 2 Cusco's Backyard

Ride some of Cusco City's best, where local riders go to polish their skills. Enjoy stunning views of Cusco from the city's outskirts. Close the day with an urban descent through the city's historic center and main square *(Night: Cusco)*

Dist: 11.5 mi 480 ft  
 3,825 ft Max: 13,075 ft

## DAY 3 Huchuy Qosqo Inca

Fort Pack your pedaling legs. Today's ride features a 2,000 ft climb to our summit! Ride to an immense fortress with the best views of The Sacred Valley. Enjoy barbecue and brews back at the lodge. *(Night: The Sacred Valley)*

Dist: 18.0 mi 3,812 ft  
 6,719 ft Max: 14,160 ft

## DAY 4 Best of Lamay

Lamay is one of the sleepest towns in the Sacred Valley, yet home to the rowdiest rides in all of South America! Shuttle and ride 3 unreal singletracks and finish the day in the guinea pig capitol of the world! *(Night: The Sacred Valley)*

Dist: 26.0 mi 1,120 ft  
 9,830 ft Max: 13,985 ft



## DAY 5 Rest, Ride or Roam

*Option 1:* Take an all-inclusive tour of Machu Picchu Sanctuary, one of the 7 Wonders of the World

*Option 2:* Explore other Sacred Valley treasures or rest at your lodging

*Option 3:* Schedule extra rides with your guides!  
*(Night: The Sacred Valley)*

## DAY 6 Endless Inca Trails

A ride with international fame, known for its breathtaking views and unreal scree-ride. Descend an Inca trail and pedal Huacanhuyco, the weeping canyon. Hike-a-bike to ride the Ancashmarka Inca Ruin. *(Night: The Sacred Valley)*

Dist: 20.8 mi 1,361 ft  
 9,328 ft Max: 15,105 ft

## DAY 7 Patacancha Enduro A

flowy and often rocky Enduro racecourse that descends from the heights of the Patacancha Valley to the Inca town of Ollantaytambo. Please brake for alpacas! Finish the day at our favorite local brewery. *(Night: The Sacred Valley)*

Dist: 17.8 mi 1,168 ft  
 6,042 ft Max: 14,375 ft

## DAY 8 South Valley

Singletracks Enjoy stunning views of Mt. Ausangate (20,945 ft.) from today's trailhead. Flow along narrow singletracks that cross fields of quinoa, potatoes, and barley and pedal along a trail that borders the Vilcanota River. *(Night: Cusco)*

Dist: 14.5 mi 436 ft  
 7,245 ft Max: 14,730 ft

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (DAY 1 & DAY 9)

You take care of arriving to Cusco's Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport (CUZ) and your team of guides will take care of the rest. Airport shuttle service is available to and from the group's hotel for each individual rider.

For riders interested in arriving prior to our scheduled start date or departing after the scheduled departure date, special shuttle service and storage of bikes can be easily arranged. Dates indicated for each The Stash Package include one day for arrivals and one day for departures.

## GUIDES

Your group will have one experienced guide for every 3-4 riders. All guides are *at least* bilingual in English and Spanish. Guides carry first-aid certification to respond to trailside injuries. And they love to have a good time!

Your guides bring over 15 years of combined experience riding and guiding the Peruvian Andes. You're in good hands!

## LODGING

Your lodges will be beautiful bed & breakfast-style adobe homes that have been selected with a rider's needs in mind. There is ample space to store, wash and maintain your bikes and charming courtyards or patios where you can relax by a firepit. Accommodations include Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, kitchen and open areas.

## GEAR & EQUIPMENT

All riders are expected to bring their own well-maintained mountain bike.\* We recommend all-mountain full-suspension bikes with at least 150 mm of travel on the front fork. An aggressive gravity-driven tire setup and dropper posts are both highly recommended. Detailed instructions for packing and traveling with mountain bikes will be made available in the pre-departure information package. Peru Biking will have a bike stand and basic tools to assemble and maintain bikes available throughout the course of the trip.

Riders should bring – at a minimum – a ¾ coverage all-mountain helmet (or light downhill helmet), protective eyewear, kneepads, gloves, and a light pack with water reservoir or bottle.

\*Well-maintained 2017 YT CAPRAs (Size M or L) can be rented for 60 USD per day.

## GRUB

Peruvian cuisine – a fusion of ingredients and spices from the country's coast, sierra, and jungle – has achieved international fame amongst foodies. It's hard not to love!

All breakfasts are served at your lodging before the designated departure time for each day of riding. For lunch, riders will sample Peru's most famous dishes and beverages, served trailside when possible. Three dinners are included in the cost of the trip and are served at your lodging for the group. Other evenings are left free to explore some of the Cusco area's fantastic restaurants.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Peruvian trails are raw, minimally maintained and very vertical at times – it's the Andes after all! Trails, in very few cases, are bike-purposed: these trails were either originally Inca trails or community footpaths to connect the Andean highlands with nearby valleys. Cusco and The Sacred Valley's local trails are widely recognized as some of the best in the world, offering a blend of massive descents, technical riding, and living culture. Imagine traveling 100 years back in South American time – only on a mountain bike...Yea, it's like that.

Riders should consider themselves intermediate to advanced-level all-mountain riders with some downhill experience.

Given the high elevation of most rides, vegetation can be sparse, but what Cusco lacks in trees and roots it accounts for in rocks! See our The Ultimate Andean MTB Experience YouTube video for an idea of what you can expect.

## ALTITUDE & CLIMATE

Riding will be done between 9,000 ft and 15,000 ft of elevation. Most ascents will be shuttle-assisted; however, roughly 15% of the total riding will be climbs. Whereas many locals look to coca leaves as a traditional remedy for altitude sickness, riders might consider prescription medication also. It's recommended that riders adopt a training regimen to prepare themselves for riding at altitude and for long consecutive days of riding.

Temperatures range from 45°F to 80°F in towns and valleys, while temperatures can vary between 30°F to 60°F at higher elevations. Rain or hail showers are always a possibility.

## SAFETY

Rider safety is paramount. Guides, drivers, and everyone else involved prioritize the safety of the group over anything else. While cellular reception is frequently unavailable along the remote trails that you'll be riding, guides will always carry two-way radios and a satellite communicator to keep the group together and to respond to any emergency.

Cusco and The Sacred Valley are destinations that are very safe for tourists. In fact, exploring Cusco's historic district

and the small towns of The Sacred Valley during your free time is something that we highly recommend!

## PAYMENT

To reserve a place in one of the 2019 The Stash rides, please email [info@perubiking.com](mailto:info@perubiking.com) to coordinate payment via PayPal transfer or via bank transfer. A 50% deposit of the total 1,595 USD is required to reserve a place in the tour and a final 50% deposit is due one month before the start date.

## CONTACT & AVAILABILITY

Interested in shredding the Peruvian Andes? For more info, please contact [info@perubiking.com](mailto:info@perubiking.com) or send a message to:



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Peru Biking

For group rides, Peru Biking accepts a maximum of 8 riders. With smaller groups, we can guarantee more rides and better flow for all riders in the group.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Airport (CUZ) shuttle service for arrivals/departures
- ✓ Lead guide and assistant guide
- ✓ Private shuttle and driver for all rides/activities
- ✓ 3 Nights of lodging in Cusco
- ✓ 5 Nights of lodging in The Sacred Valley
- ✓ 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, and 3 Dinners
- ✓ Water, snacks, and post-ride brews
- ✓ Admission to Huchuy Qosqo Inca Fortress (Day 3)
- ✓ Admission to Pumamarca Inca Ruin (Day 7)
- ✓ Access to bike-stand and tools
- ✓ Access to first-aid kit and satellite communicator
- ✓ Pre-departure information package

## NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ Round-trip airfare to Cusco (CUZ)
- ✓ Bike rental or protective equipment
- ✓ 3 Dinners
- ✓ Travel or medical insurance
- ✓ Day 5 activities (All-inclusive visit to Machu Picchu with round-trip shuttle service to train, round-trip train fare to Aguas Calientes, round-trip bus service to Machu Picchu, admission to Machu Picchu and guided walking tour of Machu Picchu)