INTRODUCTION

During the Inca Empire, the Inti Raymi was the most important ceremony celebrated in Cusco. It took place in the current main plaza and it was held during Winter Solstice. The ceremony lasted for nine days and was filled with colorful dances and processions, as well as animal sacrifices to thank Pachamama and to ensure a good cropping season. The last Inti Raymi with the Inca Emperor’s presence was carried out in 1535, after which the Spanish and the Catholic priests banned it. In 1944, a historical reconstruction (theatrical representation) of the Inti Raymi was created and since then it has been taking place at Sacsayhuamán, two kilometers from its original celebration in central Cusco on June 24 of each year.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Cusco

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with a driver only.

DAY 2: Full Day Inti Raymi Festival

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and taken to Sacsayhuaman fortress to experience the most important traditional celebration held in Cusco. Box lunch is included. After an exciting day, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Cusco.
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DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

**INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

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| Inclusions    | Accommodation with breakfast  
               | Inti Ryami Festival including entrance ticket with box lunch  
               | Private Airport transfers |
| Difficulty Rating | 1 (easy) |
| Single Surcharge | Available upon request |
| Notes         | Contact us for more details |
| Price Dependent upon | Season and availability |

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.

2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.

3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise
your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.