On the way to our hotel in Cusco, we drove through a local meat market. I think I prefer ours in the US.

At the Qorinkacha Site Museum, you could see evidence of not only masterful Incan engineering, but also the Spanish building on top of the Incan foundation. This lead to interesting mixing of styles.

Massive rocks were used in Incan building. This one is from the defensive site of Saqsaywaman.
The zig-zag patterns of the walls at Saqsaywaman are believed to be part of the head of the puma that is created by Cusco city.

Drinking from this fountain brought eternal youth to men and fertility to women according to Incan beliefs. I’m pretty sure it would just bring a bad stomach ache.

The city of Cusco. I thought the coat of arms and “Viva El Peru” carved into the mountains were impressive.
We went to a natural wildlife preserve. These parrots were very friendly. They also had baby Andian deer.

This Puma was rescued from a household in Lima.

They also had three condors and are trying to increase their population.
When we visited Pisac, we ate lunch by the river at Dona Clorinda. We tried lots of native dishes and enjoyed the pretty view.

A local woman grazes cattle and sheep on an ancient Incan terrace.

We went through a typical village. The X on the door of this house means the woman or man who lives here was widowed.
At Moray, these perfectly circular terraces were built into a sinkhole. Three stones per terrace jetted out of the edge to be used as steps from one level to the next.

At Moray, excavators found shards of pottery while we were there. These most likely are left over from the Incans.
Here are our favorite fellow Americans. These women made up their own celebrations and were scolded for them at the temple of the moon. Here they are worshipping the sun at the center of Moray.

Macchu Picchu was amazing. Here I am near the Guard House, above much of the ancient city.

Here you can see the storage buildings as well as their way of keeping the grass cut.
Downtown Lima was beautiful with all of its bright lights and Spanish architecture. We even caught a glimpse of a wedding at the cathedral.

Traditional Incan Dancers entertained us at a Tourist Resort outside of Lima.

This giant rock at Machu Picchu was used as a compass. Each of its corners aligned with one of the Cardinal directions.