Architecture of Peru
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This image shows a pretty typical Incan doorway with the trapezoidal opening. Notice the lack of mortar between the blocks as you would find in construction anywhere else in the world.
Pretty standard church found in Cuzco. It was constructed by the Spanish in the 1700’s.
Another Church in Cuzco with obvious Spanish influence
This was one of my favorite stops in Cuzco. This Spanish church was built on the ruins of an Incan Sun Temple which you can see as the dark gray blocks located at the bottom right of the image. It contrasts well with the Spanish style of construction. The inside of this church has been converted into a museum. They didn’t allow photography, however, I did get a picture of the courtyard which is an architectural feature brought over from Europe by the Spanish and can be seen in many churches, hotels, and houses.
The courtyard of the church in the previous slide. Notice the arches which are functional as well as decorative. Since Peru is near a major tectonic boundary many of its cities are prone to earthquakes. The arches help provide stability during earthquakes and also look pretty cool.
More hot church action in Cuzco!!!
This church found in a very small rural village outside of Ollantuytambo is antithetic to the extravagance of the Spanish built churches found in larger cities like Cuzco or Arequipa.
Another example of the Peruvian courtyard, this one was in the hotel we stayed at in Cuzco.
The main square of Cuzco featured this statue. In the background of this image you can see the shops that ran around the entire perimeter of the square.
This church was also found in Cuzco but is significantly more modern than the ones shown previously. I would consider this contemporary Peruvian architecture and wouldn’t look out of place in most cities of the United States.
A high school in Cuzco. When Nilo was just Nileito this is where he studied.
A Peruvian office building. Functional modern architecture is similar all around the world.
This bank is considerably more extravagant than the office building on the previous slide and looked sort of out of place as most buildings around it were one- or two-stories.
This apartment building features a rooftop basketball court! I thought this was pretty cool and not something you’d find in most places. The lack of space caused the local Peruvians to take their game to the literal next level.
This picture taken with the main temple of the Santa Catalina Monastery in the background has the foreground showing architecture that can be found throughout the rest of the monastery.