

Cusco is a UNESCO World Heritage city that was at one time the Capital of the Inca empire. It is located in the Andes at an elevation of 11,200 feet





# Cusco





Cristo Blanco over looks Cusco





Group photo with Cusco in the background





# Cusco









# Walking tour of Cusco









Leo providing a bit of history about Cusco.





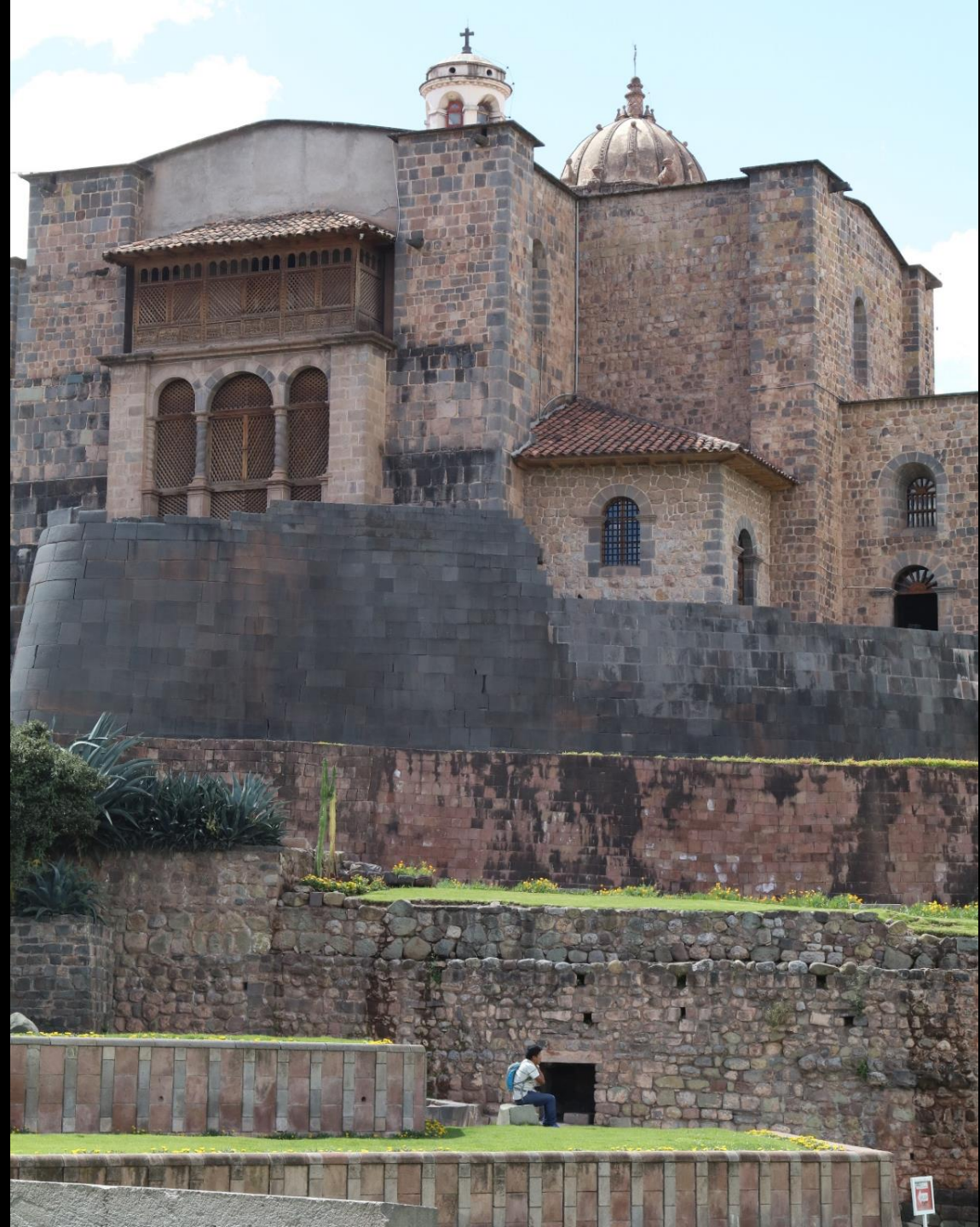
# Convent of Santo Domingo





This was originally an Incan complex called Qurikancha (House of the Sun).

The Spanish built the convent of Santo Domingo on the Incan foundation.





The main Plaza de  
Armas in Cusco.





Main plaza fountain with a statue of Pachacutec.

Pachacutec (15<sup>th</sup> Century) ruled the Kingdom of Cusco and is credited with starting the Incan Empire.





# Plaza de Armas





# Plaza de Armas





# Plaza de Armas





# Plaza de Armas





Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús

















Selling bags of coca leaves  
can be exhausting.









Convent of the Merced





San Francisco gate





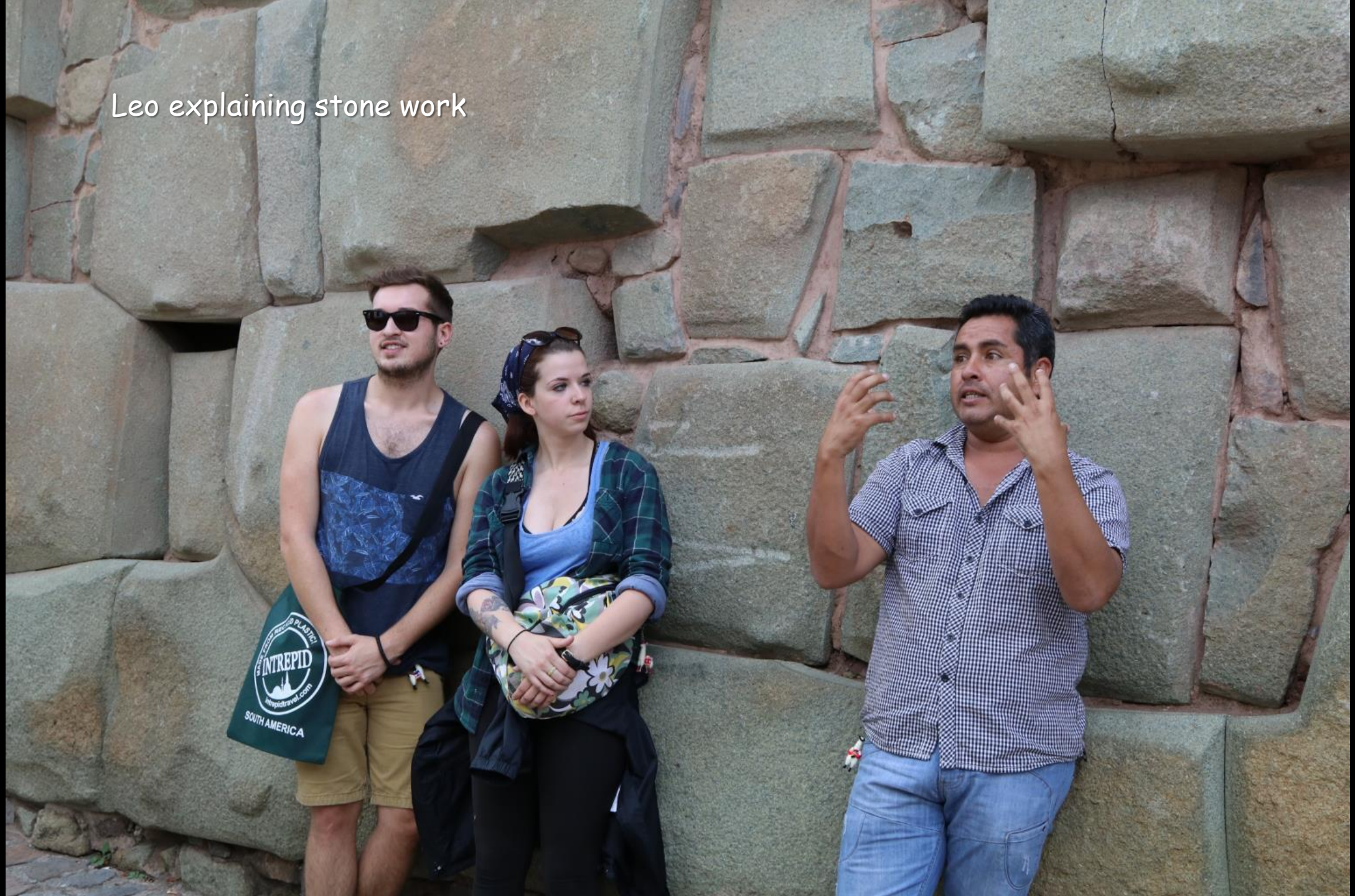
Artist district of Cusco.

Notice the Spanish buildings  
built on Incan foundations.



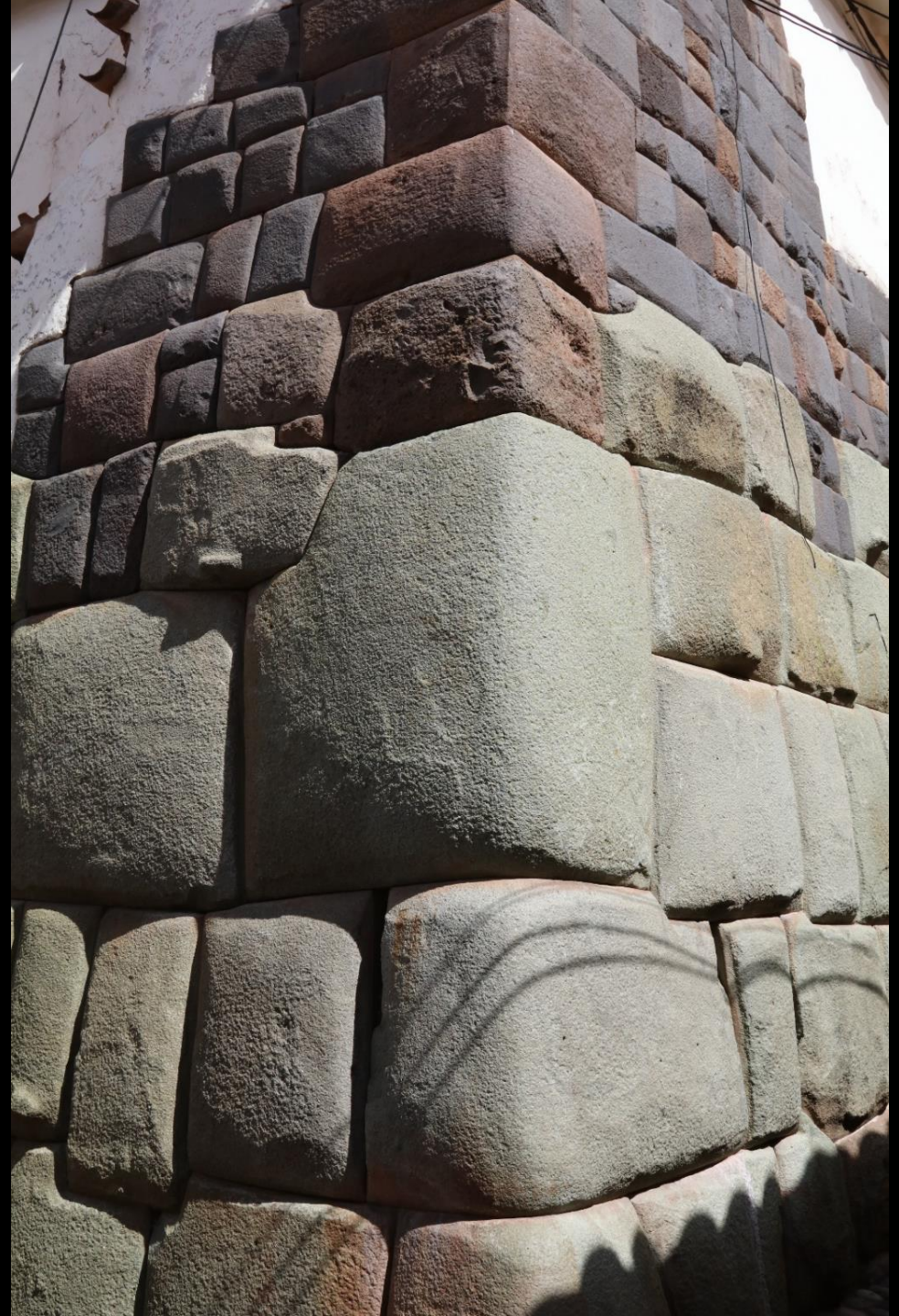


Leo explaining stone work





Multiple layers of Incan stonework









Multiple angled stone.

















Qantuta (magic flower of Peru)  
is the national flower of Peru.



*Cantua buxifolia*



Brandon and Leo.



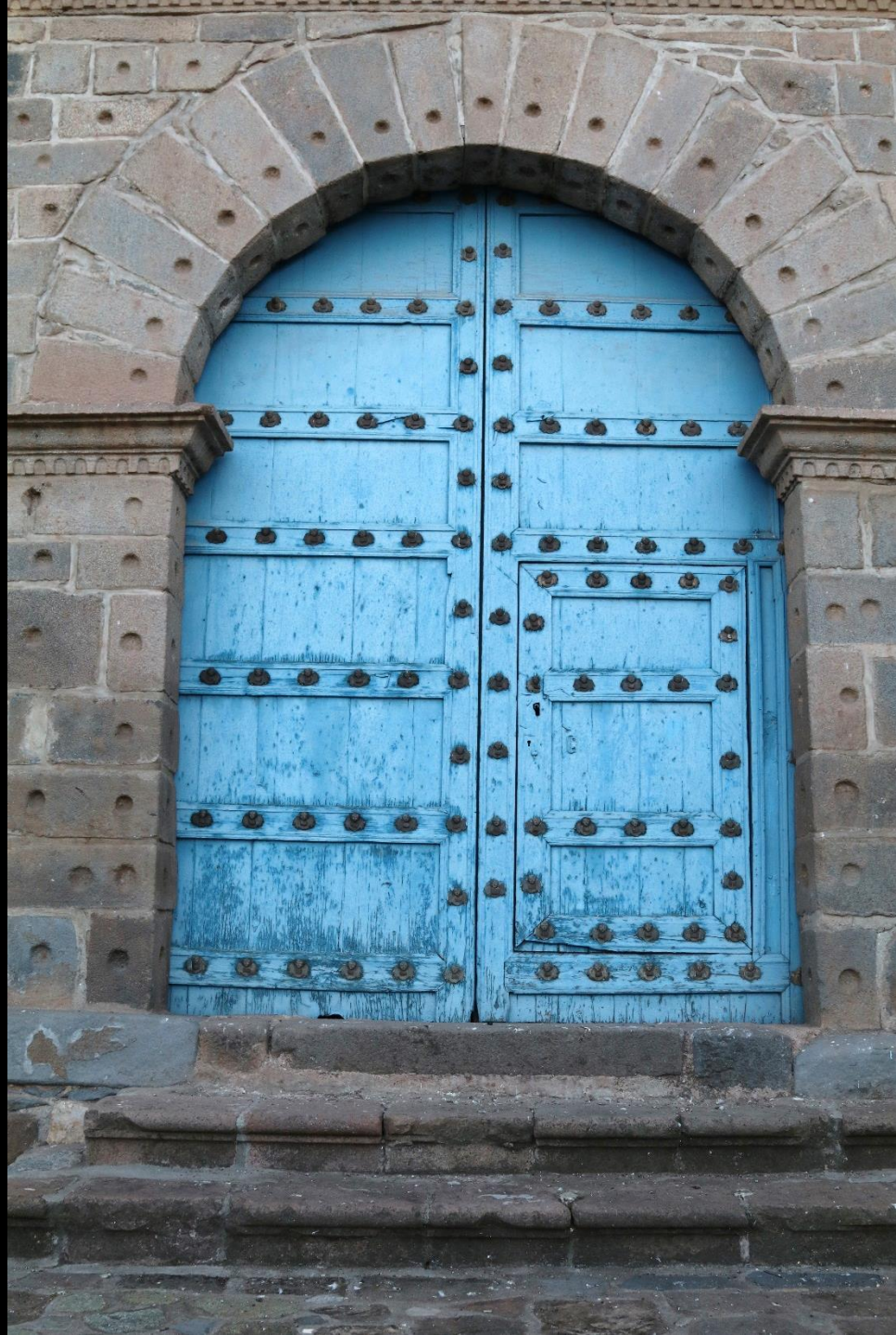














Native Quechua women  
in traditional dress.





For one or two Soles you  
can get your picture taken  
with Quechua women in  
traditional dress holding a  
young goat.

Brandon in traditional  
Lexington, KY dress.





Bridget





Evan





Mark





The colorful dresses are called Polleras.

Cloth worn over the shoulder and back to carry babies or other items are called K'eperina.





Hats are called Monteras and vary between villages.

















Cusco is known for  
local arts and crafts.













A clown parade







Inca Kola is the most popular soft drink in Peru.



Night scene in Plaza de Armas

