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Simplicity, Sophistication, and Sustainability

TRAVEL IN AND AROUND CUSCO, PERU, offers window on Incan and pre-Incan life and the abilities of early societies to solve complex problems long before the modern technologies many of us take for granted today. Most people will think of Machu Picchu and marvel at how stones of such great size were transported and positioned with such accuracy, and indeed on my first visit to Peru this is what I was most eager to see. Machu Picchu is indeed an exemplar that the commands respect and instills a sense of wonder in my students and all visitors. While less majestic, I found the visit to Salinas de Maras to be equally inspiring. These salt

flats which date to pre-Inca times and continue to function take advantage of a naturally flowing stream of very salty water which flows from deep inside the mountains. With the help of gravity, the sun, the passage of time, and a carefully designed sequence of terraced holding areas overseen by community members, salt crystals are extracted for use and sale. Cooperative, community-based agriculture at its finest: simple yet sophisticated, and proven sustainable.

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