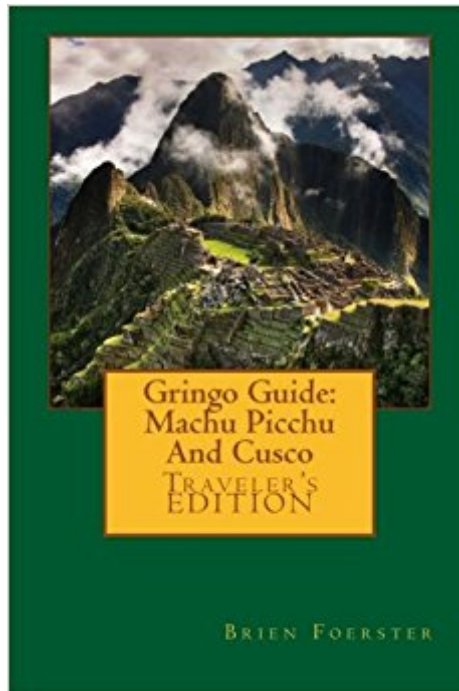




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Gringo Guide: Machu Picchu And Cusco



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Most visitors to Peru visit Cusco and Machu Picchu, but how many know that they can travel around the area without the need for a tour guide, or the ability to speak Spanish? This book gives many helpful tips on how to plan your trip, what to take with you, and how to travel by yourself with ease. Also, insights into the true age of the most mysterious structures in Cusco and Machu Picchu are revealed; they predate the Inca by thousands of years! You will be guided virtually through all of the famous, and some lesser known sites, and will learn things that most Cusco tour guides know nothing about!

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Customer Reviews

Brien was born in Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A. but grew up on the west coast of Canada. At age 11, he became fascinated with the Native art of the Haida native people, and began carving totem poles, and other related art forms, learning from Native teachers. After completing an Honours Bachelor Of Science degree, Brien decided to take up carving and sculpture full time, at the age of 25. In 1995 he moved to Maui, Hawaii, and was hired as assistant project manager for the building of the 62 foot double hull sailing canoe (ancestor of the modern day catamaran) Moâ™okiha O Piâ™ilani (Sacred Lizard That Pierces The Heavens) and the restoration of the famous Moâ™olele sailing canoe. This project lasted 2 years. There, having learned how to make Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddles from master carver Keola Sequiera, he started an online outrigger paddle business, which flourished internationally. Peru became his next major area of interest. The study of the Inca culture led to his writing a book, A Brief History Of The Incas which is available on this site, and is now the assistant director of the Paracas History Museum in Paracas, south of Lima. He is

also assisting the municipality of Paracas to improve the number of foreign tourists that visit, as well as is fundamental in expanding tourism in general, especially as regards showing all visitors the 10,000 years of human occupation of this area, through tours of major and minor archaeological sites. Other projects, which will result in published books, include one about the ancient history of Hawaii, the mysterious stone monuments of Peru that predate the Inca, and the search for the lost continent of Mu. This will require combining all that he has learned so far, with trips to New Zealand (Aotearoa), Hawaii, and Easter island (Rapanui.) He is the author of 8 books, 4 appearances on Ancient Aliens, season 3, numerous radio interviews, and resides in Peru with his wife. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Like any other travel guide for a place I've never been to, I can't speak to the accuracy or completeness of the content of this guide. However, the writing style is casual without being boring and he approaches his subject matter with a lot of curiosity. He tries to paint a historical context for understanding what you're seeing when you visit Machu Picchu and Cusco, for pre-Inca monolithic stone work to Inca stonework itself. I'll be traveling to Peru later this year, so I'll have an opportunity to see how accurate his descriptions are. There is a 'alien' undertone to some of his explanations as to how some of the stonework could have been completed by the indigenous people with the tool technologies they had. He goes to THAT well a few more times than necessary, which I think that detracts from the overall story he's telling. It's very clear he loves this region.

Arrived in time for me to "gift" to relatives who were leaving for a trip to Peru! They took this book along with them and found it very helpful.

Good book with plenty of info....

Despite some minor typos and grammatical errors, this is a great alternative resource to the common tour guides for the area.

don't waste your money. any web site or other guide has much better and more current info.

Enjoy the quick read and the general ease of understanding. this really helps me to get my trip in order. look forward to using the information in a month or so when on the ground.

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