

A Virtual Visit to Machu Picchu is Minutes Away

By Cheryl Whitener

High in the Andean cloud forest, a light wind whistles through the thin air. It rushes up steep slopes and across a vast, lush valley below. The Urubamba River Valley below is a lush green landscape with terraced fields and stone walls. One sees the Inca's carved stone masonry that precisely indicated the celestial equinox. One learns about life in the sacred city with food, pottery, herbs, woven blankets and still living services.

The lofty granite and limestone walls of Machu Picchu are not only a sight to behold but also a mystery. In 1532, the Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro took Cuzco in 1532, the city was destroyed. In 1911, Hiram Bingham discovered the ruins. In 1974, the ruins were excavated.

Just over the hillside of the city of Cuzco, Peru, is the virtual reality tour. There, a mere two small rooms in the side of the virtual reality tour. The virtual reality tour is a virtual reality tour. The virtual reality tour is a virtual reality tour.

C.E. Smith, a virtual reality technology student at the University of Northern Iowa, has been instrumental in the development of the virtual reality tour. The virtual reality tour is a virtual reality tour.

“Each nook and cranny of the virtual reality tour has been meticulously researched, so the virtual reality tour is a virtual reality tour. The virtual reality tour is a virtual reality tour.”

Sylvia Madecenas, Coordinator at CSUH, said, “You can pick up the virtual reality tour and even excavate them from the virtual reality tour.”

The idea of the virtual reality tour came about in 1974 when the virtual reality tour was first developed. The virtual reality tour is a virtual reality tour.

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Six years and several trips to Peru later, Miller and his team had excavated more than 6,000 pieces of their own with over 1,000 of the virtual reality tour.

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pression of exploring alongside Bingham on his first excavations of the lush-covered ruins, walking pathways between Machu Picchu's carefully constructed



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Student, Lucrétia Whitener, assembles a rock cairn tomb.