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THE JUNGLE LOOK

The Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica in Peru offers a truly unique view from the rainforest treetops.

SALLY McILHONE investigates...

FROM PERU'S INKATERRA Reserva Amazonica comes a palace fit for a king... of the jungle. The Canopy Tree House gives a whole new meaning to the phrase 'getting back to nature', as it sits perched 27m high among the jungle's highest treetops. This is real Tarzan territory (if Tarzan was scrubbed up, suited, booted and hired by JP Morgan). After dining on the fruits of the rainforest, dazzle your Jane with a midnight stroll on Inkaterra's canopy walkway before retiring to reconnect with your primal instincts.

The two-person tree house is constructed in the native *Ese'Eja* village style with a wooden interior and exterior and a palm-thatched roof. It also comes complete with the services of a canopy butler – contactable by a walkie-talkie. He'll be happy to bring you breakfast, dinner and an afternoon sundowner cocktail too – and all for the standard room rate of \$300 per person. From the remarkable vantage point high in the canopy, you can observe a range of wild animal species that are not usually visible from the ground.

When you're ready to leave your treetop paradise, there's plenty more to see: the Reserva Amazonica is in the biodiversity capital of Peru, among 12,000ha of private ecological reserve.

The best way to enjoy the area is through a range of land and river excursions that introduce guests to the magic of the rainforest and the meandering Madre de Dios river.

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A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT local guides take guests on a tour of the Madre de Dios river

Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica also provides the perfect location for a guilt-free environmentally friendly holiday: the limited-electricity lodge has attracted eco-tourists for over three decades and promotes sustainable use of the Peruvian rainforest, supporting important scientific research since opening back in 1975.

All that leaves is for you to pursue your guilty pleasures elsewhere. Head to the dining pavilion for exquisitely presented cuisine, creatively prepared using local ingredients and native techniques. To finish off, the Canopy bar is an idyllic venue in which to enjoy a nightcap under the stars.

One word of warning: when it comes to getting back to your room, we advise you to leave swinging from the trees to Johnny Weissmuller. ■
Last Frontiers (01296 653 000; lastfrontiers.com) offers a ten-night trip to Peru from £4,192 per person (based on two sharing) including one night in Lima, three nights at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica staying in the new Canopy Tree House, two nights at Inkaterra La Casona and two nights at Inkaterra Machu Picchu. Price includes flights, transfers, accommodation and selected meals. Valid until end of Nov 2009. 0800 458 7506; inkaterra.com

INKATERRA LA CASONA



Let's face it, not every man is a born adventurer; even Bear Grylls can't deny the draw of a few home comforts. So if jungle living isn't your bag, Inkaterra La Casona provides a more civilised alternative. This luxury 11-suite manor house stands in the dazzling Plaza de Las Nazarenas at the heart of the historical city of Cusco and provides a unique insight into historical Peruvian culture. The interior blends antique furnishings and original murals with modern convenience, including your own private lounge and dining area, adjustable heated floors, sumptuous marble spa bathroom and 24-hour butler service.