

Inkaterra La Casona selected as first Peruvian hotel to join the prestigious Relais & Châteaux association



19 January 2010: The boutique hotel **Inkaterra La Casona** has just become a member of the exclusive **Relais & Châteaux** association. Comprising of only 11 suites and located in the heart of Cusco, *Inkaterra La Casona* will join 475 of the finest luxury hotels and restaurants across 55 countries. In line with Relais & Châteaux's core values, *Inkaterra La Casona* boasts outstanding features, its own unique character and promises an unforgettable experience.

The intimate hotel is located in the beautiful Plaza de las Nazarenas. Having undergone painstaking renovation, Inkaterra has created a manor house maintaining the original colonial Spanish design, architecture and even frescos around two open patios. Furnished with antiques, each suite has a private sitting area and open fireplace. The sumptuous marble bathrooms are fully equipped and provide guests with Inkaterra's handmade amenities. There is also a butler on hand 24 hours a day.

Inkaterra is extremely proud to have received this accolade and is thrilled to be the first hotel in Peru to receive Relais & Châteaux status. *Inkaterra La Casona* was inspected by one of the association's travel experts who arrived unannounced at the hotel to experience the hotel service, ambiance, and food at the end of last year. Having made a totally objective analysis, the expert named *Inkaterra La Casona* an official Relais & Châteaux hotel that now sits alongside just 11 Relais & Châteaux hotels in South America. These can be found in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Ecuador.

Inkaterra La Casona has also enjoyed award winning recognition from highly regarded travel magazines in the last year since its opening in 2008. *Travel + Leisure* (USA) named the hotel 'one of the best 45 new hotels in the world' and *Condé Nast Traveller* (UK) included the hotel in its 'Hot List' last year too.

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Notes for Editors:

Inkaterra La Casona: room rates start from US\$720 per night for a double suite.

About Relais & Châteaux: established in France in 1954, Relais & Châteaux is a family of hoteliers and grand chefs from all over the world who share a passion for and a personal commitment to, ensuring their guests are privy to moments of exceptional harmony. www.relaischateaux.com

About Inkaterra: other Inkaterra hotels include *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel* (85 casitas in the cloud forest) and *Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica* (35 cabañas in the rainforest). www.inkaterra.com

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