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Peru: Bird-watching in the Amazon, Machu Picchu

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Bird watchers may catch sight of a Great Kiskadee, a member of the catchers family, at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica in Peru. (Inkaterra Hotels)

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Birds of a feather do flock together in Peru, which boasts more than 1,800 avian species, so Inkaterra Hotels is focusing on these exotic creatures by offering bird-watching experiences at two of its in-country properties.

The four-day, three-night itineraries are based at either the [Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica](#), in the Peruvian Amazon, or the [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#), in the cloud forest at the base of Machu Picchu. The tours are designed with both novice and expert birders in mind and combine private guided tours with each hotel's existing excursions.

Tour highlights at the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica include possible sightings of caciques, the prehistoric-looking hoatzin, antbirds, red-bellied macaws and others among the 540 species on the property; a private visit and bird watching on Valencia Lake (November to June) and a guided walk on the property's jungle trails and Canopy Walk, 90 feet about the forest floor.

The Inkaterra Machu Picchu and its surroundings are home to 207 bird species, including 18 species of hummingbirds. Highlights here include a bird-watching excursion on the hotel's 12 miles of cloud forest trails, a half-day private excursion to the Machu Picchu Citadel and a half-day guided walk to Mandor Waterfalls.

Dates: Travelers may choose their own dates.

Price: From \$1,041 per person, double occupancy, at the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica; from \$958 per person, double occupancy, at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. Includes all meals. International airfare is not included.

Info: [Inkaterra Hotels](#), (800) 442-5042

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