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INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL



Discover part of the route of the Birding Rally Challenge 2012 and 2013 in the Andean cloud forest. Upon arrival at Machu Picchu Pueblo train station, you will be greeted by our staff and taken to Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.



DAY

Lunch in the dining room.

In the afternoon, transfer to the bus station for a 25-minute trip to Machu Picchu, to enjoy a private guided visit through the world renowned Inca Citadel, which is also one of the best spots to find the endemic Inca Wren (*Pheugopedius eisenmanni*).

Return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in the comfort of your casita at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel - / L / D

DAY 2 INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL

06:00 a.m. A four-hour excursion will take you along the Vilcanota river into the Mandor Valley, inhabited by varied and fascinating birdlife, like the Andean Guan (*Penelope montagnii*), Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*), colorful tanagers, among others. Relax enjoying the Mandor waterfall, before walking back to the hotel in the shadow of Machu Picchu.

Return to the hotel for lunch in the dining room.

After lunch, birding at the hotel surroundings is a good option for finding tanagers, hummingbirds, or the emblematic Andean Cock of the Rock (*Rupicola peruviana*). You can also find the world's largest collection of native orchid species in their natural setting within a private facility (372 species).

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Breakfast buffet in the dining room.

Walk early in the morning to take advantage of the optimum time for cloud-forest birdwatching. Take specialized guided birdwatching walks around the hotel grounds. Excursions are led by the resident biologist or by a specialized interpreter with the possibility of sighting the sought-after Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*) and the White-capped Dipper (*Cinclus leucocephalus*). Then proceed to a tanager-feeding area, where Silver-beaked (*Ramphocelus carbo*), Blue-necked (*Tangara cyanicollis*), Fawn-breasted (*Pipraeidea melanonota*) and Saffron-crowned (*Tangara xanthocephala*) tanagers can be spotted. Along the hotel's pathways, be on the lookout for the Andean Cock of the Rock (*Rupicola peruviana*), the Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*) and many of the 18 different hummingbirds identified on the surroundings, including the Booted Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) and the Green-and-white Hummingbirds (*Amazilia viridicauda*), which are native to the area.

Lunch in the dining room.

In due time, our staff will assist you back to the train station to take your train to Cusco.

Note: This is a basic itinerary that can serve as an inspiration for your trip to Peru. Additional nights may be considered for a more relaxed experience. Additional destinations are available upon request.