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Meet the real Paddington! Peru hotel offers chance to see bears that inspired classic tale (but these ones don't eat marmalade)

- Inkaterra Andean Bear Sanctuary, in Machu Picchu is idyllic setting
- Guests will learn more about the spectacled bear while staying in luxury
- Film 'Paddington' set for UK release on November 28

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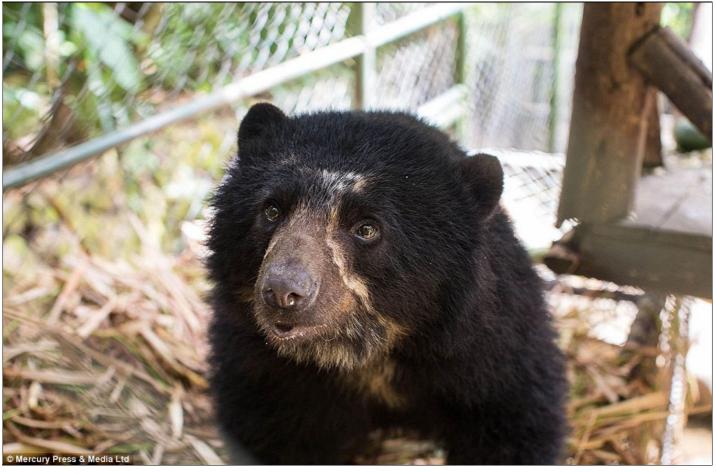




The home of Paddington Bear in darkest Peru before he travelled to London has been found.

Guests at the Inkaterra Andean Bear Sanctuary, in Machu Picchu, can meet the real life children's favourite in his native country.

The luxury eco-hotel is offering visitors the chance to get to know the relatives of the much-loved character with a penchant for marmalade and duffle coats.



The spectacled bears of Peru are on the critically endangered list and is the only living bear species native to South America



Paddington Bear's home in Peru has been found - and can be enjoyed by his fans in a hotel stay over



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A still from the upcoming movie, Paddington, whose roots were believed to go back to Peru



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Guests can mingle with real life spectacled bears ahead of the release of the Hollywood blockbuster Paddington - which is set to be released in cinemas on November 28 and stars Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman.

The sanctuary is home to five Andean spectacled bears and they are giving travellers the chance to get up close and personal with the critically endangered species.



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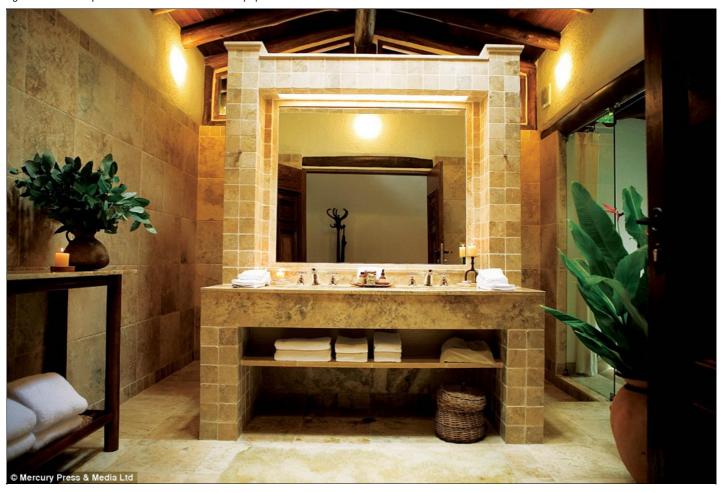
Prices for the Andean Spectacled Bear Package start from around £620 per guest



Guests will be in with a chance of winning two tickets for the Paddington Bear movie following their stay

Lucky visitors are being given exclusive access to the enclosure and can shadow bear keepers to learn about how the sanctuary is helping the species of bear to thrive.

Carmen Soto, Inkaterra's resident naturalist, said: 'The Andean spectacled bear has suffered through a gradual destruction of its natural habitat, through agricultural development and an increased human population in South America's Andes Mountains.



There is a real rainforest feel to the bathroom at the exclusive resort in Peru



Pictured is the spa pool at the hotel - where you might be hoping a bear doesn't jump in to join you!

'As a consequence, the only species of bear in South America is now in danger of extinction.

'We hope that our continued work, including this new Andean spectacled bear package will help in the raising of international awareness of the bears' plight, in order to save this endangered species.'

The unique package includes a three-night stay at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel - and guests will learn about the life of a keeper at the Andean spectacled bear project.

A special 'bear kit' which includes a Bear Keeper's certificate and a soft toy spectacled bear is also handed to Paddington fans and animal lovers.



Guests at the hotel in Machu Pichu get the chance to see the bears enoying a natural habitat



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Guests can also get their hands on two tickets to see the upcoming Paddington Bear movie which will be released in October 2014 upon their return home.

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A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Spectacled Bear Sanctuary Project - and a guided tour of the Machu Picchu Citadel is also included.

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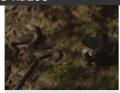
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