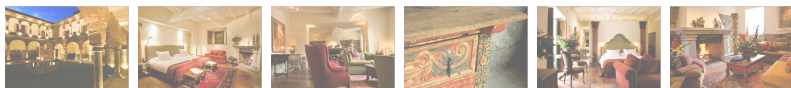




Inkaterra La Casona Hotel Cusco



'Casona' means large house or manor home in Spanish and the Inkaterra La Casona hotel Cusco, the only Relais & Châteaux Property in Peru, certainly feels like home. In keeping with the vision of the original occupants of this manor house, guests knock on an old unmarked wooden door before being led into the opulent and immaculately restored colonial building by the doorman that greets you and reassures you that yes, you are in the right place.

Eleven sumptuous rooms set around a typical colonial style courtyard make up one of the finest luxury boutique hotels right in the heart of Cusco. This hotel is all about intimacy, privacy, tranquility and pleasure. Every element of the building and service has been created with astonishing attention to detail.

This building breathes history, designated a historical monument, each stone in the building has been catalogued by the Peruvian National Institute of Culture and the lovingly sourced antiques and objects decorating the hotel dating from the Incan, colonial and republican eras make this one of the finest examples

of colonial history in Cusco.

The rooms are sumptuous and exquisitely decorated in a hacienda style. Underfloor heating, sound proofed windows, a lounge area and supremely comfortable beds and silky soft sheets makes this one of our top picks for luxury boutique hotels in Cusco. A fabulous marble bathroom with double sinks, Inkaterra's own organic range of amenities including the wonderfully useful stick of cocoa butter to soothe those altitude chapped lips and an enormous bath make this the perfect place for a romantic getaway or simply a great night's sleep in the centre of Cusco.

Cozy throws draped across the benches in the courtyard keep you warm at night should you fancy a spot of star-gazing with the gentle scent of palo santo wafting past to keep the mosquitoes away. Specially mixed chill-out tracks or classical music piped throughout the hotel and hot-water bottles placed to warm your bed on a cold Cusco evening are just some of the details that make this hotel so fabulous.

Little extras like 'tea-time' served every afternoon make your stay even more pleasant. Create your own soothing brew from a variety of fresh herbs like chamomile, Andean mint and lemongrass accompanied with freshly baked goodies including banana bread and oatmeal cookies. As you sip your tea and lounge in one of the plush velvet sofas in front of the roaring fire, you will wonder why you haven't stayed at La Casona sooner and why you don't live like this every day!

Staff are incredibly discreet and attentive and will help you with whatever you need or simply desire. A request for a roaring fire to be lit in my bedroom and ready for when I emerged after a decadent bubble bath was no problem for my butler.

In La Casona, the old flows seamlessly around the new, and in keeping with Inkaterra's track record for sustainability this hotel is certified as a sustainable tourism property, so you can relax in luxury AND feel good about it...!