PRESS RELEASE



Afternoon Tea

in the Sacred Valley of the Incas





Darmstadt/Cusco, **18th August 2015.** "Four o'clock is tea o'clock" – not only in Great Britain. At the <u>Inkaterra</u> <u>Hacienda Urubamba</u> near Cusco the quintessential English tradition is now being transformed into an authentic Peruvian treat for the palate: Instead of cupcakes and scones the Hacienda's pastry team presents homemade quinoa and pecan nut cakes or cookies made from coca leaves in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Guests enjoy the delicacies while taking in the impressive panorama of the snow-capped Andean peaks.

Right on time at 4 o'clock steaming organic black tea is served in the lobby of the Hacienda. What makes it even more special: It originates from the organic tea plantation of the sister guesthouse <u>Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel</u>. Another insiders' tip are the infusions of Peruvian herbs like Muña, the Andean mint, and Toronjil, a local lemon balm species. Even the Incas knew about the healing effects of these plants and used Muña for skin care, as an antiseptic and remedy for indigestion and Toronjil against nervousness and stress, insomnia and even as an aphrodisiac.

The Inkaterra Urubamba Hacienda, a colonial and modern design villa, is located in Huayoccari, about 62 kilometres from Cusco, in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. In-house guided excursions are provided to the guests, free of charge: bird watching (30 already registered species), visit to the green farm, mountain hike at twilight, hike to the Challa Wasi mirador. Other excursions are proposed to the archaeological sites in Pisac, Chinchero and Ollantaytambo or the salt fields Salinas de Maras which are as popular as themed nature walks. The 36 suites and rooms are equipped with local crafts, bright, hand-woven carpets and soft alpaca blankets.

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