



Machu Picchu Without The Crowds: When Only The Rare And One-Off Will Do

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Inkaterra's La Casona in Cusco offers all three. Here's why choosy clients choose Inkaterra La Casona.

1. It's Machu Picchu without the crowds. Who doesn't want to mark this 15th century Inca citadel off their bucket list? But it's your vacation, for goodness sakes, and the last thing you want to do is spend it with 5000 strangers, the average daily attendance at Machu Picchu.

At least not for long. So book a stay at this exquisite 16th century manor house in Cusco and let the concierge worry about the details of your day trip to Machu Picchu. Your only job should be drinking Pisco Sours and enjoying the colonial antiques, roaring fireplaces and giant marble bathrooms with deep Roman tubs.

2. Every detail of this boutique hotel begs to be Instagrammed. From its original textile murals and elaborate hand-carved cedar doors to the open-air restaurant's handmade pottery, everything about La Casona screams, "Take my picture." You'll want to capture it all—the quinoa pancakes, the coca tea, the original Peruvian rugs, the Quechua shamans who show up for special ceremonies.

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3. The George Washington (of Latin America) slept here. Simon Bolivar, the famous general who finally freed South America from Spanish tentacles, once lived in this two-story mansion that's now an 11-suite Relais Chateaux hotel. And that's just the beginning of its historic pedigree. Bolivar is one of several Spanish conquistadores who lived in this home built in the mid-1500's on the top of the ruins of an Incan palace. No wonder the Peruvian government named it a national historic monument.

4. The owner pals around with Mick Jagger. Jose Koechlin, the enigmatic founder of Inkaterra, who plows profits from his five boutique hotels into conservation and scientific research in the Amazon and Peruvian Andes, was able to help the famous front man for the Rolling Stones finally "get some satisfaction." Other notables in Koechlin's rolladeck are German movie director Werner Herzog and famous Harvard biologist, E.O. Wilson.



5. Location, location, location. It doesn't get much prettier than Cusco's cobblestone streets and wide-open plazas. *La Casona* is next door to the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art on Plaza de La Nazarenas and just a romantic stroll away from the bohemian neighborhood of San Blas and Plaza de Armas with its cathedral and churches bedecked in gold and silver.

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