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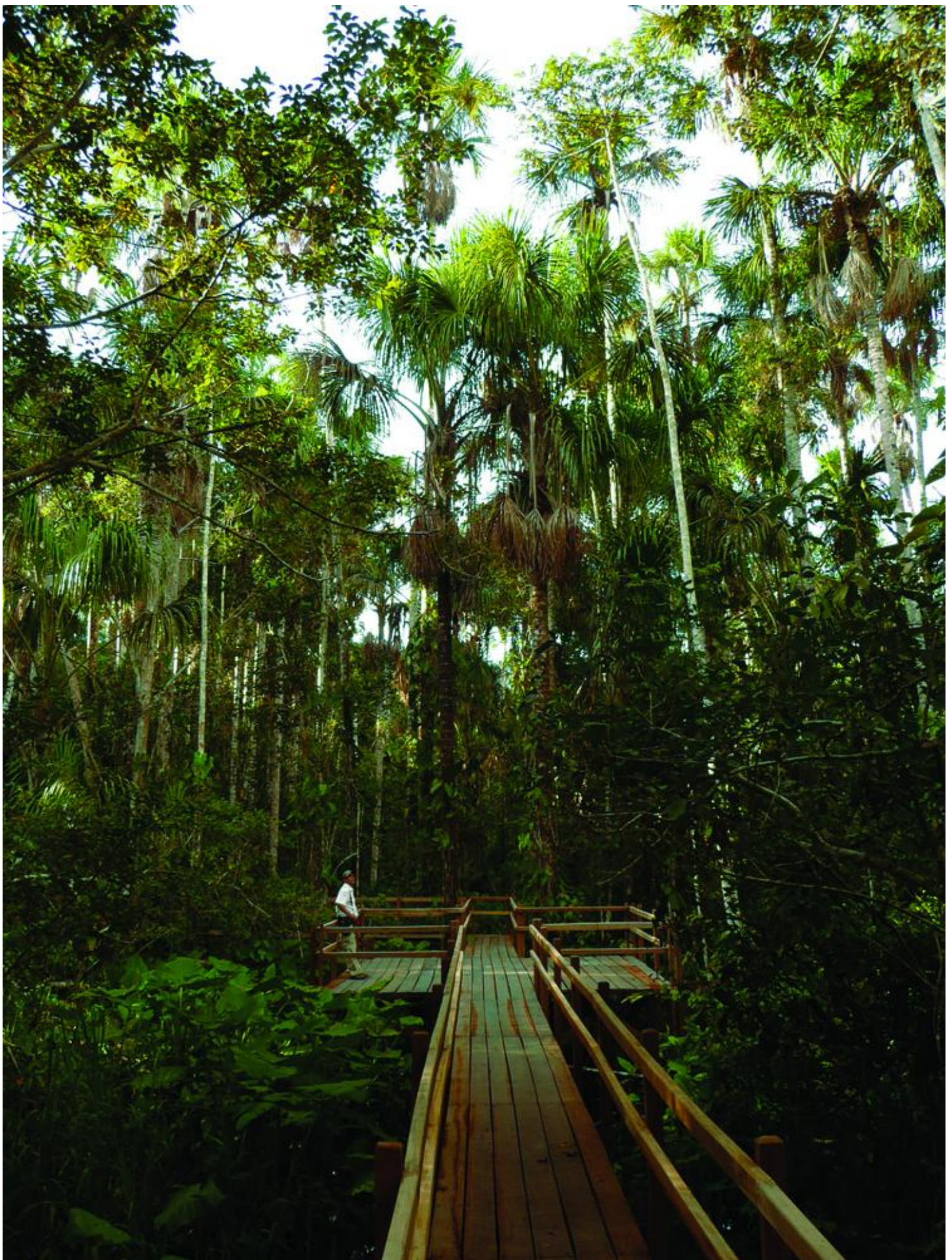


## Unusual Sun Seeking Destinations For The End Of Winter



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We are edging ever closer to the start of spring, but this could not come soon enough for our liking. Escape the last gloomy and damp winter weeks by heading to an unusual sun seeking destination and top up your vitamin D levels by catching a few much needed rays. Here at Hero & Leander we have put together an



## Peru

Blanketing the entirety of Peru as a must visit destination would be unrealistic for the average person, as wonderful as that would be. The country itself has so many fantastic individual destinations (with sun) worth

visiting, but instead of us suggesting a specific place we want you to get the most out of your visit; this is where Inkaterra steps in. Inkaterra allows guests to witness the breathtaking wonders of the Amazon, Sacred Valley of the Incas and meet the mists of the cloud forest at Machu Picchu. Deep in the heart of the Amazon, guests awake to a symphony of birdsong, monkeys swinging through the branches and the gentle flutter of butterfly wings. Situated in a private reserve, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica is a realm of discovery, with trekking trails and a canopy walkway, leading through the heart of the vast rainforest.

The adventure continues at Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, high in the Peruvian Andes, where guests can discover the historic wonders of the region. En route to Machu Picchu, explorers can marvel at the majestic cloud forest that shrouds the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. Amidst the clouds, native orchid species, over 200 species of birds and a variety of butterflies dance through the trees. The last leg of the epic Peruvian adventure brings travellers to Cusco, the vibrant capital of the Incan Empire, where they're immersed in tradition at an exquisite and totally renovated 16th Century Manor, Inkaterra La Casona. After indulging in Andean culture and cuisine, guests can explore the ground that was once home to the elite army of the Incas. You may not get to see the whole of Peru, but you can tick a fair amount off the bucket list.

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### **Ennedi- Chad**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ennedi is famous for its rock towers, vast arches and quivering, yellow

sands. The Ennedi Region is an impressive sculpted mass of towering rock formations, most famous of which is the Aloba Arch, which towers some 120 metres above the desert floor and must be one of the most incredible natural arches in the world. To the south, gueltas (desert ponds), such as the Guelta d'Archei, dot the desiccated ground. These desert ponds are a vital water source for the camel caravans and are havens for the Sahara Desert crocodile. The plateau is home to more than just natural wonders. Rock paintings decorate hidden caves, whilst stoic desert nomads stir the desert sands as they make their way across this harsh terrain. If this sounds of interest to you, and let's be honest, why would it, then book onto the *'Journey through Ennedi'* trip with Steppes Travel. Departing on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, this trip will give you privileged access to the Ennedi Massif, one of the most interesting of the Sahel deserts, the chance to discover ancient rock paintings and meet the colourful nomadic Tubu tribes as well as taking time to interact with the people of the salt caravans at ancient watering points and visiting the last refuge of the Nile crocodile.

*Departing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7 days from £5,440 per person excluding flights. For more information please visit [www.steppestravel.com](http://www.steppestravel.com) / 0843 778 9926*



*Unusual Sun Seeking Destinations For The End Of Winter | El Hierro*

## **El Hierro**

Once thought to be the 'Ends of the Earth', little-known El Hierro is the smallest of the Canary Islands and remains largely untouched by tourism. Providing an ideal destination for those seeking winter warmth away from the crowds, visitors can cover most of the island on foot in just a week. Expect panoramic sea views, volcanic deserts, natural sea pools and challenging walks through ancient laurisilva forest, vineyards,