



# Momento Mater Announces Inaugural Event in Cusco in February 2017

## Cusco, Peru

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A new culinary gathering, [Momento Andes](#), will take from February 16-19 at the [Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba](#) in Peru's Sacred Valley. Spearheaded by Virgilio Martinez's [Mater Iniciativa](#), Momento Andes will host approximately fifty professionals from the culinary world including chefs, academics, artists, craftsmen, farmers and entrepreneurs to exchange ideas in the field. The primary goal of Momento is to expand thought processes among leaders in the industry. Over the course of four days, participants will partake in traditional food activities of the region, talks, meals, and workshops.

A few notable chefs participating in the program include Gastón Acurio, Renato Peralta, Palmiro Ocampo, Renzo Garibaldi, Germán Martitegui, Rafa Costa e Silva, James Berckemeyer, Leonor Espinosa, and Mitsuharu Tsumura. They will be joined by other industry leaders in biology, journalism and ecology.

Inkaterra hotels are known for showcasing the traditional culture of the region. At the Amazonica property, the focus is on the conservation of the rainforest. In Cusco, the Inkaterra Hacienda puts the spotlight on architecture. The Urubamba property, located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, is known for its ancestral farming practices. These traditions are incorporated into daily activities and meal service at each location. Here, attendees can expect to take part in the harvesting Andean roots and tubers, foraging for herbs, making *chicha de jora* (an indigenous alcoholic beverage made by fermenting maize), and preparing the *huatia* (cooking root vegetables in an oven made of dried earth).

It comes as no surprise that Mater Iniciativa would tap Inkaterra to host this event with the goal of making it an annual conference that visits a new Inkaterra property during each consecutive year. For more details on the program, [check out Momento Mater's website](#).



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