



UNIQUE LODGES OF THE WORLD™

A photograph of a herd of elephants in a savanna. In the foreground, a large elephant with prominent tusks is looking directly at the camera. Behind it, another elephant is visible, and the background shows more of the herd and the savanna landscape with dry grass and some green bushes.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN ACTION



FREGATE ISLAND PRIVATE THE SEYCHELLES

Under the guidance of the island's chief biologist, a conservation team oversees ongoing efforts to restore the population of the Seychelles magpie robin. Once nearly extinct, with only 12 remaining—all on Fregate Island—these distinctive charcoal-colored, white-winged birds have rebounded to a population of more than 200 following concerted conservation efforts, including re-populating several other Seychelles islands to ensure the long-term survival of the species.



INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL PERU

Inkaterra's native orchid garden showcases 372 different orchid species, including many endemic only to Peru and ten that are newly discovered to science. Guests can explore the garden with one of Inkaterra's naturalist guides, learning about each orchid's adaptations and observing the birds and butterflies drawn to the blooms. Inkaterra provides ongoing support to orchid research and conservation efforts.



ZHIWA LING HOTEL BHUTAN

When the owners of Zhiwa Ling learned that the old timbers from a 450-year-old Buddhist monastery were slated to be burned, they rescued the giant beams of wood and constructed a Bhutanese temple within the main building. A local monk now conducts daily rituals in the temple, and guests can join him or meditate there on their own. In addition, Bhutan's master craftsmen were employed to design and craft their entire property as a tribute to Bhutan's fine architectural traditions and cultural heritage.



INKATERRA LA CASONA PERU

Located on the Plaza Nazarena in Cusco, La Casona was originally constructed in the 16th century, and was at one time the home of Simón Bolívar. The restoration of the building took five years, and care was taken to preserve the original architecture and stonework. The interior was meticulously appointed with artifacts and furnishings dating from pre-Columbian to colonial times, as well as locally made Andean textiles, all of which help to introduce guests to Peru's rich cultural history.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES



INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA PERU

Located in the Sacred Valley, the lodge partners with local farmers to grow native vegetables and legumes, including native red, black, and brown quinoa; Urubamba giant corn; and a wide variety of native potatoes; along with herbs for culinary and medicinal use. Guests are invited to pick their own produce for earth-to-table meals.



RUBONDO ISLAND CAMP TANZANIA

In addition to their support for the Rubondo Island National Park's chimpanzee habituation project, all vegetables at the lodge are sourced directly from local village market gardens established as microenterprise development projects by Rubondo in partnership with local communities. To date, the project has benefited some 2,000 villagers, including women and children.



KASBAH DU TOUBKAL MOROCCO

Two local organizations, the Association Bassins d'Imlil and Education for All, that Kasbah Du Toubkal was instrumental in creating and continues to financially support, created special boarding houses in nearby towns to provide young women with the opportunity to pursue secondary school education, an option previously unavailable in the area.