> INKATERRA



hat makes an *Inka-redible* guest experience, you ask? Immaculate accommodation, impeccable service or delicious food perhaps? At Inkaterra we offer much more. An enchanting aspect of the Inkaterra experience is the opportunity for guests to be fully integrated into the natural habitat that surrounds our properties, catching a glimpse of our fauna friends in their natural environment. Inviting guests to join our conservation journey is one of the many reasons why four of our hotels have joined National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World.



This month has been very busy for our Explorer Guides with some exciting sightings, particularly at Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción. Spanning air, land and river, several of our creature chums were spotted amidst the vegetation that surrounds the property and Madre de Dios region, but what did we find...?





Date: 20th April 2017

Recently two giant otters (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) – also named river wolves – paid the hotel a visit. They were seen fishing, diving and swimming in the waters of the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción "Cochita" natural pond. They've become familiar faces at the lodge as they often travel past to say hello and greet our guests.



EXPLORER-GUIDE: PLINIO ARAPA

Date: 26th April 2017

Whilst rambling along the Concepción Trail, a group of guests and accompanied explorers heard rustling high above the treetops. In search of this mystery noise, they looked up to find a troop of 80 squirrel monkeys *(Saimirí sciureus)* hanging out of a cacao tree, squabbling over ripe fruit to feast on, jumping from one branch to the other, and energetically running through the canopy, delighting our guests.



GUIA EXPLORADOR: PLINIO ARAPA

On the same day, we were thrilled to set our eyes upon yet another discovery. As part of our night river excursion, we caught a rare glimpse of this beautiful dwarf caiman (*Paleosuchus palpebrosus*) resting along the Madre de Dios river bank. This species of caiman is not observed very frequently, so we were delighted to be greeted with such a treat!



Date: 27th April 2017

During a recent walk with a small group of guests, a short distance from the lodge and towards the Mammal *Collpa*, to our surprise we spotted a two meter long Juvenile Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*) – also named the *Yacumama* or Mother of Water, we were very careful and respected the Anaconda's space.



It is always exhilarating to spot these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. For more information and to discover all the wonderful wildlife at Inkaterra, please click here

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