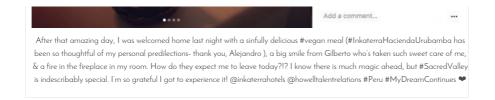




or the last 40 years Inkaterra has welcomed a wonderful variety of guests to its properties, from every corner of the globe and from all walks of life. Whether they are here to witness the magical Spectacled Andean bears in their natural habitat, wander along the treetops and canopies in the Amazon, or simply take a break to admire the breath-taking views of the Sacred Valley of the Incas; they are all cherished Inkaterra guests. Recently we were delighted to host actress, Bellamy Young from the hit US TV series, Scandal. We caught up with Bellamy following her visit to Peru and Inkaterra to find out more about what she refers to as her `indescribably special' experience.





## Ethos

I was traveling alone in Peru, and I really appreciated the continuity of heart that is Inkaterra. Each property is so unique and respectfully representative of its location, but there is a consistent ethos across all the properties: you aren't a client or a guest – you're family. It felt wonderful after a day of exploring to come home to that feeling.

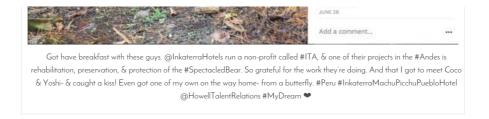
I trust each property: the excursions offered have been thoughtfully curated making sure that we as visitors get to experience the best of the area we're in, and learn all we can of the culture, plus the flora and fauna- but they each also take Peru, her history, and her future into account. Your adventure can be incredible, and your conscience can be clean.

## Education

I was so moved by the passion each of my guides displayed: they weren't only knowledgeable; they care deeply about Peru, her plants, her animals, her traditions, and they're so proud to get to work for a property that cares just as much as they do. I learned more than I could have ever hoped to – and loved every second of it.

A true highlight for me was the Spectacled Andean Bear preserve at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. What an honor to get to meet the bears, to learn about their plight, and to see all that Inkaterra is doing toward rehabilitation and conservation of this incredible species.





## Inkaterra Guides

I have dreamed of experiencing Machu Picchu for as long as I can remember! I'm still pinching myself that that dream came true, and in the hands of my guide Carmen, I feel like I got to appreciate it on every possible level. We really spent our time there, I learned so much, we climbed and meditated, and I really got to commune with the space, it's history; it's energy, its future. There is no greater luxury than a heart-centered, wise personal guide: what they add to an adventure is invaluable. I also really loved getting to horseback ride in the Sacred Valley when I stayed at Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba: what a quiet but profound thrill.



The Inkaterra Experience

Dreaming of seeing Machu Picchu as I grew up, I learnt more about the energy of Peru, and all she has to offer from the coast to the Amazon to the Andes. When I finally got the chance to go, my friends erupted into chants of "Inkaterra!" as they had been on a similar journey and had loved their time at Inkaterra. I did my research and realized what Inkaterra was offering, in a series of properties, was everything I was hoping for in my trip to Peru: heart, conscience, adventure, and thoughtfulness.

It's a high bar to look for 'good energy' in a hotel situation anywhere (also hard to discern from afar), but it's very clear even without first hand corroboration that Inkaterra has it all. The properties are all stunning and specific to the varying locations, the excursions are thoughtful, fun and edifying. The ethos of the company is ecofriendly, carbon-neutral, and the hearts of the folks on staff are as open as the Andean sky. My time there was a real treasure.

Home away from Home

One of the many highlights I also personally enjoyed getting a fire built in the fireplace of my room each night at the varying properties: the ultimate relaxation. But you're there to meet Peru: let your guides introduce you to all her beautiful aspects, and know at the end of the day; you have a real home to come back to. I can't recommend Inkaterra any more highly: I truly had the trip of a lifetime.

At Inkaterra we are committed to ensuring each and every visit is unique. Thank you Bellamy for her incredibly insightful account of her time in Peru with Inkaterra, and sharing her wisdom with for the world to have the privilege of reading. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

For more information on the excursions, please visit here.

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