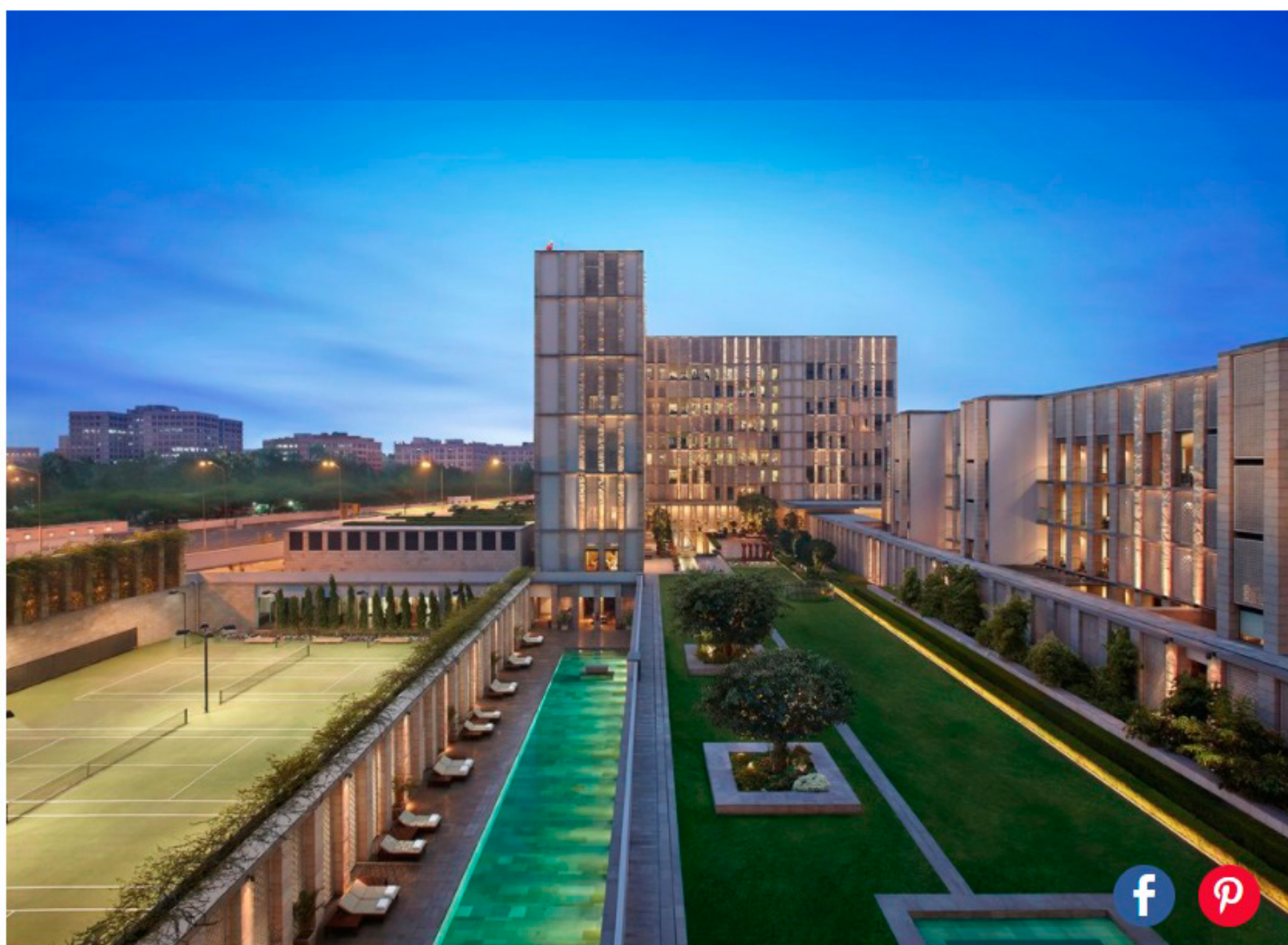


## 1/48 La Réserve Paris - Hotel and Spa, France

When we imagine Old World opulence—like, say, wood-paneled libraries, 19th-century furniture trimmed in velvet, and Haussmann-style apartments outfitted with brocade silk wallpaper and fresh flowers—it's [La Réserve](#) that first comes to mind. A stay at this 40-room *bôtel particulier*, just a block from both the Champs-Élysées and the rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, is a splurge, but you'll get Carrara marble bathrooms, anti-aging spa treatments, and two Michelin-starred restaurant, Le Gabriel, in exchange.



## 2/48 The Lodhi, New Delhi, India

New Delhi's [The Lodhi](#) is a city hotel, though you'd never know it. Surrounded by seven acres of landscaped gardens and abutting the Delhi golf club, this self-styled Indian palace fortress is just a ten-minute walk northwest of the buzzing Nizamuddin neighborhood, and a quick, eight-minute drive from Humayun's tomb, one of the city's more popular historic attractions. Guest rooms range from a 1,350-square-foot deluxe room with a private balcony to two-bedroom suites that are twice the size, with views of the city and the golf course. But the real highlight is the plunge pool, lined with jade-green Khareda stone and flanked by a large daybed, on the private terrace of eight of the 11 different room offerings.

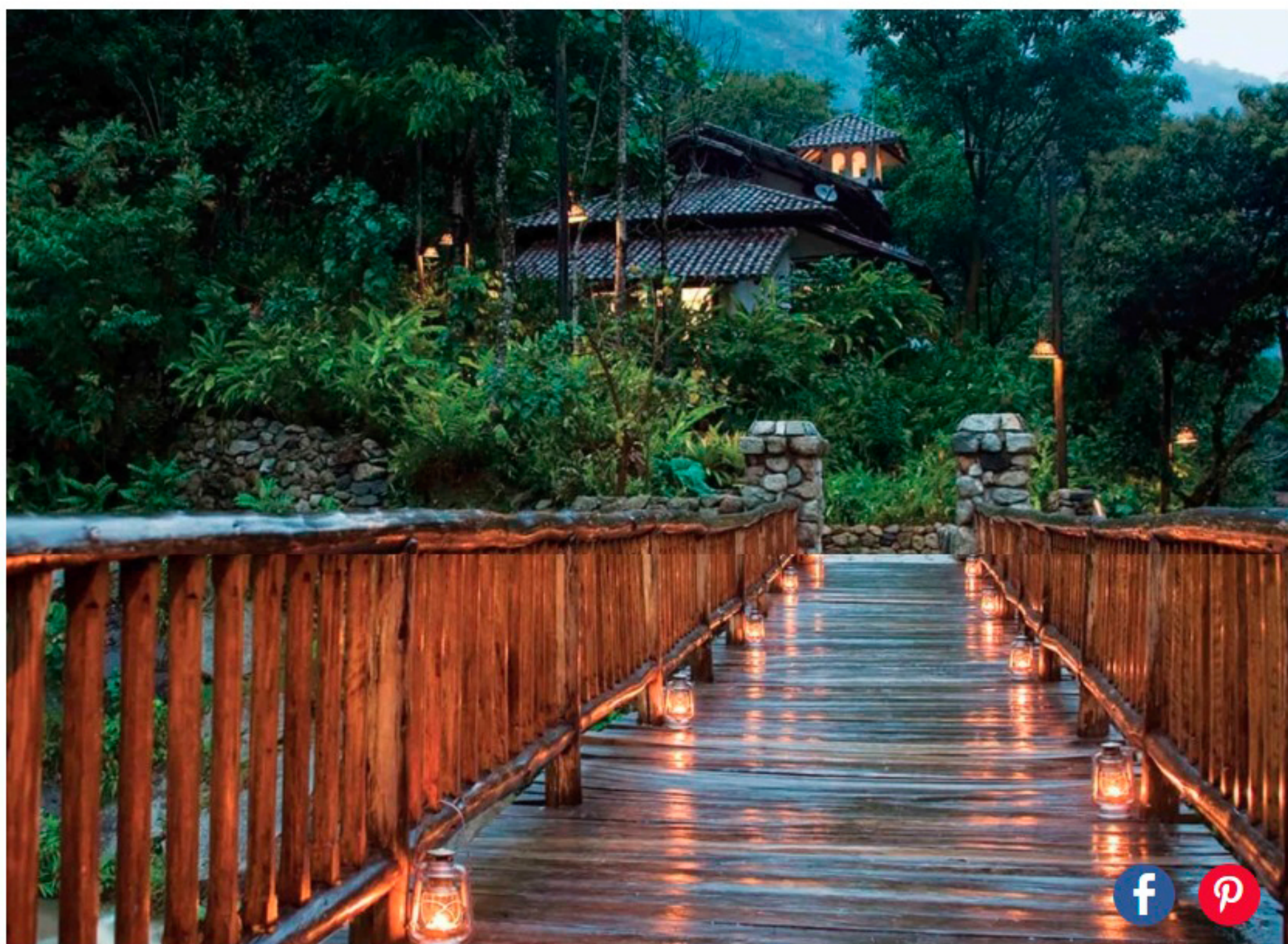




## 14/48 Inkaterra La Casona, Cusco, Peru

Cusco's architectural heritage of Incan stone walls topped with colonial white stucco is echoed in this 16th-century building on a square steps from the main plaza. With just 11 suites, [La Casona](#) has the intimacy of a private home, with a grassy courtyard encircled by rooms on two levels, though the building's colonial charms come with smart modern touches such as iPods and iPod speakers. Inside, a grassy courtyard is surrounded by rooms on two levels. Owners Denise and Joe Koechlin have fussed over every antique- and craft-strewn square foot of the place, and exquisite pillars, retablos, and benches have been sourced from all over Peru, including Pre-Colombian textiles and murals. The excellent restaurant—don't leave without trying the quinoa pancakes—delivers a generous helping of Andean hospitality.





## 15/48 Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Aguas Calientes, Peru

Village recreations can seem a little hokey, but [this Inkaterra outpost](#) deftly carries off the conceit. Set amid waterfalls and gardens at the foot of Machu Picchu, whitewashed casitas with eucalyptus beams are strewn along stone paths. Rustic rooms, lined with tile floors, are furnished with colorful Peruvian blankets, local art, and views of the gardens of the Vilcanota River, and manage never to feel tacky. But nature, not performance, is the real draw of this hotel: Amid its 12-acre grounds are 214 identified bird species, including the golden-headed quetzal, and the world's largest native orchid collection (372 species) have been registered.