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## PERU'S LUXURY LODGES

Where to stay in the Land of the Incas.



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As one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, **Peru** is a magnet for chameleonic globetrotters. In a mere week, travellers can journey through the dry coastal desert, high Andean mountains, and tropical Amazon rainforest—all while soaking in the country's innovative food scene and a few **pisco** cocktails along the way. Home to 84 of the 103 existing ecosystems and 28 of the 32 climates on the planet, Peru gives new meaning to the choose-your-own-adventure travel style. While more hotels have popped up to accommodate the droves of tourists who visit Machu Picchu annually, only a handful have managed to gracefully blend high-end design with local culture, gastronomy, and sustainability.

*Here, three recommended luxury lodges to stay at in Peru.*

**Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica**

With dense rainforest covering more than half of the country, the Peruvian Amazon is expansive yet accessible. A 35-minute flight from Cusco will bring travellers to Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to the forests of Madre de Dios and the Tambopata Nature Reserve. The intrepid have the option to sleep in the heart of the jungle, surrounded by flora, fauna, and the calls of over 540 bird species at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica. The rustic yet luxurious eco-retreat boasts 35 private cabanas inspired by the Amazon's Ese'Eja culture. Electricity is limited and Wi-Fi is unavailable, but going off the grid is part of the appeal. With an à la carte menu of excursions led by seasoned explorer guides and the sounds of the jungle serving as a sublime soundtrack, the need for Internet fades away. Highlights include spotting caimans, turtles, monkeys, and endangered giant river otters at Lake Sandoval, fishing for piranhas, and exploring the treetops via Inkaterra's canopy system.



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