

# Visit Peru in search of Paddington



Take a trip to the historic Macchu Picchu

After the cinema release of *Paddington 2* on November 10, Sarah Marshall recommends the best places to see the spectacled bears that inspired Michael Bond's classic character.

Carrying a suitcase stuffed with marmalade sandwiches, Paddington Bear is one of the Britain's most endearing children's storybook characters. But Michael Bond's duffel-coated creature – who celebrates his 60th anniversary in 2018 – actually originated in deepest, darkest Peru.

Seeking an interesting homeland for his lost protagonist, Bond settled on the South American destination as it sounded exotic. But Peru does in fact have its own collection of charming bears.

If you want to see one in the flesh, try these 3 options...

1. Learn the bear necessities with **Inkaterra** – Conservation-minded hotel group Inkaterra has a sanctuary on site at their Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. A new

three-night package allows guests to shadow an Inkaterra explorer guide and bear keeper. From £1,020, all meals included. Flights extra. Visit [inkaterra.com](http://inkaterra.com)

2. Help them seek sanctuary in Chiclayo – There's a second rehabilitation centre in Chiclayo on the northern coast, which is incorporated as part of a trip with Rainbow



A spectacled bear

Tours. Along with a stay at Chaparri Lodge, guests can visit the Sacred Valley, Cusco and Machu Picchu. The 12-night Darkest Peru: In Search of Paddington itinerary starts from £3,399 per person, including flights. Visit [rainbowtours.co.uk](http://rainbowtours.co.uk)

3. Go wild with bears and birds via the Colca Canyon – Seeing spectacled bears in the wild is tough, but Naturetrek give it a go on their 13-day Spectacled Bears & Andean Condors tour. From £3,995 per person, including all meals and flights from London. Visit [naturetrek.co.uk](http://naturetrek.co.uk)