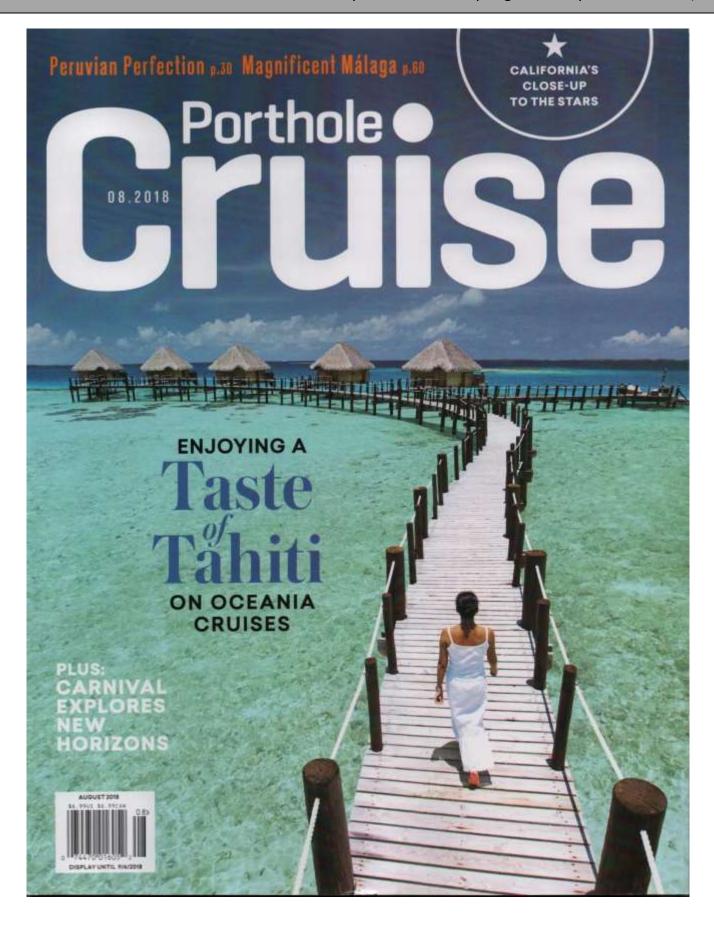
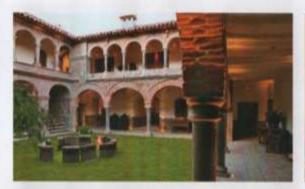


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Discover the upscale Machu Picchu properties that harmoniously blend with local heritage and topography









INKATERRA HOTELS STAND OUT as the elite of the elite and offer ultra-luxe properties in Cusco, Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu Pueblo. This triple treat provides a sampling of the suite life and an opportunity to coordinate an all-encompassing itinerary of the area's larger-than-life attractions.

The newest property in their impressive lineup is the Inkaterra Hacionda Urubamba. Visitors to nearby Sacred Valley will appreciate the authentic appeal of a sprawling, yet somehow quaint, compound set in the middle of scenic mountain surroundings. Twenty-four individual and stunningly designed casitas are situated slope-side, with unobstructed views of the valley, the mountains, and the impressive main building. An earth-to-table concept is given life by the property's very own gardens and orchards, with healthy living reflected in menu selections.

Once one is in Agua Caliente, scheduling an overnight stay at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel grants an opportunity for early risers to experience the early morning spectacle of sunrise over the ruin complex. Set in the cloud forest alongside flowing rivers and enveloped in natural jungle surroundings, the property's individual casitas offer exotic privacy. Although conveniently near the train station and bus terminal, Inkaterra is brilliantly secluded in a world of its own. As with the Hacienda Urubamba, complimentary guided excursions of the area's unique attributes are offered several times daily, allowing the visitor ingress into authentic Inca heritage.

On the top the Andes in Cusco, one discovers the historic Inkaterra La Casona hotel.
Only a few steps from the city center and historic Plaza de Armas, this iconic structure was originally a 16th-century private colonial home.

but has been ingeniously reimagined into a boutique-style luxury hotel. Twelve exquisite suites surround the centerpiece of La Casona, a beautiful columned courtyard recalling images of the building's glorious past. As in all Inkaterra properties, resplendent furnishings and distinct accessories are displayed throughout.

To simply characterize these properties as five-star accommodations is to disregard the intangibles. The absence of a check-in/check-out desk reflects personal exclusivity and welcoming warmth by genuine and superbly trained staff. Quirky ideas — such as a basket of fresh flowers to be placed outside the door in lieu of the traditional do-not-disturb sign, scented candles, slippers, robes, and personalized welcome gifts — all weigh in assuperlative amenities and unparalleled touches of grace. Inhaterra.com =

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