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## **Luxury Gold Highlights Lima on New Itinerary**

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With tourism to **Lima**, **Peru** on the rise, **Luxury Gold** is inviting guests to explore the destination that was labeled one of the top 10 "up-and-coming destinations" for 2018 by **Booking.com**. Luxury Gold can show travelers the highlights of Lima on the new 12-day **Treasures of the Incas** itinerary. The trip is bookended with stays in the seaside capital city, where guests have the chance to eat its food, explore both its modern and ancient heritage, and interact with notable locals. The itinerary also includes a number of VIP Experiences that are not readily available to the average traveler.

When guests first arrive, they are introduced to the city through the eyes of a local expert, who guides them through the UNESCO-listed historic center of Lima, its cathedral, and the Monastery of San Francisco. Later, guests meet and chat with painter and sculptor Victor Delfín in his oceanfront workshop in Barranco, Lima's arts district. One of Peru's leading artists, Delfín is known for his metalwork sculptures of birds, horses and other animals, including the El Beso ("The Kiss") sculpture in el Parque del Amore in Miraflores. Guests hear stories about Delfín's life and work, and find out what he is currently working on.

According to Luxury Gold, guests will have plenty of opportunities to explore Lima's culinary scene. The first night's Welcome Dinner takes place at **Restaurant Amoramar**, a local favorite. The menu combines Peruvian classics with **Mediterranean** fare and specializes in fresh seafood, while the building, which is a converted colonial mansion, doubles as an art gallery.

The final night's Farewell Dinner is hosted at the famed **Astrid y Gaston**. Set within a historic mansion that dates to the 17th century, Astrid y Gaston takes traditional flavors and techniques and interprets them in a modern way. Most ingredients come from either the restaurant's own garden or the wider Lima area.

Other highlights of Treasures of the Incas include:

- A journey to the citadel of **Machu Picchu** via the viewing cars of the **Vistadome** train. Luxury Gold's guests have a whole day to explore this ancient fortress, both with a guide and on their own. A visit to a working tea plantation and orchid farm on the grounds of the **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel** is also part of the experience.
- In **Moray**, guests witness a centuries-old ritual that expresses reverence to the Earth during a private ceremony with a local shaman.
- During lunch in **Cusco** with a local **Quechua** scholar, guests learn about traditional weaving techniques then visit the **Center for Traditional Textiles** and see weavers in action.
- In colonial Cusco's town center, a local expert helps guests navigate the local market and gives tips on how to improve their bartering skills.
- At **Lake Titicaca** and **Lake Sillustani**, guests get the chance to cruise the lake, see the floating islands of **Uros**, and see the stone carvings of **Amantani**.

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