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# Inkaterra La Casona

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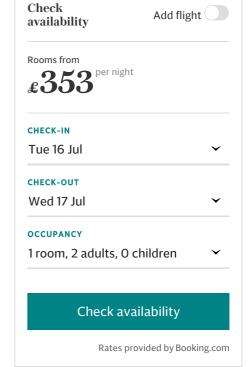


**Telegraph** expert rating

"This grand colonial mansion in the imperial city of the Incas was one of the most exclusive addresses in 16th-century Peru; dedicated to pampering a small number of guests in a peaceful and palatial setting, it still lives up to that billing."

**Telegraph Review** 











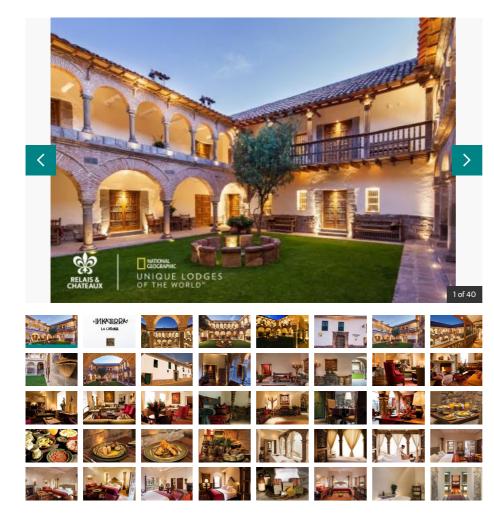
By Chris Moss, DESTINATION EXPERT

# 10/10 Location

On a tranquil plaza in the San Blas district, La Casona is fittingly - beside the Museum of Colonial Art and close to several of Cuzco's best restaurants (including the lively Cicciolina); it's less than five minute's walk to the cathedral and the Plaza de Armas, site of three of the city's most important churches.

# $9_{/10}$ Style & character

A careful refurb restored all the original masonry and everything added since then – from furnishings and fixtures to art and antiques – is there to create the atmosphere of a conquistador's private pad. It works wonderfully, and the dark Spanish-style wooden furniture sets off perfectly the warmhued Andean artworks, rugs and throws.



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Service is discreet. Rooms are cleaned and checked three times a day but you'd never know. Front of house staff are knowledgeable about the city and excursions available in the area; many can be booked from here. There's a small spa-cummassage room, a lounge and a library.

Restaurant
Laundry

✓ Wi-Fi

### $9_{/10}$ Rooms

There are 11 rooms, divided up into five balcony suites and four patio suites overlooking the inner arcaded courtyard, and two plaza suites that look out onto picturesque Plazoleta de las Nazarenas. All have grand Spanish colonial-style king or twin beds, underfloor heating, beautiful art and antiques, an open fire and marble bathrooms (with own-make toiletries), and there is a private dining space for two.

### $8_{/10}$ Food & drink

There's no bar as such, but drinks can be served in the courtyards or zaguán (a rather grand anteroom). Guests who opt not to dine in their rooms can book a table in the dining room or out on the terrace. The à la carte menu, available lunch and dinner, features Peruvian fusion food with exotic items like guinea pig and Andean trout, and lots of organic vegetables, fresh herbs and leaves from the Sacred Valley. Breakfast is a buffet of buttery pastries, cured meats, cheese, fresh fruit and coca tea or fresh coffee. Complimentary tea is served from 4-6pm using home-grown leaves which are hand processed at Inkaterra's Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

## $7_{/10}$ Value for money

Double rooms from £276 year-round. Breakfast included. Free in-room Wi-Fi.

### Access for guests with disabilities?

La Casona has a lift and step-free corridors, but Cuzco itself is cobbled, full of stairways, and its narrow pavements are steep. The main archaeological sites are a challenge for wheelchair users.

### Family-friendly?

This is hotel best suited to couples, but a cot or an extra bed can be placed inside rooms. Inkaterra sells a "Children's Explorer Kit" to make Cuzco more fun. Little ones might not appreciate all the objets d'art and antiques around La Casona so will need supervising.

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