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## PERU: FROM THE RAIN FOREST TO THE CLOUD FOREST AND MACHU PICCHU

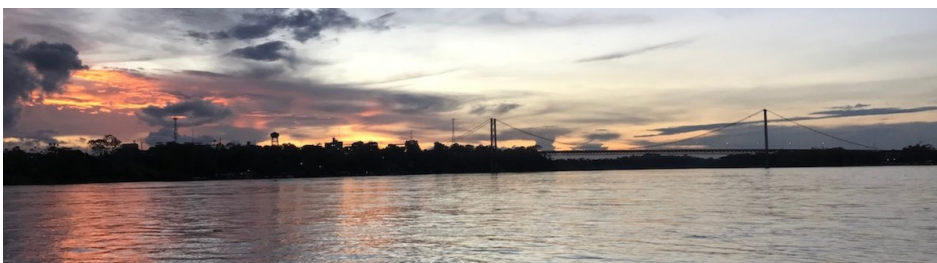


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Recently I have traveled through Peru for a month making a lot of exciting experiences. From tours in the rain forest, to demanding hikes, city trips and days at the beach, we have got all of them. Today I want to share some of my personal tips and impressions with you.

If to describe Peru in just one word, I would not really know how. The country appears small on the map in comparison to Brazil, however, this is deceptive. The landscapes are so diverse making it is impossible to be described in just some words: from the coast with its remote sandy beaches to the desert with almost endlessly appearing dunes, the stunning Andes with snow-covered peaks, glaciers, the forest-covered mountains and valleys to the rain forest with the Amazon.

Due to the size of the country, with different climate zones and long traveling distances, Peru for sure is no country for a short trip. Instead of ticking off the famous "highlights" in one week only, it is worthwhile to take time to immerse yourself in the culture, to stroll along nature and then to travel home with a suitcase full of impressions.







Enjoying the sunset while cruising on the Madre de Dios river after arrival and taking a trip to Lake Sandoval  
© Hanna Bossmann

## A CHILDHOOD DREAM BECOMES TRUE: EXPLORING THE RAIN FOREST!

Who knows “Tarzan” probably understands my enthusiasm about the trip to the Peruvian rain forest! Sail with a boat on the Amazon, fighting my way through the jungle of the primeval forest and discover exotic animals, I have fancied the stay – and except, fighting my way through the jungle, all my expectations were more than fulfilled. We have spent the night at the [Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica](#) in wonderful cabañas, with our own hammock overlooking the river. In the morning we were awakened by howler monkeys and on the way to breakfast we ran onto a toucan.



Our home away from home: the cabañas at Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica © Hanna Bossmann

Beside the excellent service and food, the guided tours were true highlights to me: the guides are trained well! Who has already taken part in guided tours, knows the importance of a good guide.

Back to the subject: When booking a stay at the Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica some of the tours are included. At the Eco Center you get more information on additional tours. We took part in a boat tour on Lake Sandoval, saw a small alligator, as well as mini-bats, sea vipers and a lot of birds. The tour also included a visit to an ecological fruit farm (incl. degustation-). In the evening we observed animals on the shores of the Madre de Dios and in the morning we visited an animal shelter and sanctuary station and one other day we learned how to crack brazil-nuts and produced chocolate made of cacao beans.







View from Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel on the river Vilcanota (left) and exploring the property of the hotel with all its amazing nature, orchids and birds (right) © Hanna Bossmann

## ORCHIDS, MACHU PICCHU AND THE CLOUD FOREST

After this first adventure I was certain that this cannot be topped. However, I was wrong! From the rain forest we traveled to Cusco and afterwards took the train to Aguas Calientes, the starting point for the visit of the UNESCO world cultural heritage Machu Picchu. Here we were accommodated at the [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo](#) hotel situated amidst a green lush landscape, and also home to a shelter for the rare Andes Bear, an orchid garden and a lot more. A tour to the orchids is a must: Our guide told us so much exciting details about the plants and, besides, provided a magnifying glass for the especially small kinds. Another highlight on the tour were the hummingbirds!

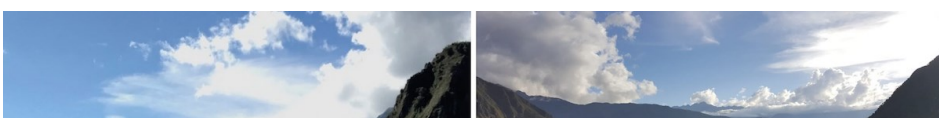


View on Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu © Hanna Bossmann



The suites at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel © Inkaterra

Our excursion to the Machu Picchu was organized by Inkaterra and the guide was exceptional providing a lot of information. By the way, we were the first ones in the afternoon visiting the Inca ruins and were almost alone. Usually, most tourists come early in the morning, in the afternoon it is much more pleasant and not so overcrowded. And when the sun sets over the mountains of the cloud forest, you experience a magic atmosphere. Due to the negative reports on overtourism my expectations were not so high, but it was really an outstanding experience!





We were almost the only ones at Machu Picchu and enjoyed the sunset as well as the Alpacas there © Hanna Bossmann

We made so many great experiences and gained many impressions, in part 2 we take you to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Cusco and the Rainbow Mountains!

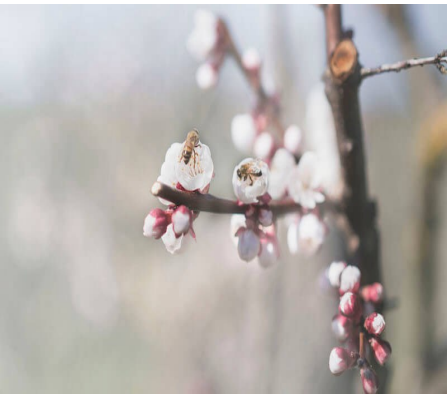
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AND MACHU PICCHU”

AMANDA  
BORNEKE

2. August 2019 at  
13:37

This is dreamy! Saving this post for later!

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HANNA

2. August 2019 at  
14:50

Hi Amanda, oh, so happy to hear that! 😊 Peru is definitely worth a visit!

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DESPINA

30. July 2019 at 23:19

I’ve always wanted to go to Machu Picchu! I’ll remember that when I eventually do, knowing me I probably would’ve booked the morning tour.

→ Reply

HANNA

31. July 2019 at  
7:43

Hi Despina, yes, I would’ve done the same if Inkaterra hadn’t told us otherwise. And it really was the best decision! 😊

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ANGELA

30. July 2019 at 21:12

I have always wanted to spend time in Peru. I have spent so much time at the airport in Lima, and your post has just reaffirmed Peru’s place on my bucket list!

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HANNA

31. July 2019 at  
7:36

Hi Angela,  
oh, it’s definitely worth stepping outside the airport! Lima is also an amazing city, I was really surprised by the architecture in the old town, as well as the coast – it’s beautiful!

→ Reply

MELANIE BRUCE

30. July 2019 at 21:06

Peru has always been on my bucket list and your post makes we want to go even more!! It sounds absolutely amazing.



➔ Reply

**HANNA**

31. July 2019 at  
7:42

Hi Melanie, thank you so much for these kind words! It it so  
divers, so much to see and experience and everyone we met was  
really so nice to us!

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**AILS A WRIGHT**

30. July 2019 at 10:38

Awesome this seems like my ideal trip! Looks like you had a great time.

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**HANNA**

30. July 2019 at  
10:44

Thank you, Alisa! Let me know if you ever plan to travel to Peru  
and need some tips, it's a truly amazing and so divers country!

➔ Reply

**PETRO**

30. July 2019 at 9:23

Hanna, what an amazing trip and opportunity....it's on my list now, for sure. Until I  
get there, thanks for sharing the memories.

➔ Reply

**HANNA**

30. July 2019 at  
9:25

Thank you so much, Petro! It was really amazing and I can only  
recommend going there 😊

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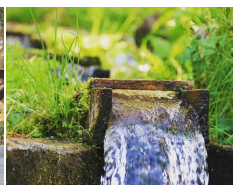
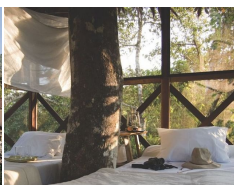
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