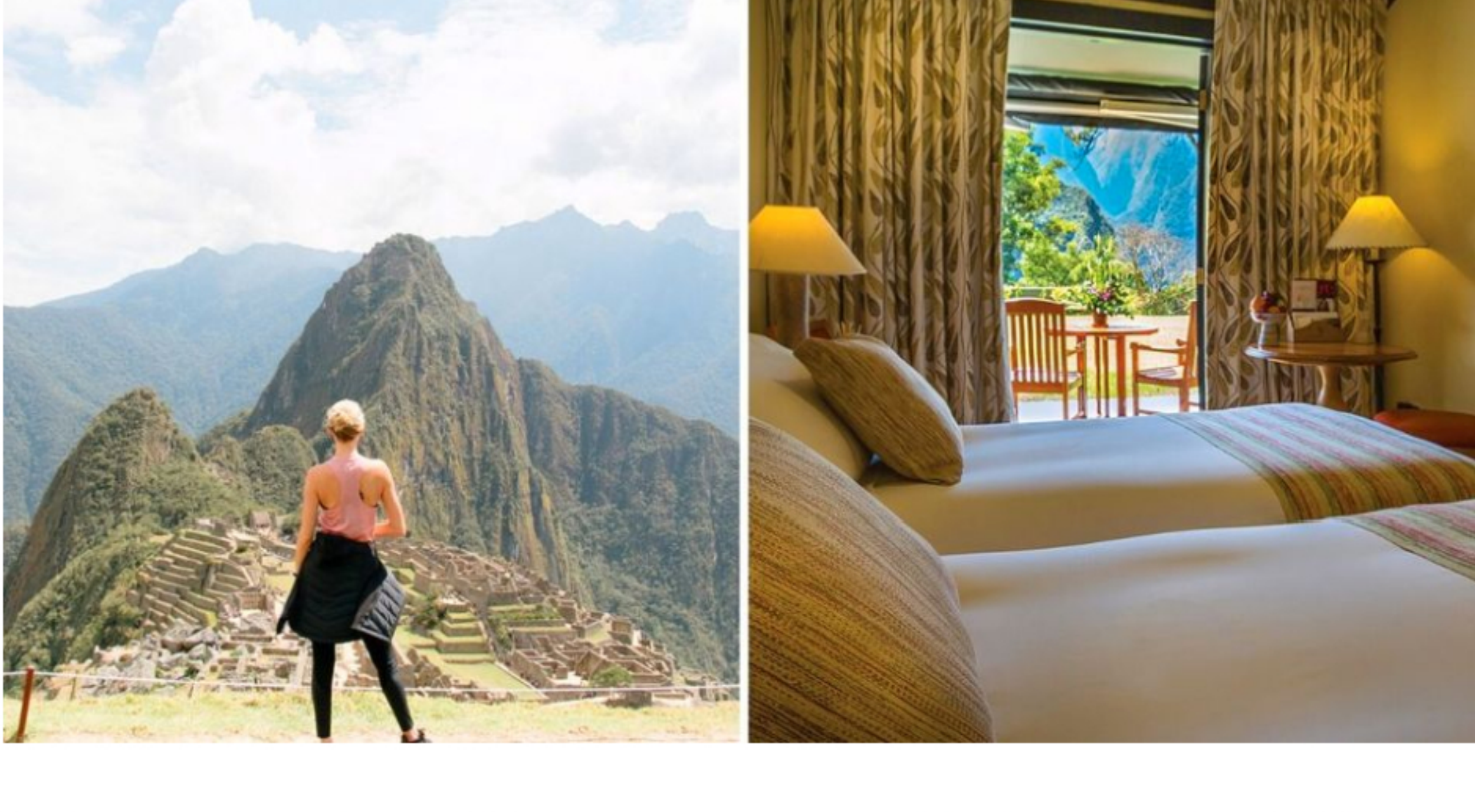


# The Exclusive And Expensive Hotels Adding Luxury To Machu Picchu

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Machu Picchu is a unique and life-changing experience, but the trek up the Inca Trail is anything but luxurious. It only makes sense that guests should counteract all that hard work with some much-needed rest and rejuvenation at some of the most lavish hotels in the area. Read all about them here!

## Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba Is A Rustic Slice Of Heaven



Styled after a Spanish estate, the **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba** looks over the Andes and adds a touch of luxury to your Machu Picchu trip. Situated a quick 20 minutes outside of Urubamba, in the town center of Huayocari Huayllabamba district. The Urubamba Valley is sometimes called the Sacred Valley of the Incas, boasting some of the most prominent examples of Inca ruins.

The hotel is sprawled across 100 acres and features a large main house that radiates a sense of rustic paradise. The architecture inside is inspired by a quintessential mountain lodge and comes complete with colonial-style furniture and decorations made from Andean textiles. One of the most impressive elements of the main house is the presence of large open windows which give guests supreme unrivaled views of the mountains.

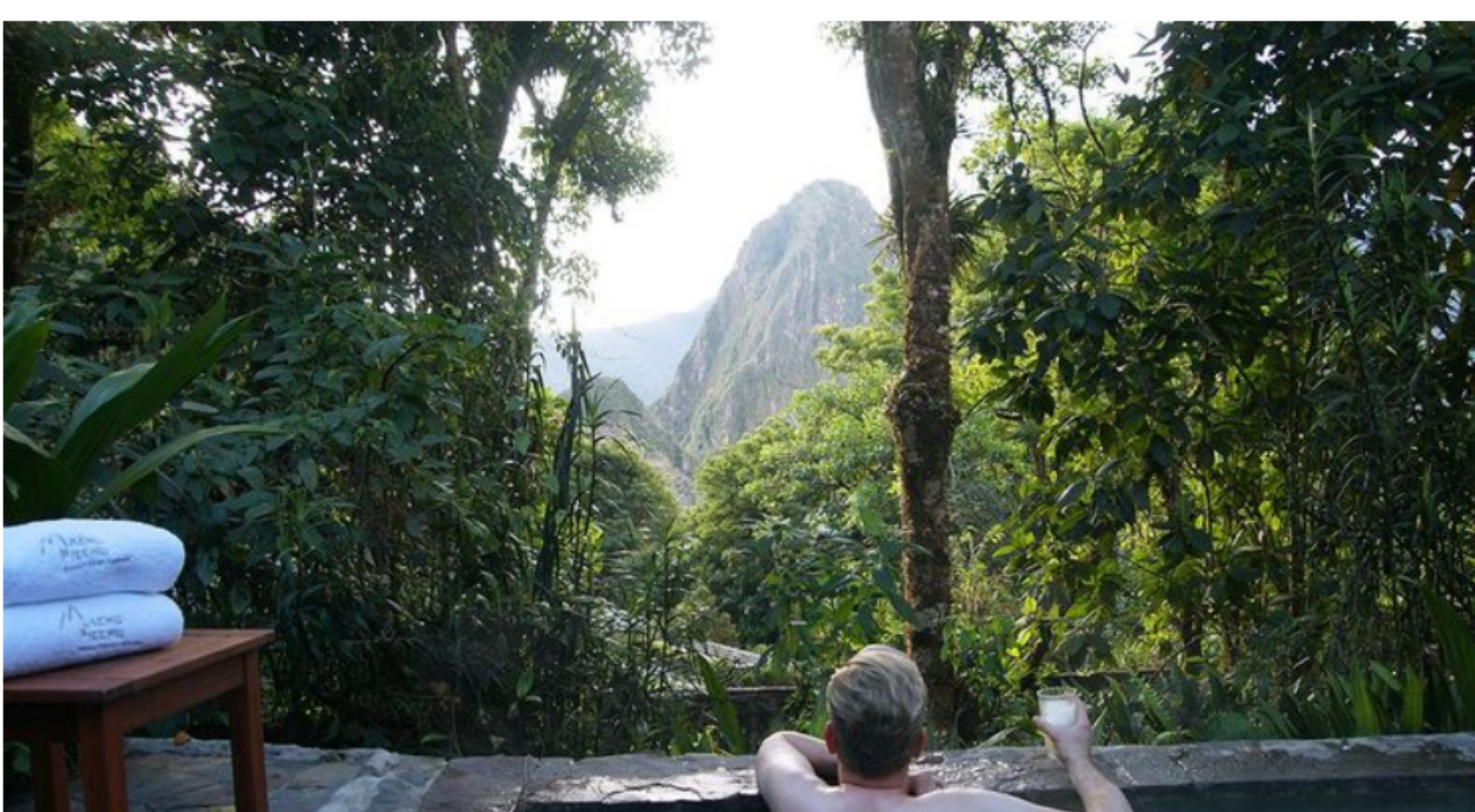
Also located on the grounds is a sizeable plantation growing fresh produce that's featured on the hotel's menu. Peruvian staples, including quinoa, corn, and potatoes, are farmed here and delivered straight to the plate in a truly fresh and authentic dining experience.

Guests are treated to extensive luxury in the stand-alone casitas. The interiors of the rooms are inspired by the history of the area and the culture of the Incas. Rooms boast charming amenities such as baby alpaca blankets, working chimneys, handmade wool coverlets, hypoallergenic pillows, a spacious bathroom, and a colonial-style wardrobe.

There is also a spa on the premises offering treatments using natural products and medicinal herbs. The wellness center has a plunge pool as well as four private therapy rooms and a dry sauna.

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## The Belmond Sanctuary Lodge Is A Gift From The Gods



Location reigns supreme at the **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge** which is nestled right at the entrance of Machu Picchu. It is the only hotel located next to the famous Inca citadel, giving all its guests the most convenient and enviable location of any Peruvian hotel. The Belmond takes the liberty of organizing treks to Machu Picchu on behalf of guests and arranges walks, hikes, and other tours for them.

The Belmond is equipped with no less than 31 rooms and suites, ideal for relaxing after an action-packed day at Machu Picchu. There is also a separate relaxation area on the grounds in addition to a scenic orchid garden. The hotel features its own highly acclaimed restaurant and bar, eliminating the need to go in search of a quality meal after a long day exploring the citadel.

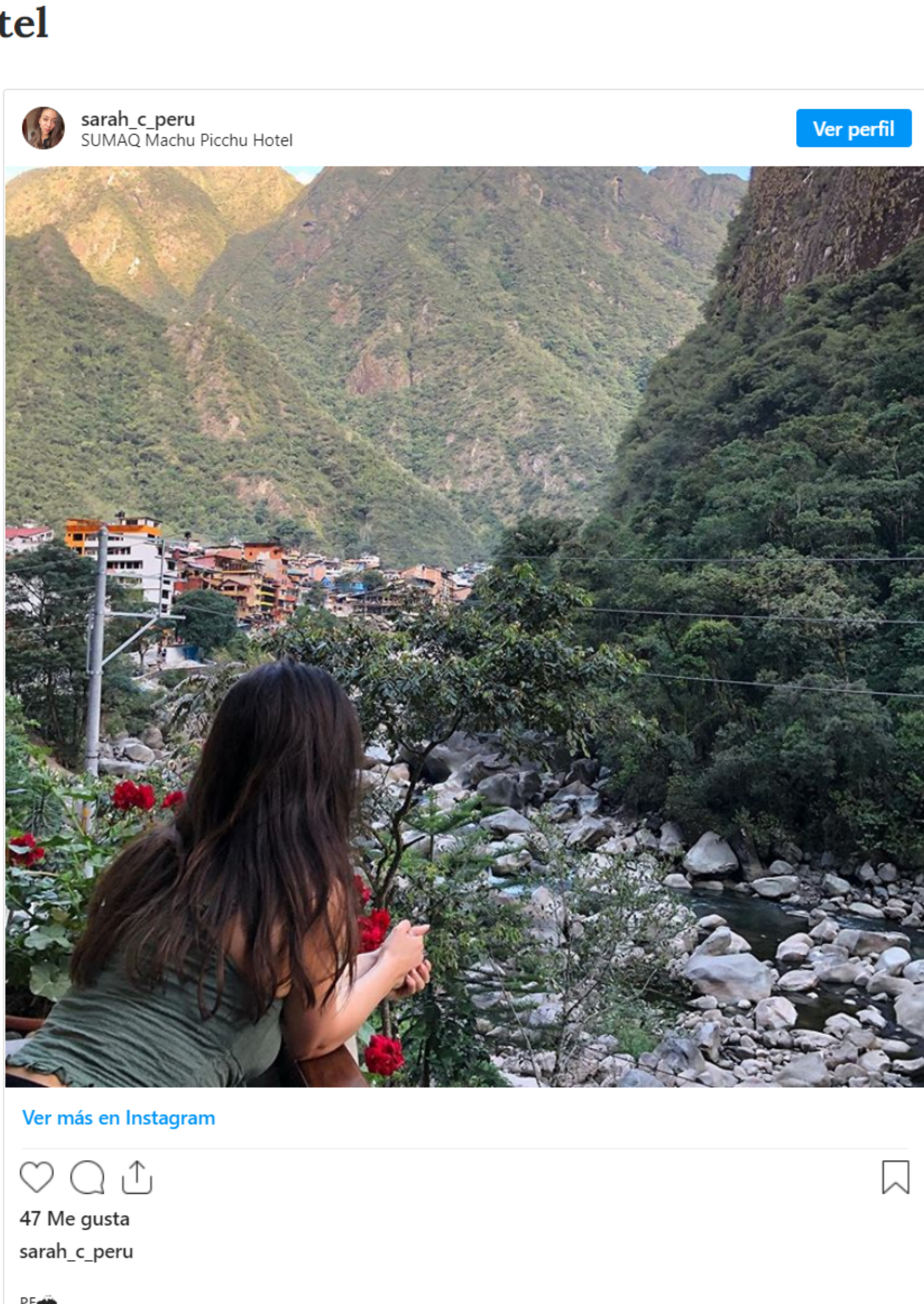
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Although Machu Picchu remains the most popular attraction for guests at the Belmond, the hotel also offers an assortment of other activities to keep guests occupied. Authentic Andean Coca Leaf Reading is available at the hotel, which is an ancient ceremony in which a priest will use coca leaves to learn about your future.

The hotel also gives guests the chance to participate in a Pachamama Tribute Ceremony, which is led by an Andean shaman. The idea is that guests make an offering of cereals, grains, fruit, and coca leaves to Mother Earth in return for health and prosperity. Also available at the hotel are sublime breakfasts by sunrise and pisco (brandy) tasting.

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## See The Incredible Views At Sumaq Macchu Picchu Hotel



Named as one of the best hotels in South America by *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure*, the **Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel** lies near the foot of the Inca citadel and boasts views of the nearby Vilcanota River. With interiors inspired by Andean culture, the Sumaq has recently been refurbished and offers guests a five-star taste of luxury.

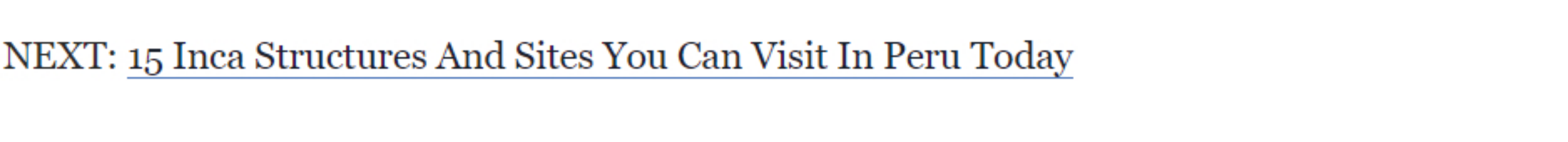
There are 62 rooms and suites on the grounds, ranging from one imperial suite to the standard rooms. The hotel focuses on sustainability and has even been awarded a Rainforest Alliance certification.

Foodies will rejoice at the Sumaq, where there is a wide variety of authentic Peruvian dining options available, including award-winning restaurants, culinary demonstrations, and even mini-chef classes for children.

The Andean fusion restaurant Qumuq sources fresh, local ingredients to create its colorful dishes and boast both a regular menu and a tasting menu. For couples staying at Sumaq on their honeymoon or another romantic getaway, Qumuq also has its own private terrace where guests can sample an even more exclusive tasting menu.

The Sumaq also features a relaxing spa where guests can choose from a number of massages, facial treatments, and other therapies designed for both couples and singles. It's the perfect way to relax after a challenging hike up the Inca Trail.

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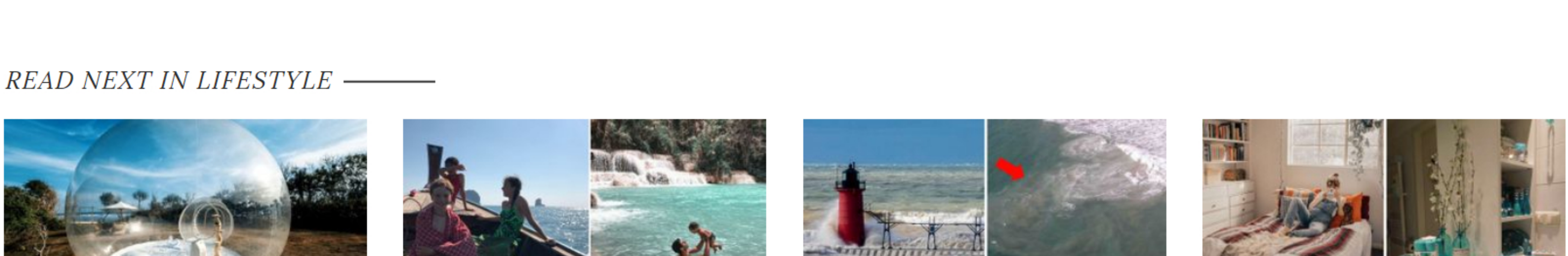
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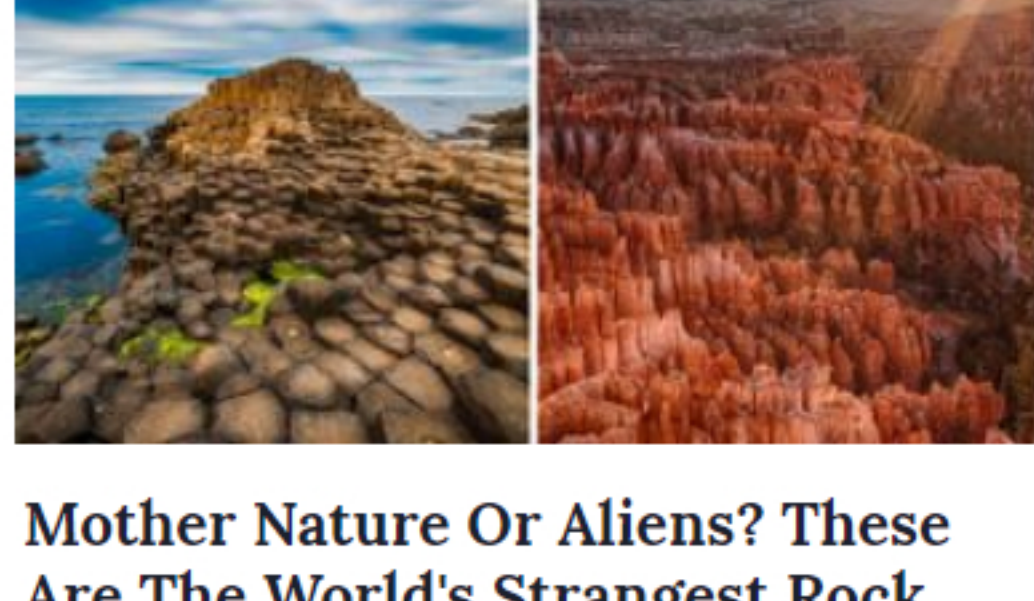
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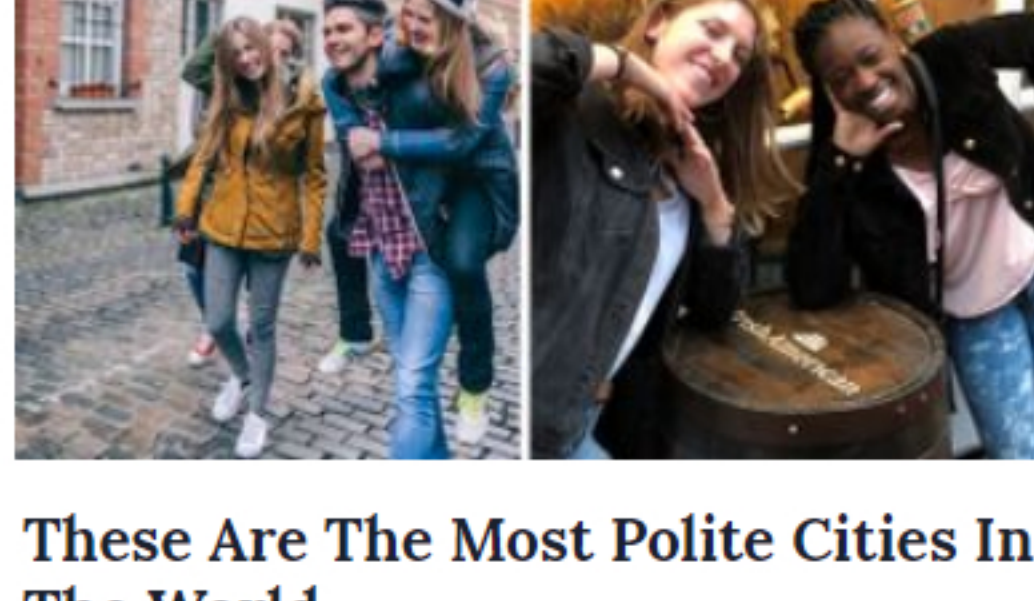
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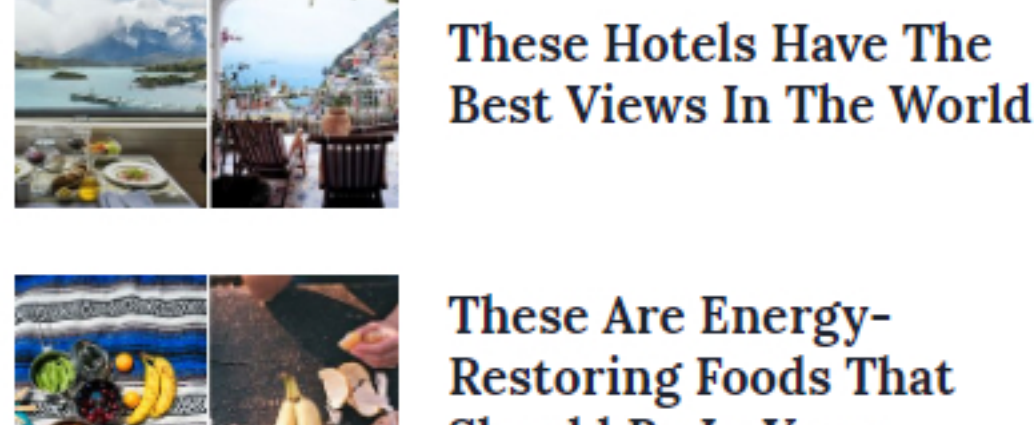


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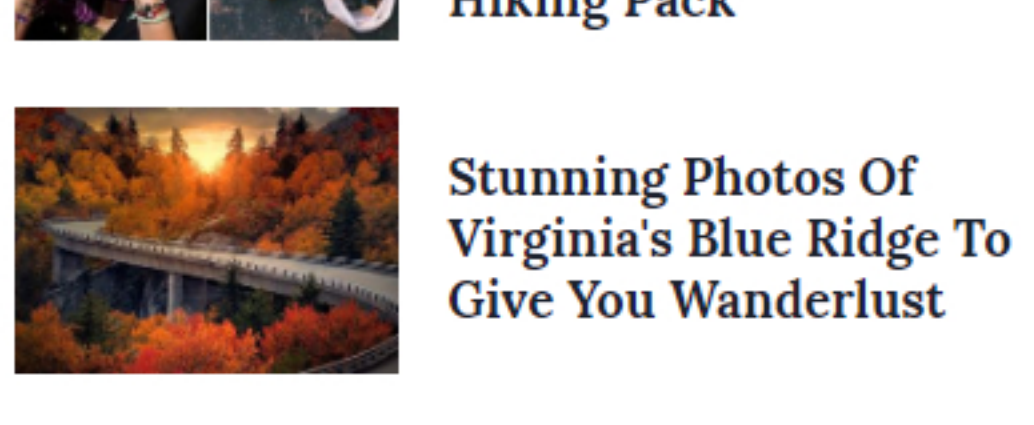


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