

Bucket List Travels recommends
3 Inkaterra properties in their new guide to Peru



Peru is a land of jaw-dropping desert, mountain and rainforest landscapes, dotted with some of the most spectacular archaeological sites in the Americas. The food is fabulous, the people friendly and travel is great value; though roads can be rough and distances long.

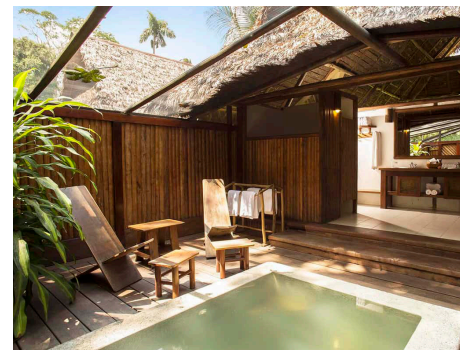
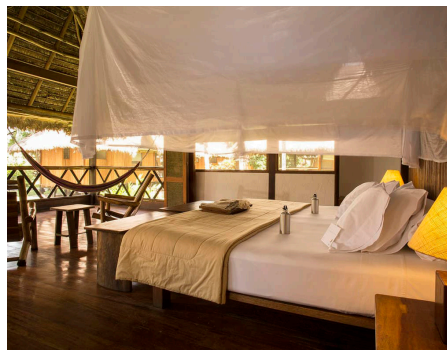
Visits inevitably pass through Peru's capital and international travel hub, Lima which has some fascinating Spanish colonial buildings and some of the best restaurants in Latin America.

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Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica



Puerto Maldonado, Madre de Dios, Peru



This upscale rainforest hotel with beautiful views out over the Madre de Dios river (a tributary of the Amazon proper) is only a 45-minute boat ride from the hub town of Puerto Maldonado.

Though set in its own recovered, secondary forest preserve, it's too close to human settlements to be pristine: there are jungle lodges in wilder Amazon settings – even nearby. But none are more comfortable than Inkaterra: huge, airy and secluded high thatch-roofed wooden cabanas/ bungalows, some with their own plunge pools, soft cotton sheets and hypoallergenic pillows. There's even a spa.

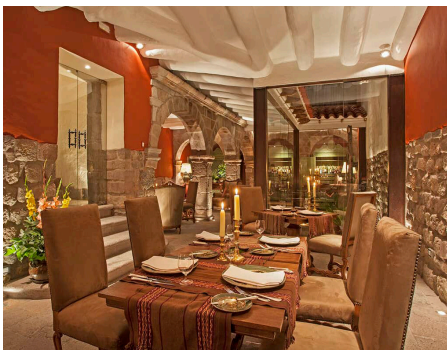
The hotel sits in its own 17,000 hectare protected area, with an extensive network of boardwalks and an impressive canopy walkway.

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Inkaterra La Casona



Cusco, Cusco Region, Peru



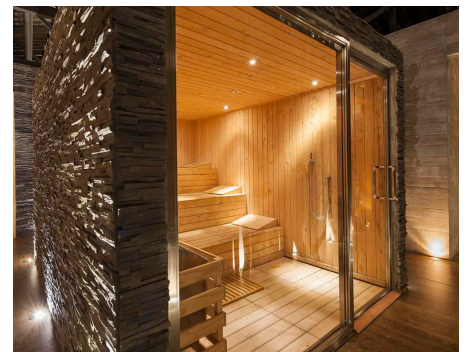
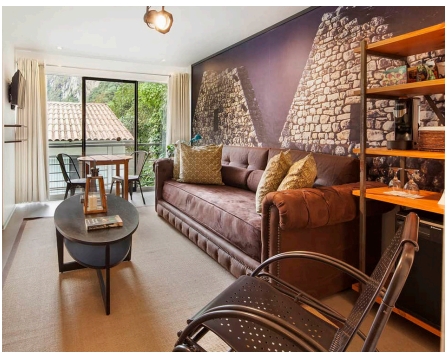
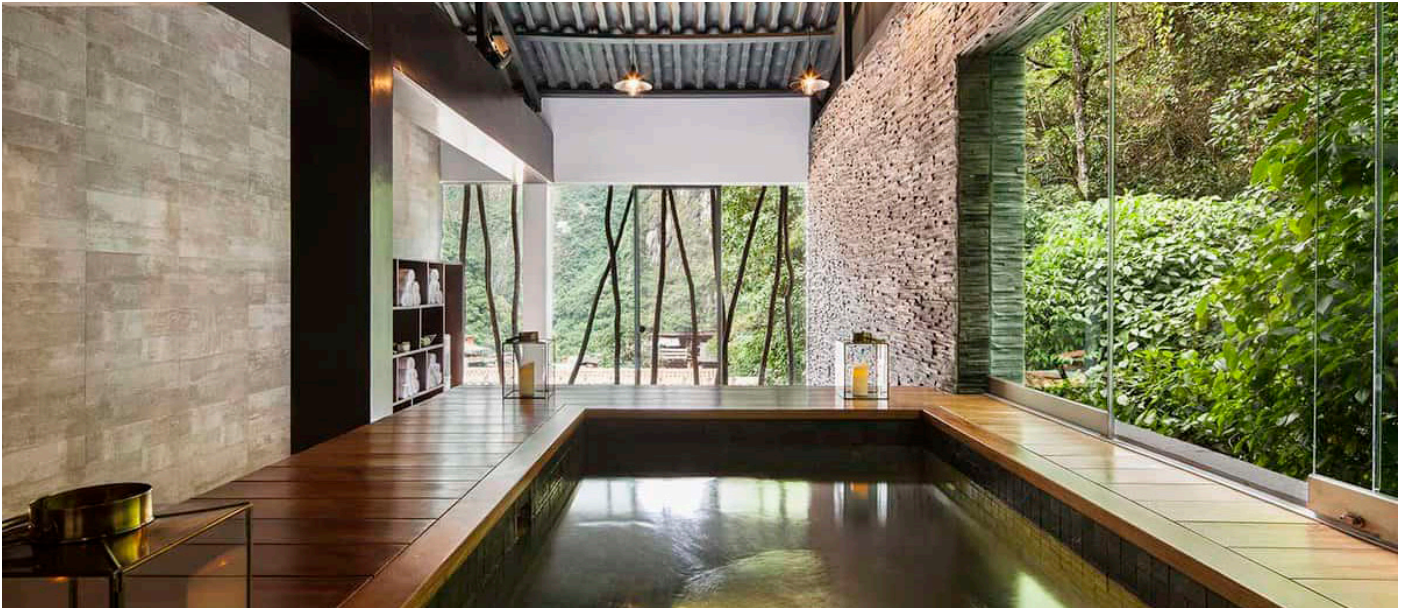
This 16th Century Spanish-colonial mansion overlooking a plaza in arty, boho San Blas, is so steeped in history you can imagine a conquistador stepping out of the front door, sword in hand.

The house was built over the training ground for Inca officers; Diego de Almagro (the conqueror of Chile) and Simón Bolívar – liberator of Spanish South America – are previous guests.

The original colonial brick masonry has been fully restored, baroque art adorns the walls, statues of saints sit on plinths next to modern sofas-to-sink-into in the lounge. The best rooms are the upper floor balcony suites overlooking the central atrium, with faux-antique furnishings and chunky wooden beds.

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Aguas Calientes, Cusco Region, Peru



Blending nature (the hotel sits at the base of a rainforest-covered cliff), with modern nurture, this is the Aguas Calientes hotel to base yourself at for that 5.30am bus – guaranteed to get you to Machu Picchu before the crowds. The departure point is minutes from the lobby. So are the town's best bars and restaurants.

Rooms are decorated in modish off-whites with wall-high glass overlooking the lush surrounds. Public areas covered with living walls of moss and ferns, screened from each other by faux-Inca wattle partitions. There's a beautiful spa with a heated indoor pool and valley views for tired post-Machu Picchu legs. The bar serves great cocktails.

El Mapi sits in the heart of Aguas Calientes. A clear-water mountain river rushes through the village a few metres from the lobby.

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