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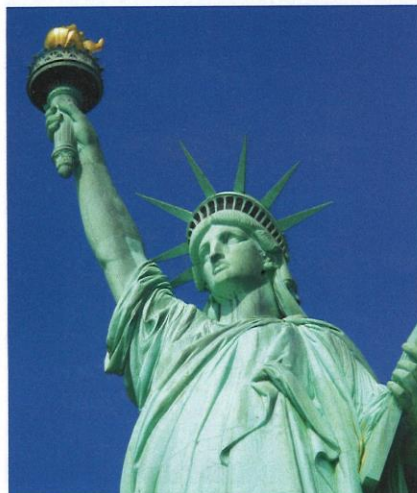
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MAIL CALL



The Statue of Liberty remains an iconic and inspirational symbol of "Liberty enlightening the world" for arriving immigrants and U.S. citizens alike, as it did for me upon immigration from the United Kingdom by steamship in 1961. The mere thought of the United States withdrawing from

UNESCO is so contradictory to what the statue stands for.

JAMES MACPHERSON FERGUSON, VIA EMAIL

AIR CANADA STRIKE: WHAT TO KNOW

In our Aug. 20 issue of eFlyer, we covered the Aug. 17 Air Canada strike in which 10,000 flight attendants for the airline forced the carrier to suspend operations. We asked: What are your thoughts on the Air Canada strike? Do you think all flight attendants should be compensated for boarding time? Reader Nila Reynolds wrote in again:

I can't believe how airlines can justify not paying flight personnel when they require them to be on board to prepare for and assist passengers when they board! Although I don't have any flights booked with Air Canada, I'm sure the strike will result in higher demand for other airlines to pick up the slack, but if that's what it takes to convince Air Canada to properly pay its staff, then so be it!

NILA REYNOLDS, VIA EMAIL

EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE

One long-time subscriber shared his recent observations on the ever-changing nature of air travel, as well as his appreciation of Global Traveler:

Living in Sydney, Australia, and as a long-term subscriber, I have enjoyed reading many of your 315 issues, which have the effect of making me feel connected to the wonders of our global reach.

Highlights for me have been the evolution of airline alliances and hotel loyalty programs. I am a member of the oneworld and IHG loyalty programs, which continue to recognize and adapt to changing business traveler needs.

Dramatically improved aircraft seating on fuel-efficient planes and valuable hotel loyalty benefits are among the reasons I feel the travel industry has come a long way in 21 years.

JOHN SCOTT MCLEOD, VIA EMAIL

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON GT BLOGS?

Updated daily, our blogs offer readers an inside look at the lives and travels of the GT staff. Last month we featured blogs on a multigen summer trip to Sunriver, Oregon; a sunset wedding in Jacksonville, Florida; nighttime festivities in Port Charlotte, Florida; and recollections of an adventure-filled trip to Peru. One staff member enjoyed a bachelorette vacation in North Jersey, while another shared her experiences on a recent trip to South Korea.

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AUG 24, 2025

Peru Adventure – Part Seven

Welcome to Part Seven, the last of my Peru blog series. If you've made it this far, thank you for tuning in! We saved the main attraction for last: Machu Picchu, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.



AUG 23, 2025

Multigeneration Sunriver Vacation

We had such a great multigenerational family vacation at Sunriver, Oregon, last summer that we decided to book another stay there this year. Once again we found a large vacation home to rent that would ...



AUG 19, 2025

A Sunset Wedding on the River, Maid of Honor Duties and More

In late June, my best friend of about 20 years got married, and I was the maid of honor. This was my second-ever wedding I'd been to and my first time in a bridal party. I didn't realize how much time was spent ...



AUG 16, 2025

Charlotte County Favorites!

As a local in the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda areas of Florida, here are a few of my favorite restaurants. Each offers unique vibes and distinct atmospheres. Check them out if you are nearby:

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INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA

Reviewed by Mary Melnick

ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN: After an early-morning flight and a long drive to the town of Urubamba, we finally arrived at Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba. Even though it was dark outside, I could tell the hotel entrance and surrounding scenery were breathtaking. The friendly staff greeted us with a welcome cocktail and guided us to the lobby to meet our guide for the trip and hear more about the hotel. After a brief introduction, we then took a golf cart ride up to our casitas to settle in and get ready for dinner.

GUEST QUARTERS: My room was separate from the main building and was a stand-alone casita. We had the choice to walk to our casitas or take a golf cart; since it was dark out and we didn't know the lay of the land yet, we opted for the golf cart. As I entered my accommodation, I was in awe — the space was huge!

To my left, a seating area held a couch, two arm chairs, a coffee table and a little dining area. To the right was a TV and a working fireplace which I could request to be turned on at any time throughout my stay. Continuing through the casita, I came upon a king-sized bed with fluffy pillows and nightstands on both sides.

Across from the bed, floor-to-ceiling doors led out to a patio with a sitting area perfect for soaking up the sweeping 360-degree mountain views. In the back of the room sat a giant bathroom with a separate area for the toilet, a separate shower area and a double sink vanity. The bathroom also included a little closet area which proved the perfect place to keep my suitcase tucked away and out of sight.

SERVICES/AMENITIES: Staff welcomes all arriving guests with a traditional *chicha* drink to enjoy in the lobby. During that time guests also receive a voucher for a complimentary pisco sour to be used at any time during their stay.

Each stay includes a daily buffet breakfast, express check-out, daily tea time, a welcome gift, around-the-clock reception service and in-house excursions. Additional excursions can be tacked on for an extra cost.



In-house excursions include Chicha de Jora, where guests learn the preparation and steps to make the traditional, ancestral drink; Twilight Mountain, a sunset trail walk up the mountain on the property to get the best views of the setting sun and learn about the importance of astronomy in the Andean world; Birds of Urubamba, a guided walk around the property to find the indigenous birds of the area; and Challa Huasi Trail, a walk along the trails of the Huasi Challa hill to get the best views of the local valleys.

TOP TAKEAWAYS:

Take advantage of the complimentary excursions to get the most out of your trip; you will learn about the local flora and fauna, cultural traditions, and an insight into the life of the Incas.

Stay in one of the casitas for 360-degree views of the surrounding mountains at any time of the day. Although the views from any part of the property are great, the ones from the casitas are unlike anything I've ever seen before.

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