



Cedar Sanctuary Jeremy Koreski

Wickaninnish Inn – Tofino, Canada

From November to March, ferocious storms roll through Vancouver Island's rugged west coast, bringing with them gale-force winds that whip up the waters. The small town of Tofino used to hunker down during those blustery, rainy months, until the Wickaninnish Inn pioneered storm-watching season. Built on a rocky headland surrounded by old-growth rainforest at the north end of Chesterman Beach, the inn has a front-row seat to Mother Nature's dramatic performances. Expansive hurricane-proof windows are key features in all 75 rooms, and the Pointe Restaurant is wrapped in floor-to-ceiling windows that frame the Pacific. The concierge team can arrange anything from bear-watching excursions to hikes in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. In winter, intrepid guests don wellies and raincoats and head to the beach to feel the spray of the

tempestuous sea, then return to mugs of cocoa and the warmth of the inn's roaring fire. *From £410. Jen Murphy*

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Inkaterra La Casona

Inkaterra La Casona – Cusco, Peru

The building that houses Inkaterra La Casona charts the history of Cusco: atop former training grounds for Incan nobility, it was occupied by Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century, then by Simón Bolívar, who led the liberation of Peru from Spanish rule in the 19th century. And yet, when you step into the courtyard, where original stone archways and wooden balconies have been beautifully restored during a five-year process, you'll find one of the city's finest stays – with just 11 guest rooms that promise timeless luxuries of velvet

armchairs, working fireplaces, and freestanding bathtubs adorned with bushels of fresh eucalyptus leaves. *From £334. Megan Spurrell*

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