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Inkaterra La Casona Named Best Luxury Hotel in Latin America 2026 | Travel News

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Inkaterra La Casona has begun the year with a major international distinction, topping Condé Nast Traveller's Gold List 2026 in the category of Best Hotels and Resorts in Mexico, Central America, and South America. The annual list, curated by the magazine's editorial team, highlights properties recognized for design, service, authenticity, and a strong sense of place.

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For Inkaterra founder and president José Koechlin von Stein, the recognition marks both a milestone and a tribute. He described the honor as a celebration of Inkaterra's five decades as a pioneer of ecotourism and regenerative hospitality in [Peru](#), and as a dedication to Denise Koechlin, whose vision shaped Inkaterra La Casona as a lasting expression of respect for history and cultural heritage.

The property has received sustained international attention over the years. In January 2011, Condé Nast Traveller awarded Inkaterra La Casona its Editor's Pick Blue Ribbon on the Gold List in the Ambience and Design category. In 2018, Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards named it the Best City Hotel in Central and South America and ranked it fourth among the Best Hotels in the World.

According to Condé Nast Traveller's global editors, the building itself reflects centuries of Cusco's history. It stands on land once used for the education of Inca nobility, later occupied by Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century, and subsequently by Simón Bolívar during Peru's struggle for independence in the 19th century.

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Inkaterra La Casita also holds two Michelin Keys, part of a total of five Michelin Keys awarded to Inkaterra properties across Peru. The Michelin Guide distinction recognizes hotels for hospitality, authenticity, and sustainability. Koechlin noted that the recognition reinforces the idea that hospitality can serve as a form of conservation.

- Ranked first on Condé Nast Traveller's Gold List 2026 for the region
- Editor's Pick Blue Ribbon recipient in 2011
- Named Best City Hotel in Central and South America by Travel + Leisure in 2018
- Awarded two Michelin Keys



Recognized by the United Nations as the world's first Climate Positive hotel brand, Inkaterra operates in some of Peru's most

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