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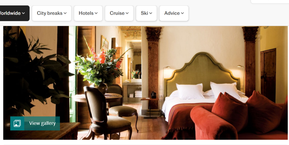

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" Inkaterra La Casona, set in a beautifully preserved 16th-century manor in the San Blas district, is an intimate retreat steeped in history. This grand stay, once home to conquistadors and revolutionaries, places guests within easy walking distance of some of Cusco's most captivating sights. "

Telegraph Review

Marina Cawley
Travel writer
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10/10 Location

This grand old manor house sits next to the Museo de Arte Precolombin, on the edge of a quiet plaza in Cuscos San Blas neighbourhood – home to a collection of luxury hotels, some lovely boutiques, and some fantastic cafés and restaurants. Most of the city's main sights are downhill from here: the spectacular cathedral and the Plaza de Armas are a five-minute walk away, and the Inka Museum (I recommend giving yourself at least an hour here) is even closer. It takes less than half an hour to reach the airport, too.

10/10 Style and Character

This 11 room boutique hotel (part of the Relais & Châteaux collection) is set in a beautiful 16th-century manor house and feels more like a carefully considered home than a hotel. Its front door is kept permanently closed for privacy, and upon entry you're welcomed into the mansion and invited into an opulent lounge area decorated with plush couches, historic fabrics, antique art and collections of coffee-table books that capture the spirit of Cusco and ancient Peru. I could have spent hours on a couch here, enjoying herbal tea (complimentary tea and cakes are served in the late afternoon) and browsing through all the books. I also really enjoyed the sense of history here – in 1534 the manor was home to Spanish conquistador Diego de Almagro, and "El Libertador" Simón Bolívar stayed here back in 1825.

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8/10 Service and Facilities

Service is discreet at Inkaterra La Casona, and there is more to a stay here than meets the eye. Staff can assist with setting up excursions and experiences, including a coca leaves reading, an ancestral "Pay The Earth" ceremony, and sunset cocktails at a private spot that offers up impressive cathedral views. There is a small therapy room where a range of massages are offered, as well as reflexology and oxygen treatments to help the body adjust to the altitude. The hotel also has a small gift shop, and there's a selection of board games and movies available.

- Laundry
- Room service
- Wi-Fi
- Restaurant
- Spa

9/10 Rooms

The hotel's 11 large suites surround the central patio. You enter through elaborately carved wooden doors, and step into a space that is filled with a sense of history, place and peace. The white walls and ceiling (with old roof beams exposed) are the canvas for antique art, coffee table books and handcrafted fabrics. While away some time in the comfy arm chairs (I would have loved to be there in the winter months, to cosy up next to the fireplace) or the free-standing bath. The marble bathroom also has a rain shower, heated towel rails and twin sinks.

The rooms here have a real sense of history, place and peace

7/10 Food and Drink

Since Inkaterra La Casona is a private manor, the restaurant is open to hotel guests only. Breakfast features a small buffet with cereals, fruit, cheeses and bread, and there is a menu that includes various egg dishes as well as Peruvian specialities like corn tamale and *papa rellena* (stuffed potato). I had expected that, at a hotel in this price bracket, there would have been a better selection of cheese, cold cuts, pastries and yoghurt on the buffet.

The lunch and dinner menu covers Peruvian favourites made from local ingredients, including *trucha ahumada* (smoked trout served with avocado, Andean bread and lime-scented cream) and *cuy confitado* (roasted guinea pig with yellow potato *purée* and pepper sauce).

8/10 Value for Money

Double rooms from $484 (£367), year-round. Breakfast included.

Access for guests with disabilities?

Not suitable.

Family-Friendly?

The hotel is well suited to couples, but it is family-friendly. A nanny service is available for an additional fee.

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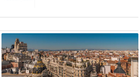

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