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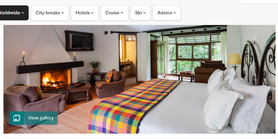
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Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Machu Picchu, Peru

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9/10 Telegraph expert rating

"A rare pocket of calm on the doorstep of one of Peru's busiest destinations, the rustic-chic Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo is set on a peaceful hillside reserve. It offers cloud-forest tranquillity, charming casitas and thoughtful Andean touches."

Telegraph Review

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9/10 Location

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo is set on a private hillside reserve at the southern edge of Machu Picchu Pueblo (formerly Aguas Calientes), and feels a world away from the tourist bustle that the town is known for. The town itself – a tight tangle of souvenir shops, restaurants and small hotels – is fun to explore, but stepping back into Inkaterra's cloud-forest sanctuary made me realise just how rare its tranquillity is here. Access to Machu Picchu Pueblo is only by rail, and the railway line is just below the hotel, so you will hear the occasional train. The station is a very short walk away, and the bus stop for transport up to the Machu Picchu citadel is also reachable on foot in just five minutes.

10/10 Style and Character

Whitewashed adobe casitas with rustic dark wood elements are tucked into the property's cloud-forest garden, and despite being on the edge of town, this is very much a secluded nature lodge. Large picture windows showcase the natural environment, while elegant décor features handcrafted textiles, creating a rustic yet chic vibe and a strong sense of place. The casitas are set on different levels around the hillside and are connected by stone footpaths.

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9/10 Service and Facilities

The hotel has something quite unique in this mountain-encircled town: space. Its large cloud-forest garden is central to the complimentary activities that are offered throughout the day – from 6.30am there are guided bird walks (111 species have been recorded here), there's also a tour of the orchid garden, and then nature walks that combine birding, natural history and plant identification. Activities are arranged at the Eco Centre, which has a good reference library. The hotel has a swimming pool, a spa with a sauna, a cosy bar and two restaurants. There's also a gift shop and a large lounge area, which guests are welcome to use post-check out, while they're waiting for their train. I found service to be a little on the relaxed side at times, but staff are friendly and the nature guides very knowledgeable.

- Bar
- Laundry
- Restaurant
- Wi-Fi
- Kids' club
- Pool
- Room service

9/10 Rooms

The rooms at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel feel like Andean hideaways: spacious, snug and quietly elegant. Each one is laid out a little differently, but they all share the same palette with white walls and curtains, terracotta-tiled floors that add a sense of earthiness, and a warm spill of light from skylights. Plus there are armchairs that practically pull you into them, and the handmade wooden furniture and textiles add a distinctly Andean charm. Some of the rooms have fireplaces, and most have large windows that overlook the garden.

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One rainy afternoon, I watched hummingbirds for a while, then shifted my armchair over to the fireplace and spent a very happy hour catching up on some reading. Across all suites, the generous marble bathrooms have rain showers and heated towel rails, and the custom-made amenities (including shampoo and natural insect repellent) are supplied in very small glass bottles. There are no tea- or coffee-making facilities, but room service is available around the clock to bring a hot drink to your door, and at 5.30am that feels more indulgent than simply putting the kettle on.

8/10 Food and Drink

The hotel's main restaurant is surrounded by large windows that overlook the cloud forest and the Urubamba River. It's here that breakfast is served: the buffet, which includes smoked trout (absolutely delicious – I went back for thirds) and a range of cereals, baked goods and fruit, is supplemented by a menu that covers a variety of eggs as well as French toast and quinoa pancakes. The lunch and dinner menu features Peruvian and Andean dishes including pumpkin stew with Andean cheese, grilled trout served with asparagus, avocado and corn, and truly delicious beef tenderloin with fettuccini, Peruvian yellow chilli pepper and cheese sauce. The atmospheric and very popular Café Inkaterra, which is open to the public, is wedged between the train tracks, and is open for both lunch and dinner.

9/10 Value for Money

Double rooms from $570 (£426), year-round. Breakfast (and one dinner) included.

Access for guests with disabilities?

Not suitable.

Family-Friendly?

Babysitting services are available, and children under 12 may stay at no additional cost if they share a bed with their parents.

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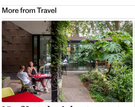
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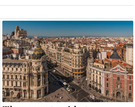
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