



Peru

Experience the Legend

This special supplement on Peru is a tempting preview of our new 2012 South America brochure, which will be launched in the next few weeks. Cusco and Machu Picchu are justly renowned, but there is much more to Peru than these two legendary Inca sites. New this year is our 'Kingdom of the Clouds' tour which visits the fabulous pre-Inca ruins of Northern Peru, an area yet to be discovered by main stream tourism. It has a wealth of history and impressive temples and palaces, making it well worth a visit, and can also easily be combined with a trip to Peru's famous Inca Trail and Machu Picchu in the south. See our special feature for further details.

The Peruvian Amazon is also high on our list of recommended places to visit this year. Rich and alive this pocket of protected rainforest is a haven for colourful and exotic wildlife. It can be explored by luxurious riverboat such as the *Delfin II*, allowing a leisurely but exciting exploration of the Amazon River and Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. For land based adventures stay at one of the many eco-lodges such as *Manu Wildlife Centre* or *Sandoval Lake Lodge* which are both located deep in the heart of the Amazon.

Our experienced South America consultants have all travelled extensively throughout Peru and will happily discuss any of these inspiring journeys with you. Contact them on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.




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Northern Kingdoms of Peru

More to Peru than just Machu Picchu



Perú's living history is often epitomised by Machu Picchu, the large ancient Inca citadel. But many cultures, including the Chachapoya, Moche, Lambayeque and Chimú inhabited Peru long before the Incas. Peru's north is dotted with the ruined temples, palaces and cities of these ancient kingdoms. Many are well preserved and some even rival Machu Picchu in terms of size, history and archaeological interest.

Kuelap is the ancient citadel of the Chachapoya, known as the Cloud Forest People. Stretching along a ridge top the fortress is accessed by a single narrow corridor and inside there are more than 400 structures. The museum at Leimebamba houses some of the 217 Inca and Chachapoya mummies that were recovered from nearby Laguna de los Condores.

This relatively unknown region of Peru has enjoyed anonymity from main stream tourism, as accessibility in the past has been difficult. Northern Peru is now slowly opening up to the world with better infrastructure, the development of a new airport at Chachapoya, (soon to be operational) and a fully paved road from Chachapoya to Chiclayo.

Our 7 day, 6 night *Kingdom of the Clouds* takes in some of the North's most precious hidden gems. Departing from Chiclayo prices start from \$2392 per person twin share (01 May-31 Oct). For more details please contact us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.

"The quaint town of Chachapoyas and the nearby ruins of Kuelap are one of my highlights of Peru. In Leimebamba you feel as if you have stepped back in time, and the fascinating Mummy Museum really is something else. Following the long, yet breathtaking drive to Cajamarca, you are rewarded by perhaps my favourite Peruvian city. You can relax in the nearby thermal pools or wander the streets sampling the sweet local speciality Manjar Blanco."

James Graham - Senior Consultant NFS

Footsteps of the Inca's



A visit to Peru would not be complete without taking the time to explore the many historic remnants of the ancient Inca Empire. The most recognised of these are located along the cobbled streets of Cusco and through the verdant Sacred Valley to the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, Peru's famous 'lost city'.

The perfect way to acclimatise to the high altitude is to explore Peru's Valle Sagrado, the Sacred Valley, which runs from the village of Pisac, with its famous market and ancient ruins, to Ollantaytambo, site of a large Inca fortress. Three hundred metres above the valley sits Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire. The continent's longest inhabited city, Cusco's cobblestone streets offer a treasure trove of magnificent buildings from the Pre-Inca, Inca, Colonial and Republican eras. The magical 'Lost City of the Incas' or Machu Picchu is located on a mountain top, 2,430m above sea level and is reached from Cusco by train and bus. Or you could also choose to conquer one of the renowned trekking trails, such as the famous Inca Trail which leads to the ancient citadel.

Discover even more of Peru's spectacular history with a visit to Peru's pre-Inca ruins in the Northern Kingdoms - see adjacent left-hand page. For more information please contact us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.



Perfect Peruvian Hospitality

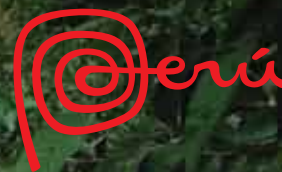
With Inkaterra Hotels & Lodges

In stunning locations across Peru, eco pioneers Inkaterra promote sustainable tourism at their three boutique properties, preserving the surrounding environment and the native culture while offering an authentic experience for all those who visit.

Reserva Amazonica is nestled on the banks of the Madre de Dios River in the Amazon Rainforest. With an emphasis on outdoor adventure, they offer a range of activities to suit all levels of fitness. Accommodation is in 35 private cabanas or for those looking for a special experience you can spend a night in their canopy tree house, 27 metres above the ground.

Below the ancient Inca citadel, Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel offers luxury accommodation scattered through lush gardens. There are over 14 excursions to choose from including walks to sacred sites, and exploring the cloud forest.

A member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux group, La Casona in Cusco is Inkaterra's crowning glory and oozes an air of exclusivity. Eleven individually designed suites surround a central courtyard and feature Spanish influenced décor and modern amenities.



Machu Picchu Pueblo



La Casona Cusco



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Delfin Delights

Cruises on the Amazon

Discover the hidden world of Pacaya Samiria National Reserve in the Peruvian Amazon with a leisurely cruise onboard the Delfin I or the Delfin II. These two boutique vessels accommodate just 12 or 28 passengers respectively, and offer an intimate Amazon experience, pairing a range of active excursions with understated but luxurious on board accommodation.

Led by Delfin's expert guides, you will encounter some of the Amazon's mysterious inhabitants. Hike through lush rainforest where the canopy is alive with colourful birds and butterflies as well as troops of noisy monkey; fish from skiffs for hungry piranhas; visit local communities to learn about their extraordinary culture; or take the once-in-a-life time opportunity to swim with rare Pink River Dolphins. You can also explore the Amazon's many small creeks and lagoons by river kayak. Paddling or fishing, where none may have paddled before!

On board each Delfin cruise you will enjoy the services of a masseur/wellness specialist, and savour fine Peruvian cuisine, prepared fresh each day by the onboard chef. Each private cabin is fitted with a king sized bed and ensuite bathroom. Departing from Iquitos, a 3 night cruise onboard the Delfin II starts from \$2681 per person twin share (01 Jan-31 Dec). Surcharges apply for the recently refurbished Delfin I - Prices on application. For more details call us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.



Into the Jungle

Teeming with life, the Amazon rainforest is a haven for rare and unusual birds and animals including capybara, giant otters, caiman, Squirrel monkeys, Red Howlers, the tiny pygmy marmoset, millions of butterflies, anteaters, tapir and three-toed sloths. Discover this colourful world with a stay at one of our remote eco-lodges.

Manu Wildlife Centre is perhaps one of Peru's most famous rainforest lodges. It has access to the world's largest known Tapir Clay Lick, a renowned parrot and macaw clay lick and oxbow lakes that are frequented by giant river otters. Accommodation is in traditional style bungalows, with thatched roofs and private facilities. Located within the Cultural Zone of Manu National Park the lodge is accessed by a combination of car (4 hrs) and boat (3 hrs) transfers from Puerto Maldonado. Open from May to October, a 3 night stay, including transfers, meals and activities starts from \$1144 per person twin share.

In the nearby Tambopata National Reserve, *Sandoval Lake Lodge* is reached by a short (35 min) motorised canoe ride from Puerto Maldonado. The lodge overlooks the beautiful palm-rimmed, wildlife-rich Sandoval Lake and offers 25 ensuite rooms. Naturalist guides accompany small groups on forest treks, lake excursions and night walks. Open year round, a 3 night stay including transfers, meals and activities starts from \$493 per person twin share (01 Jan-31 Dec). For more information please contact us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.




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