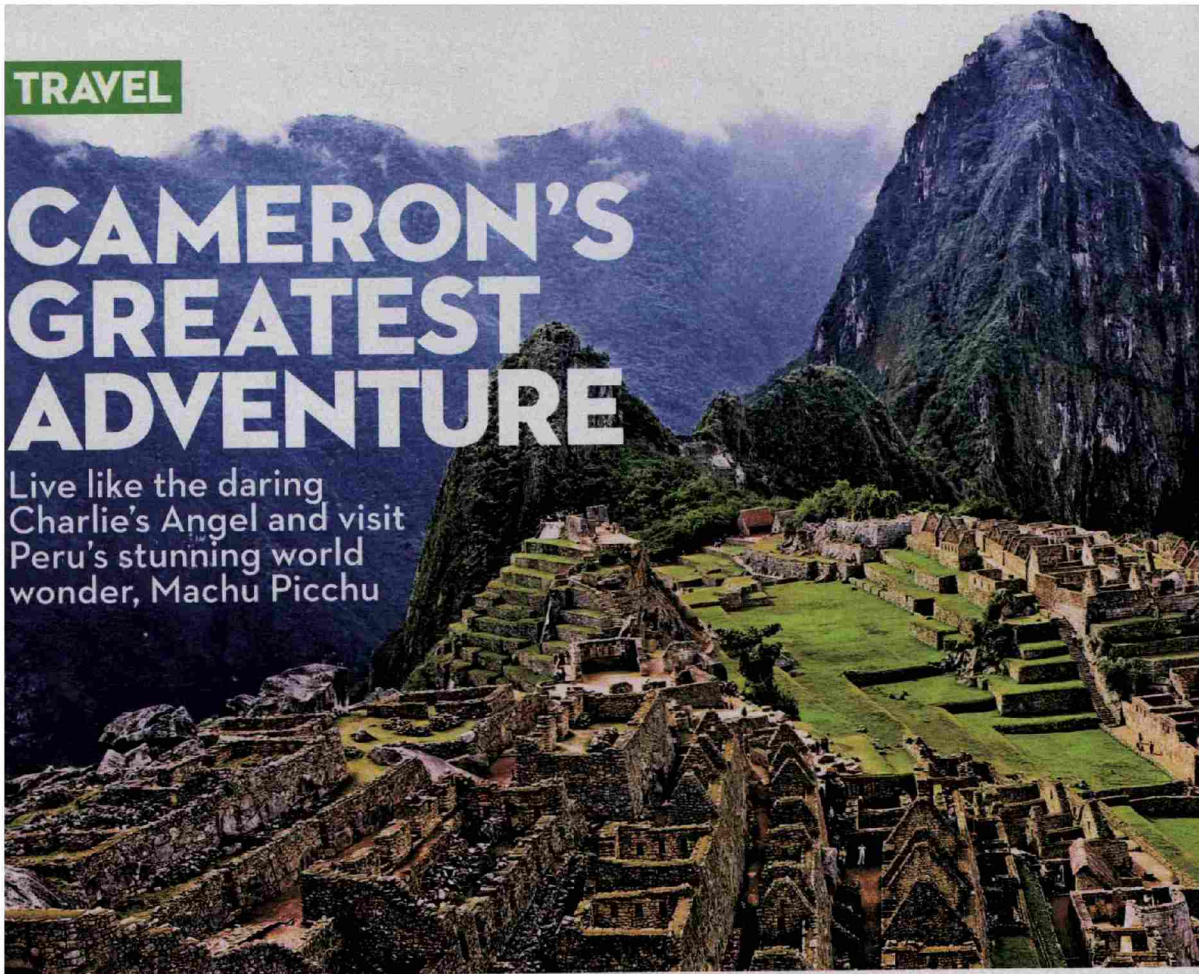


TRAVEL

CAMERON'S GREATEST ADVENTURE

Live like the daring
Charlie's Angel and visit
Peru's stunning world
wonder, Machu Picchu



WHY SHOULD I GO?

There is nowhere else like this South American country, and the environment shakes you from your roots the minute you land. Young men whiz by on motorbikes as excitable packs of dogs follow behind; women march with donkeys to cornfields in the distance.

Aside from experiencing the local culture, many travelers — including A-listers like **Cameron Diaz**, **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Molly Sims** — come to Peru to hike Machu Picchu, the famed ancient Incan city in the clouds.

But Machu Picchu isn't the only breathtaking sight. Spanning the north part of the country, the Amazon River is a wonder, equally magical and full of the most glorious wildlife on earth. So there you have it: From the rivers to the clouds, the colors and mind-blowing sights of Peru are worth the long flight and expense.

WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

The intimate, 85-room Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel is the area's top property, bringing understated luxury to an unbelievably rustic and natural setting. From the minute you pull into the sleepy village train station in Aguas Calientes, before being led across the wooden bridge and up a cobblestoned stairway to the lobby, you have escaped into a retreat of fairy-tale beauty. Guests follow stone pathways to their rooms, where they find candlelit bathrooms, outdoor patios, Andean rugs and timbered ceilings. Afternoon tea is served with old-school grace and charm (you must try the home-baked cookies) and picnic lunches are available on request for travelers embarking on an early rise up the foot of the mountain. Avid hikers can walk to Machu Picchu, but otherwise, buses are available to take you to the citadel.

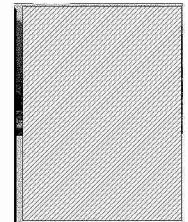
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

After visiting Machu Picchu, go off the tourist track to Iquitos (an hour-and-forty-minute flight from Lima). From there you can pick up **Aqua Expeditions'** M/V Aqua, a luxurious small cruiser that takes novices through the most stunning parts of the mighty Amazon. On board, life is beautiful, with large cabins complete with en suite bathrooms and amazingly comfy beds, plus a sundeck spacious enough to practice yoga.

Step off board into the wooden canoes, however, and life becomes much more adventurous. You'll be followed by pink dolphins (only seen in the Amazon), and will spot howler monkeys and parrots overhead, flying in romantic pairs. The scenery in the Pacaya Samiria Reserve is stunning, and the guides inform visitors of the importance of protecting this remarkable part of the world.

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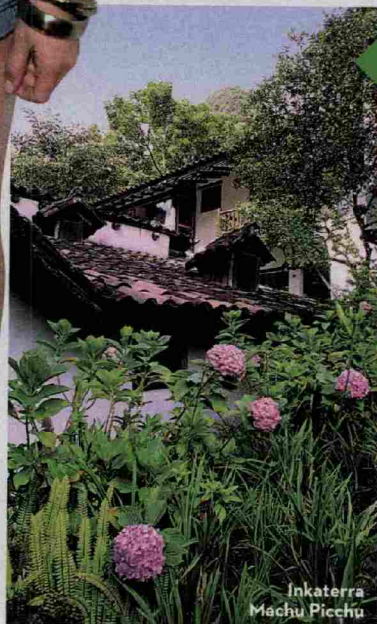


Main image: Machu Picchu. Cameron Diaz has visited the ancient Incan citadel, discovered in 1911.



OK!'S TOP PICK

The UNU Spa at Inkaterra Machu Picchu is the perfect place to unwind after a long day of hiking. All products are derived from local botanical extracts. At the Andean Sauna, guests can breathe in the fresh – and reviving – scent of eucalyptus.



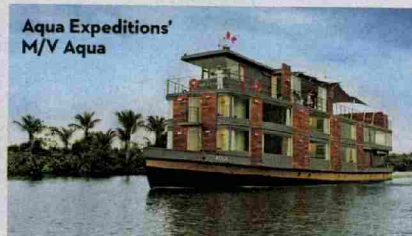
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- > Inkaterra Machu Picchu; inkaterra.com, 800-442-5042
- > Aqua Expeditions; aquaexpeditions.com, 866-603-3687
- > LAN Airlines; lan.com, 866-I-FLY-LAN

HOW DO I GET THERE?

LAN Airlines offers nonstop service to Lima from New York (JFK), Miami and L.A. Many travelers then go to Cusco (about a three-hour flight), and take a train to Machu Picchu. Aqua Expeditions offers three-, four-, or seven-night journeys on the M/V Aqua. Travelers have the option of a pre- and post-cruise add-on trip to Machu Picchu.



Aqua Expeditions' M/V Aqua