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ADVENTURES
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ELITE EXTREME

TODAY MORE THAN EVER, TRAVEL SHOULD BE MEMORABLE, PERSONAL AND MEANINGFUL, AN UNDERTAKING THAT SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON LIFE. AN EXTREME ADVENTURE IS GUARANTEED TO DELIVER. WHY NOT TEST YOUR LIMITS BY FREE-FALLING TO THE EARTH PAST MOUNT EVEREST AT 200 MILES PER HOUR, JETTISONING INTO SPACE AT 50,000 FEET PER MINUTE, OR STARING DOWN A CHEST-THUMPING GORILLA OR JAW-SNAPPING GREAT WHITE SHARK? TODAY, ADVENTURE TRIPS OFFER THE ULTIMATE ADRENALINE RUSH, PLUS THE APPEAL OF EXCLUSIVITY AND LUXURY.

BY SCOTT GOETZ



EXTREME SCENE

Glide up the misty headwaters of the Amazon aboard the luxury eco-vessel **MV Aqua**. Book a master suite on the second deck for best viewing (about \$2,250 per person for three nights). This first luxury cruiser to explore the birthplace of the world's mightiest river allows guests to spend days adventuring in skiffs up seldom-seen tributaries. In the **Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**, search trees for sloths, toucans, tree boas and monkeys, then trek through the jungle to local villages and learn to hunt with a blowgun. Collect and eat giant snails with the locals, then meet with a shaman for a blessing before you swim with the rare pink dolphins. From there, join **Blue Parallel's** reps in **Cusco** for a **Machu Picchu** visit and mountain biking from the Andes to the Maras salt pools and Moray Inca ruins. Book a suite at the soon-to-be re-branded **Luxury Collection Palacio del Inka Cusco** for \$750 a night. Next it's off to **Colca Canyon** for a three-day trek accompanied by condors into the deepest valley in the Southern Hemisphere. Later, check into **Orient Express' Las Casitas del Colca's Presidential Casita** (\$882 per person, per night) to explore the region's Spanish Colonial heritage.

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RUSH RATING

Very high. Jumping into a lake to swim with dolphins while avoiding the piranhas makes for a great campfire story.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Strong lungs, a strong stomach and swimming skills

DEPARTURE DATES

Best times are June through September for low water levels and more trekking.

PRICE

About \$1,000 per person, per day

GETTING THERE

LAN flies nonstop from Miami, Los Angeles and New York to Lima and offers a luxurious commercial airline alternative to a long private jet trip.

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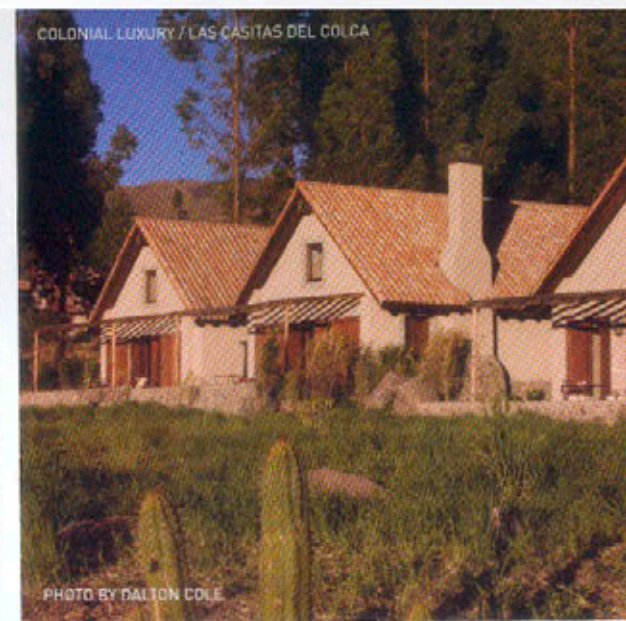


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