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Inkaterra La Casona, Cusco, Peru

The massive wooden door of 11-suite Inkaterra La Casona is always kept shut, as a nod to the luxury hotel's history as a private manor. But with the softest knock, the door swings open, transporting modern-day guests back to the 15th century. Those were the days when the grand courtyard-centered hotel, with its elegant antique furnishings, wood-burning fireplaces and wide stone walkways, was home to conquistadors don Diego de Almagro (the European discoverer of Peru) and don Juan Alvarez de Maldonado (conqueror of the Amazon). "El Libertador" Simon Bolivar (Bolivia's namesake) moved in in 1825, after his final victory in the Peruvian War of Independence. Digging back further, the property was once occupied by an even more ancient group of brave men: the Warakos Academy, a training school for elite Incan warriors, which also stood here approximately 600 years ago. *Rooms, from \$380; [inkaterra.com](http://www.inkaterra.com).*

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