

# Top 6 Vacation Spots With Hands-On Animal Conservation Programs

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The Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel has a wildlife rescue center for endangered Andean bears.

## Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Peru

**The Animals:** Spectacled or Andean bears

**The Place:** Located in the Cusco region of Peru, the [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#) is composed of private casitas set on 12 acres of rolling hills, with views of the Vilcanota River.

**The Program:** Inkaterra just won the 2012 prize for conservation at this year's Tourism for Tomorrow Awards, which makes sense considering it's been all about sustainability for the past 37 years. Since 1975, the hotel group

has worked with notable organizations like the University of Leeds to nurture and preserve orchids, hummingbirds, butterflies and the cloud forest.

In Machu Picchu, their Wildlife Rescue Center focuses on spectacled or Andean bears, which are in danger of extinction. Currently, there are three bears on location, including an 11-month-old cub who was rescued from poachers. Guests can visit and learn about the bears at the rehab center.