

DUTCH ROYAL FAMILY STAYED AT INKATERRA LA CASONA – CUSCO



King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, his wife Máxima, his mother Prince Beatrix, accompanied by the Dutch Royal Family in full, booked the 11 suites of Inkaterra La Casona during their trip to Cusco.

During their three-day visit at the Imperial City, the Royal Family was able to visit the Main Square and Awanacancha town, where they acquired many alpaca wool accessories. They also travelled to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo and the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu.

It was the second time that Prince Beatrix visited Peru. About 30 years ago, during an official visit, she arrived to Arequipa – she has fond memories of this destination – and Cusco, which she found very well conserved. Queen Máxima was also delighted with her experience in Cusco and she promised to be back with her mother.

All members of the Royal Family are kind and generous, and in every moment they were very grateful with the hotel's personnel. They were fascinated by history surrounding Inkaterra La Casona, awarded boutique hotel and first Relais & Châteaux property in Peru. Cultural patrimony of Cusco, this 16th Century manor house had among tenants Spanish Conquistador Diego de Almagro and Libertador Simón Bolívar after his victory in the Battle of Ayacucho; recent guests are Antonio Banderas, Bono and Mick Jagger. It has been meticulously restored by Inkaterra, with special emphasis on its original design to reveal the encounter of cultures and traditions in Peru throughout four centuries.

Charmed with the gastronomic offer at Inkaterra La Casona, the Kings decided to have all meals in the hotel. At lunchtime they had vegetarian risotto, avocado with shrimps, quinoa tabbouleh, stuffed rocoto pepper and trout tempura; for dinner, chicken consommé, spinach cream soup, rolled chicken and vermicelli. The Family also made a toast with pisco sour, Peru's traditional drink.

Before checking out, the King asked for a photo with the Inkaterra staff. At the cooks' arrival, the Royal Family granted them a big applause. When saying goodbye, the children shook hands with each member of the personnel. It was a charming moment that demonstrates why the Oranje-Nassaus are one of the world's most beloved monarchies.