

Rewarding & Unique Travel Adventures in South America

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Hi All

Time has flown this year and I really can't believe Christmas is around the corner.

As some of you might be aware I will be doing the Lares Program in December so really looking forward to check out the new lodges and experience this new program of Mountain Lodges of Peru. In this edition you will find the latest pictures of the lodges and also the latest news about changing the name to make it clearer for passengers.

The other big news is from Hotel Las Torres that just launched the OW Challenge. To find out more about this trail running adventure around Torres del Paine National Park please read the article below.

And last, just a reminder that I will be in Peru in December doing a couple of FAM trips but I will still be available online during this time. I am back in Sydney the 2nd week of January and planning a week visit to Melbourne on the 1st week of February.

Have a lovely Christmas with your families. May 2015 bring a lot of peace to this world. Bec



HOTEL LAS TORRES

NEW "OW" Challenge—Trail Running

"OW" Challenge invites you to visit and admire the wonderful landscapes of Torres del Paine National Park, along with Rodrigo "Canuto" Errazuriz, the most prominent of Running Trails in Chile and one of the most recognized worldwide.

This trail, intended that participants enjoy the experience & challenge of Trail Running, converging body and mind, which will be tested during the route due to its high demand. The routes have been divided in two options. The first route will have a duration of 3 intense days called "Challenge O" (106 kms) and the second one consists of a total of 2 days called "Challenge W" (63 kms). Throughout the event, players can not only enjoy sport and landscapes of the National Park, but also the unique flavour to complete the challenge successfully.

Have a look at this video (sorry, its in Spanish) to find out more about this new experience <http://vimeo.com/38998024>

MOUNTAIN LODGES OF PERU

Lares Adventure to Machu Picchu

MLP's strategy with their new lodges on the Lares Route is to approach new potential market segments and appeal to the lux adventure, soft adventure and cultural/humanitarian experiences segments. For this reason, it was decided to change the name from Lares Trek to **Lares Adventure Program**, this way it will be very clear for tourists that this is not just a "trek".

The Lares Adventure Program will have a full spectrum of activities on a daily basis that range from "**cultural**" (only walking or very soft hiking for periods of less than 1 hour during many cultural/archaeological visits) to "**semi-active**" (2-4 hours of soft to medium hiking combined with cultural/archaeological visits) to "**active**" (6-8 hours of hiking), while traveling lodge to lodge, en route to Machu Picchu.

Currently, there are 8 rooms in each lodge: **Lamay & Huacahuasi** and we are still using Pakaritampu Hotel in Ollataytambo until we build our 3rd and last lodge in Patacancha.

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We now have a new tab within our MLP's webpage, called **Travel Professionals**. This new page is for wholesalers and travel professionals who want to find in a easy way all information related to MLP's products; from rates to brochures, pictures, itineraries, videos, etc. Have a look and hopefully you find it useful mountainlodgesofperu.com/travelprofessionals.html



RAINFOREST EXPEDITIONS

Amazing Wildlife in Tambopata

Lucas Bustamante, a biologist and wildlife photographer from Ecuador, recently visited and stayed at our lodges in Tambopata and these are some of the incredible photos he took from the Amazon rainforest wildlife.

Luca's photographic work has been featured in Discovery Channel, National Geographic and many other magazines. If you want to see the whole collection of his amazing Amazon pics, please click here <http://blog.perunature.com/2014/09/35-awesome-photos-of-rainforest-animals.html>

So, if you have clients who want to experience the Amazon in Peru and see the diverse wildlife of this area, then **Posadas Amazonas, Refugio Amazonas & Tambopata Research Centre** are your best choice!



DELFIN AMAZON CRUISES

We got a makeover: See our new website!

Now, getting to know the Delfin Amazon Cruises experience and what it's like to cruise in the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve with us is easier than ever. A **simplified menu of options** will let you know more about us, give you access to our resources such as rates and photos, and allow effortless ways to book and contact us. Our **Live Chat** feature puts you in direct contact with our sales agents instantly. Also, for those of you more often on the run, our new website is **fully accessible on your mobile device**. Visit us now at www.delfinamazoncruises.com.



Kayaking and Gourmet Amazonian Dining at Al Frio y Al Fuego

Whether you just can't wait to get on board the Delfin and begin your excursions, or are dreaming of more action post-cruise with us, stop by **Al Frio y Al Fuego** floating restaurant in **Iquitos** to experience kayaking in the Amazon. For the last few weeks, our new kayak rental service has been a huge hit for diners who wished to follow their locally inspired meal with some fun. After all, what can be better than some rowing in the river then sitting back with a chilled camu camu sour cocktail?

ECOVENTURA GALAPAGOS NETWORK

New videos featured in YouTube

Ecoventura has produced 2 new exciting short videos that were designed to motivate your clients to choose Ecoventura for their holiday in the Galapagos Islands <http://www.ecoventura.com/time-lapse-video-galapagos-islands/>

They are ideal for social media and your websites – and we have an unbranded version too <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3YDDuGiu54&list=UUF03CicYbPsr2gc4mYfF9A&index=1>

2015 - EARLY BIRD* promotion EFL

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