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BACKGROUND

In August 2007, the Clavijo Begazo family and the Clabe Andina group began the Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel project in Machu Picchu Pueblo, Cusco, Peru.

Sumaq means “pleasant, beautiful and harmonious” in Quechua. The name was chosen to honor Inca culture and preserve the Quechua language, a purpose that has guided the hotel from the start.

Inspired by this place, the family built a hotel that evokes Inca culture: from the Andean patterns in its decoration, where the chakana is the central element, to the cultural immersion experiences it offers its guests. The building work was done largely by hand, with more than 600 professionals and technicians.

Currently, Sumaq is a family-run company managed by the second generation, the children of Don Aníbal Clavijo Ubaldo, who has more than 35 years of experience in Peruvian boutique hospitality.

Don Aníbal spent many years managing a hotel in Machu Picchu and built a close relationship with the town and with the communities of the region. That bond allowed them to work hand in hand with these communities, to highlight the quality of their products and to shape a culinary proposal with a local identity, which continues to grow today with producers from the region.

Today, his children Aníbal and Angie carry that legacy forward, combining it with their experience in luxury hospitality and a close eye on sustainability.



Conviction and renovation

After 19 years, Sumaq's conviction remains shared by its whole team: to offer memorable experiences, with respect for Andean culture, and to leave a Peruvian mark on the world.

In 2016, the most recent renovation was completed, renewing the hotel's image and adding new spaces, such as the terrace and the Imperial suite, designed to enjoy the surroundings.



Location

Sumaq is a luxury hotel in Machu Picchu Pueblo, on the road to the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu and 8 minutes from the train station. It is surrounded by Andean vegetation, a prelude to the citadel, one of the seven modern wonders of the world since 2007; the hotel seeks to feel like an extension of Machu Picchu.

Its architecture is organized into three modules: the central one houses the reception, the lobby, Qunuq Restaurant, Suquy Café & Bar, the boutique, Aqlla Spa and the auditorium; the side modules hold the rooms, with views of the Vilcanota River, the mountain or the garden, featuring warm woods, woven textiles and pieces by local artisans.

Sumaq has an environmental management plan with targets through 2027 and has received the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice award in consecutive years, including 2024 and 2026.

The Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu

Machu Picchu Pueblo is reached by train from Ollantaytambo station, following the course of the Urubamba and Vilcanota rivers. The road leads from the peaceful Andean landscape to the cloud-covered mountains of the high jungle and prepares travelers to encounter an ancient culture that is still alive in the region. The journey is already part of the experience and sets the unhurried rhythm of the trip.

The citadel was made known to the world in 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham, after several trips through the Peruvian Andes. Today it is part of UNESCO's World Heritage, together with its natural surroundings.

The Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu is a protected natural area of great biological diversity: more than 400 species of birds, around 300 native orchid species and more than 100 species of butterflies have been recorded. Sumaq is committed to respecting this environment and to caring for its relationship with the land and its community through responsible practices in its daily operations.







Integrated into a Global Network of Luxury Boutique Hotels

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel is part of Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLH), a collection of independent luxury boutique hotels around the world.

Each property is selected for its unique character, the quality of its service and its deep connection to its destination, and offers intimate and highly personalized luxury experiences.

Sumaq is also part of SLH's Considerate Collection, which brings together hotels that seek to integrate sustainability and responsible tourism into their daily operations, caring for the natural environment, culture and local communities, and placing people at the heart of the guest experience. For Sumaq, sustainability is part of everyday life.

This membership reflects Sumaq's ongoing commitment to preserving the cultural and natural heritage of Machu Picchu and to creating authentic, conscious and responsible luxury experiences, together with its team.

A Commitment to Sustainability

At Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, we believe tourism should contribute to preserving the natural and cultural environment that surrounds it. Our sustainability approach is integrated into the hotel's daily operations and into the experiences we offer our guests.

Through an environmental management plan and system, we measure energy, water and waste from a 2025 baseline, with targets through 2027. We prioritize responsible purchasing, environmental care, cultural preservation and a people-centered organizational culture.

This path continues to evolve. Measuring our impact helps us understand how our decisions affect the community, the environment and our team, and to keep improving, while being transparent about the challenges of operating in a remote and sensitive destination like Machu Picchu Pueblo: logistics, waste management and recycling.

We believe that what is not measured cannot be transformed; therefore, we work with clear indicators that enable us to move toward a more responsible, transparent and sustainable hospitality model over time.





Local Sourcing and Gastronomy

Sumaq's culinary proposal is rooted in a direct connection with the land and with the communities that cultivate it. Our responsible purchasing policy gives preference to suppliers from Cusco, the Sacred Valley and Apurímac, and we work directly with local producers.

This model, built on long-term relationships, prioritizes local and seasonal ingredients, strengthens local economies and helps preserve traditional crops and knowledge of the Andean region.

Each ingredient reflects the richness of Andean biodiversity—from native potatoes grown in the highlands of Chincheros to oyster mushrooms from agricultural communities in the Anta region—ingredients that tell the story of the land.

Beyond the kitchen, this network of collaboration seeks to generate a positive impact: every purchasing decision strengthens the relationship with producers and communities in the region.

Environmental Care and Social Commitment

Sumaq's commitment to sustainability is reflected in concrete actions aimed at reducing its environmental impact and strengthening the well-being of its community.

Among its most visible initiatives is the elimination of single-use plastic water bottles in guest rooms, replaced with reusable bottles and filtered water stations, something guests notice and value. The hotel also has LED lighting and motion sensors in common areas.

Waste is separated at the source and recyclables are handled through the Machupicchu system. The hotel also monitors its water and energy consumption.

As part of its commitment to responsible tourism, Sumaq also supports the initiative Turismo Cuida, promoting the protection of children and adolescents within the tourism sector.

This approach is also reflected in its team: Sumaq gives preference to qualified talent from the region, including for supervisory and management positions, and trains its staff in sustainability and responsible hospitality, supported by operating procedures.

As part of its social commitment, Sumaq donates to Aldeas Infantiles SOS Perú for every reservation made through its official website, to contribute to children's well-being.









The Hotel

Accommodation at Sumaq is a warm and unforgettable experience: modern, luxurious spaces with warm woods, woven textiles and Andean details in every corner, with views of the Vilcanota River, the mountains or the gardens, and personalized service so guests can rest in peace.

All rooms have hypoallergenic pillows, goose down duvets, 100% cotton sheets, cable TV, telephone with direct dialing, air conditioning, electronic safe, minibar, natural teas, organic coffee, wireless internet, 100v/220v power outlets, reusable bottles with filtered water and turndown service.

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel has 62 rooms, classified into 3 categories: Imperial Suite (1), Junior Suite Deluxe (2) and Sumaq Deluxe (59).

Types:

- Imperial Suite with river view
- Junior Suite with river view
- Sumaq Deluxe with river view
- Sumaq Deluxe with garden view
- Sumaq Deluxe triple with garden view and river view
- Sumaq Deluxe family room

01 IMPERIAL SUITE
The true experience of a welcoming stay.



02 JUNIOR SUITES DELUXE
An excellent option for a pleasurable stay.



59 SUMAQ DELUXE
An alternative designed for the guest's rest and comfort.







Qunuq Restaurant

Qunuq Restaurant is located on the second level of the hotel; at 115 m² it has capacity for 110 people. In addition to its culinary proposal, it stands out for its large windows, which serve as a viewpoint over the beautiful Vilcanota River and the mountains.

Qunuq's culinary proposal starts from Andean terroir and traditional Peruvian cuisine, and fuses it with contemporary techniques. Its menu reflects the team's dedication and research into Peruvian cuisine, using products from the region.

Sumaq's culinary team, together with consulting chef Carlos Pardo Figueroa, offers a sensory experience through innovative dishes that highlight the richness of regional ingredients.

Suquy Café & Bar

Suquy Café & Bar offers regional and international cocktails prepared by our bartenders, in an Andean atmosphere.

It comprises an area of 55 m² with capacity for 40 people and is located on the first floor of the hotel. Its design, like much of Sumaq, is inspired by Andean motifs, from the furniture to the textured walls, and reflects the hotel's identity.

A spectacular view of the mountains









Aqlla Spa

A space to receive beauty and relaxation treatments inspired by Andean traditions, which invite guests to experience nature and the culture of the place more closely and to recover their balance during their trip to Machu Picchu.

At Aqlla Spa, muña, coca, Maras salt and medicinal herbs from the region are used in treatments such as the Andean Hot Stone massage, the Maras massage and the Andean facial treatment.

The therapies, individual or for couples, take place in private settings, with special packages for couples.

Couples treatment packages:

- AQLLA SPA
- IMPERIAL SPA
- APU SPA

Individual services:

- Maras body massage
- Imperial Treatment
- Andean Hot Stone massage with stones from the Andes
- Andean facial treatment
- Spa foot massage

Pachamanca culinary demonstration

Pachamanca, or “earthen pot,” is one of the oldest and most representative dishes of Peruvian gastronomy, and it is made to this day as a gesture of gratitude to Pachamama for what the earth provides.

In its preparation, the tubers of the “Apus” (mountains) cannot be missing: oca, potato, sweet potato, broad beans and corn, with meats such as chicken, pork and beef, cooked among hot stones under the earth.

It is made with the procedures and ingredients typical of Andean tradition, and chichas made from naturally fermented corn are part of this culinary experience, which connects the guest with the land.

Duration: 3 hours
Capacity: 4 to 40 people

Included:

- The demonstration of the elaboration of Pachamanca
- Pachamanca lunch
- A glass of chicha de jora





Offering to Mother Earth ritual

The offering to the earth is an Andean tradition that is still practiced today and has been passed down through generations since the time of the Incas. It is a way to learn about Andean beliefs and traditions and to draw closer to the communities' relationship with Pachamama, in a space of respect and calm, guided by those who practice it.

A shaman guides the practice of the offering with an interpreter and in a private setting, for a deep and respectful cultural and emotional experience.

Duration: 1 hour
Capacity: 2 to 12 people

Included:

- A shaman to lead the ceremony
- An interpreter
- A private setting
- The offering
- Ritual decoration

Mystical Tour in Machu Picchu

This activity consists of a private tour in the company of a shaman and a tour guide.

The shaman begins the tour by asking permission from Pachamama and the Apus that surround Machu Picchu, together with a personal tour guide who accompanies the travelers.

The “Mystical Tour in Machu Picchu” combines the spiritual dimension with adventure: a journey beyond Inca history to discover the relationship between the Andes, Mother Earth and the temples of Machu Picchu, in a small, private group.

Duration: 5 ½ hours
Capacity: 2 to 8 people
Difficulty: Medium

The tour includes:

- Entrance tickets to Machu Picchu
- Roundtrip bus tickets
- Accompaniment of a shaman
- A personal tour guide
- Lunch at Qunuq Restaurant
- A mystical Pachamama kit

Mystical Pachamama Kit:
A symbolic souvenir of gratitude to Mother Earth and the Apus, which contains a small amount of palo santo and incense, a huayruro bracelet, an ekeko (god) of luck, an abundance talisman, a magnet, and a bottle of flower water.





Andean Wedding: Arac Masin

The Arac Masin is the symbolic ceremony of love for couples who wish to renew their vows, a unique experience inspired by Andean spirituality and tradition.

Set with flowers and coca leaves, the ritual is led by a shaman and is experienced as an intimate ceremony, designed to celebrate the couple's union, with a private interpreter and a reserved terrace.

Duration: 1 hour
Capacity: 2 to 12 people

Included:

- A shaman to preside
- Personal interpreter
- Flower arrangements: an arch and carpet of flowers. Bouquet
- The offering
- Traditional outfits for the bride and groom (optional)
- A private terrace
- Sparkling wine for the toast

Excursions in Machu Picchu

Adventure, excitement and experience are part of our guests' journey. In Machu Picchu, you can go hiking, climbing and bird watching, with a guide, to discover its natural and cultural surroundings.

The excursions that we offer:

- Machu Picchu Mountain
- Huayna Picchu Mountain
- Machu Picchu Citadel
- The Sun Gate (Inti Punku)
- Visit to the Machu Picchu Museum



Flavors of the Andes “Apucc Mikhuna” Tasting Menu

Consulting chef Carlos Pardo Figueroa, together with Sumaq’s culinary team, has a deep understanding of the flavors hidden within the Apus (mountains). Through their proposal, they have brought back ingredients from the land that had remained forgotten on Peruvian tables for centuries.

The research of new products, fused with contemporary techniques, gave rise to the tasting menu “Flavors of the Andes”: Apucc Mikhuna, which in Quechua means “the foods that the mountains provide us.”

It is a gastronomic journey with more than 35 ingredients from communities within 50 km of the hotel, such as the oyster mushrooms from Cconchacalla.

Duration: 2 hours
Capacity: 2 to 20 people

Included:

- Lunch or dinner 6 course tasting menu: 2 appetizers, 2 mains, and 2 desserts
- Special service from the chef, maitre d’, and wait staff
- Service on a private terrace
- Wine pairing





Romantic Tasting Menu “Munayki”

The Romantic Tasting Menu “Munayki” (“I love you” in Quechua) is a harmony of dishes in 6 courses in which guests will learn the origin of each product of Pachamama (Mother Earth).

Munayki is an expression of love surrounded by romantic details that we have prepared to create an intimate and unforgettable experience.

Duration: 2 hours
Capacity: 2 to 20 people

Included:

- Lunch or dinner 6-course tasting menu with wine pairing
- Personalized service on a private terrace
- Decoration with roses, flowers, lamps, and aromatic candles

Sumaq Kids Experiences

At Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, a collection of experiences has been created for the whole family under the concept of the official mascot named Allco.

Allco is a Peruvian puppy whose breed originates along the north coast of the country and which had an important role as a companion to the pre-Inca royalty of the Mochica.

The mascot Allco, protagonist of an adventure story with his friends in Machu Picchu, now accompanies the experiences and services that little travelers receive together with their families.

Amenities of the program:

- Special Welcome: seasonal fruit juice and cookie made with almond flour and chocolate chips
- Robes and slippers
- Pillowcases designed with Allco for children's beds
- Welcome card in the room
- Turndown service: a glass of chocolate and cake of the day
- Thematic registration form
- Kids breakfast
- Sumaq kids menu
- Mini chef classes
- Loan of board games





Adventures with Allco and His Friends in Machu Picchu Tour

The tour “Adventures with Allco and his friends in Machu Picchu” is a playful experience that unites parents and children as they explore the wonders of the Inca citadel and learn about its history, architecture, and mysteries.

Duration: 4 hours
Ages of children: from 3 to 11 years old
Minimum capacity: 2 adults with 2 children

The half day tour includes:

- 2 tour guides (1 for the parents and the other for the children)
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu
- Roundtrip bus ticket
- 1 Explorer kit for each child
- Lunch at Qunuq Restaurant

The explorer kit includes:

- A backpack, a map, an “Allco” plush mascot, a hat, a magnifying glass, and the Allco storybook.

Sumaq Wellness Journey
3 days / 2 nights program

Connect and awaken your senses in Machu Picchu. This program is ideal for those seeking meditation and wellness trips in unique places, amid nature and Andean culture.

Together with Sumaq, discover authentic experiences during your stay that will revitalize your body and mind.

Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Junior Suite double room with river view and half board included
- Reception at the hotel with hot towels and welcome drink
- Detox breakfast
- Full day in Machu Picchu, view of the sunrise from the temples of Machu Picchu
- Meditation programs in the afternoons with mats, floor lamps, meditation podcasts, Prana breathing ritual, selection of mantras and guide for individual practices
- Meditation kit in the room: a candle, an eye mask, a sample of lavender essential oil and a mindfulness guide. Massage with hot Andean stones and medicinal herbs, coca leaves, and aromatherapy with local ingredients
- Special bath: with a special wooden tray and L'Occitane soap, a candle, a little speaker, and aromatherapy in the tub
- Shower with fresh eucalyptus leaves and medicinal herbs
- Andean cleansing ritual guided by a local shaman during your stay





MASTERCLASS IN COOKING AND BAR

Andean Gastronomy and Mixology Experience

Discover an experience that blends Peruvian cuisine with the art of Andean mixology, in a setting designed to explore the flavors, techniques, and traditions of Peru.

During this hands-on class, our chef and bartender guide guests through the preparation of a culinary proposal inspired by Andean techniques, along with the creation of signature cocktails made with sugarcane spirits and local ingredients, sharing the origin and cultural significance behind each creation.

An interactive experience that connects gastronomy, creativity, and tradition, revealing the richness of the Andes through its flavors.

Duration: 45 minutes
Capacity: 2 to 8 guests

Includes:

- Private culinary demonstration with the chef
- Guided preparation of the culinary proposal
- Guided mixology session with a bartender
- Tasting of three cocktails made with sugarcane spirits
- Preparation of one cocktail per participant

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