



LAS CASITAS

A BELMOND HOTEL
COLCA CANYON

Welcome to Las Casitas, A Belmond Hotel

Stories are shared
around the fire.
Pisco glasses clink.
In the canyon,
a condor swoops
across a canopy
of stars.

CHAPTER ONE

Discover Peru

At once vibrant and mystical, Peru is a realm of lost civilizations and tangible history. With Belmond, journey to the beating heart of the Land of the Incas

A jewel in South America's crown, Peru encapsulates everything we love about travel: time-honored traditions, vibrant cultures and wild landscapes. That's why, for years, we've grown our family of hotels, trains and bespoke adventures across this fabled land. Our destinations take you to some of the country's most coveted areas, from cosmopolitan Lima on the Pacific Coast to Cusco perched high in the Andes and the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu.

Blending effortlessly with the peaceful Colca Canyon, Las Casitas is a haven of tranquility in one of the most beautiful and remote places on earth. Here, in harmony with the traditional farmsteads of the valley, the hotel marries contemporary luxuries with all the wonders of nature. Set off on stunning canyon treks, spot rare wildlife or ride Peruvian Paso horses. Take time to recharge in our spa before embarking on a gastronomic adventure into Peruvian cuisine. Then raise a toast to the beauty of the Andes as the sun sets.







*“When the eagle of the north
flies with the condor of the
south, the spirit of the land
will reawaken.”
– Inca prophecy*



Uncover the Colca Canyon

Replete with history and culture, the Colca Canyon is a natural wonder in which the ethereal magic of Peru comes to life

A 100km fissure which slices through the High Andes, the Colca Canyon cuts some 3,400m down into the mountains. Locally named Cañón del Colca, it ranks among the deepest in the world – twice the depth of the US's famed Grand Canyon. Small villages cluster around beautiful white churches. Cacti dot slopes laced with trekking routes. Condors soar on rising currents and vicuñas graze as the Colca River weaves a path along the valley floor.

It's a place of living history. Farmers grow potatoes, corn and quinoa on the same agricultural terraces as their Incan ancestors. Dotted along the valley you'll find the canyon's namesake colcas – natural, cave-like refrigerators where people once stored grain. Look out for the white sequined hats of the Collagua people in the eastern Chivay area of the canyon. Out west, the Cabana community don painstakingly embroidered, rounded headwear.

The Colca is a land fueled by mysticism and enchantment too; it's a hybrid of ancient shamanism and Catholicism imported by Spanish conquistadors. Gaze across the valley and you'll spot terracotta bulls on the prows of houses used to keep evil spirits away.



CHAPTER TWO

A Warm Welcome

Retreat to an oasis of quiet indulgence enveloped in the peace and serenity of the Colca Canyon. In this hectic world, it's a rare opportunity to disconnect

Reached by a dramatic zig-zag descent, Las Casitas blends seamlessly with its natural environment. In this secluded hideaway, 20 casitas dot the lush slopes high above the Colca River. Here, in gardens threaded with streams, doves perch on cacti and hibiscus flowers are visited by hummingbirds. In the distance, the canyon casts a rugged skyline.

The casitas offer contemporary comforts while echoing local style. Each has its own terrace and plunge pool as well as indoor and outdoor showers – an idyllic way to soak up those views. Feast on local delicacies at our authentic restaurant, Curiña, or sip cocktails at Puccq'io bar. The kitchen is stocked with organic produce, fresh from our own gardens, while our farm is home to horses, pigs, llamas and alpacas.

Come evening, the subtropical climate gives way to a cool, clear, inky sky studded with stars. It's a time to huddle around the fire, pisco in hand, and share stories of the day's adventures.



Discover what makes our hotel unique. Take a look inside our walls
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LAS CASITAS, A BELMOND HOTEL, COLCA CANYON



Casitas with Garden View

Feel at one with the Colca Valley's farming heritage as you step out into your own private garden and pick fresh muña leaves to brew a traditional acclimatizing tea. Our three generous **Casitas with Garden View** offer guests an inviting personal sanctuary. Inside, the delightful bungalows include a foyer and living area decorated with authentic Peruvian textiles and touches that echo the surrounding area. Contemporary luxuries are found throughout, with everything from WiFi to underfloor heating. Marble bathrooms come with indoor and outdoor showers, the perfect way to start your day awash with nature. Or, why not wind down in the heated plunge pool on your private terrace? Later, jump into a cozy four-poster bed where a hot water bottle designed to look like a sheep promises to keep you warm through the canyon's cool nights.



Casitas with Valley View

As the name suggests, our 16 expansive **Casitas with Valley View** are loved for the vistas they offer across the Colca Canyon. Private terraces with heated plunge pools showcase mist-tipped mountains beneath vast skies. They make an idyllic setting for a moonlit nightcap. Yet you don't have to be outside to make the most of the starry Andean night sky; our luxurious marble bathrooms – complete with both indoor and outdoor showers – benefit from glass ceilings. Elsewhere inside, a foyer extends into a lounge decorated in such a way as to reflect the Canyon's unique heritage. As the sun dips below the horizon and temperatures cool, heated stone floors keep Valley View Casitas snug. As in all our casitas, guests are treated to a hot water bottle designed in the style of a local sheep as they retire to enveloping four-poster beds and dream of tomorrow's adventures.



Presidential Casita

Our **Presidential Casita** epitomizes luxury. Wake in a sumptuous four-poster bed before drifting to a private outdoor terrace. Take a dip in your personal heated pool as the warm Andean sun burns away the morning mist clinging to the valley floor. Inside, this bungalow is a serene sanctuary combining traditional touches with contemporary luxuries. A dining room leads on to a lounge area adorned with Peruvian carpets and local decoration. Our generous bathrooms boast glass ceilings, making them the perfect place to immerse yourself in a luxurious bath while gazing at the Andean stars above.

Though it's warm by day, the canyon cools off come sundown, so guests will feel the benefit of our heated stone floors and inviting fireplace. WiFi is available throughout the hotel, yet, in harmony with Las Casitas' restful ambience, there are no in-room televisions. On request, we can provide a TV set and DVD player for watching movies. Sometimes we think it's necessary to disconnect from the world – in style, of course – to reconnect with yourself.



Within Our Walls

You needn't stray far from your casita to sample the canyon's wholesome way of life. Visit our farm, try a cooking class or unwind by our serene pool

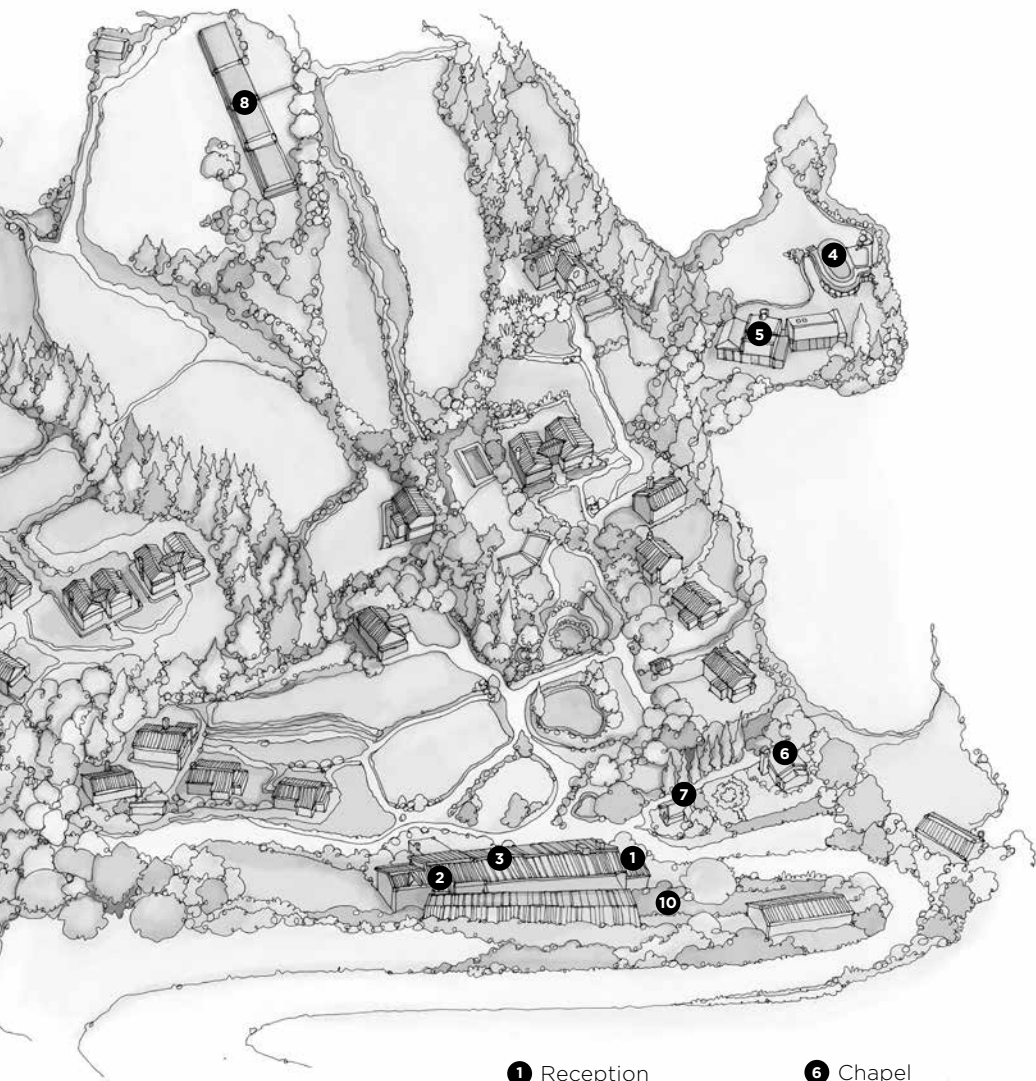
Much like the valley's indigenous villages, Las Casitas has embraced a down-to-earth approach, whether that be for food, fun or relaxation. It's our way of showing our appreciation for this fabled land - and we invite you to join in.

Explore our vegetable garden, home to greenhouses and a prickly pear orchard. Our chefs will prepare a picnic for you to enjoy within the grounds. Tour the gardens and discover local varieties of herbs - select your favorite and we'll serve it up as a refreshing tisane. Join our dedicated workers at feeding time at the local farm or head to our trout pond and catch your dinner.

Soak up views of the Andean terraces from our free-form swimming pool built using Colca Valley stone - a book from our inviting library makes for good company. Should children be staying with you, they can try activities such as outdoor painting, farm visits and cookie baking lessons.



Peek into our world of unforgettable experiences at belmond.com/lascasitas



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| 2 Curiña Restaurant | 7 Boutique |
| 3 Puccq'io Bar | 8 Farm |
| 4 Swimming Pool | 9 View Point |
| 5 Samay Spa | 10 Parking |

Memorable Dining

Whether enjoying your lunch al fresco or dining in one of our ambient restaurants, Las Casitas invites you on a culinary journey of discovery

Sample diverse local dishes beneath the star-studded sky at one of Peru's best-loved restaurants, Curiña. Arequipan dishes are created with produce grown in our own organic vegetable gardens. Specialties include chupe de camarones (shrimp chowder), rocoto relleno (stewed hot pepper) and chapana – a fresh cheese drizzled with local mountain honey.

When it's time for an aperitif, find a warm welcome in Puccq'io, our traditional Peruvian bar. Choose your tippie from an assorted wine list or have our bartender mix you a fresh cocktail using fruit gathered from the local hillside. All that's left for you to do is sit back on the terrace as the pastel-blue sky fades to indigo.

Should you like to unleash your own culinary talents, roll up your sleeves for a Peruvian cooking class. Our expert chefs will guide gastronomes through the textures and flavors that make the region's dishes so distinctive. Alternatively, master the art of making the iconic pisco sour. Buen provecho!



Samay Spa

Local herbs fragrance the breeze as it meanders among volcanic rock surrounding our spa. Embark on a sensory journey inspired by nature

Wind down a path between eucalyptus groves and into a world of ritual, rest and relaxation. Taking its name from the Quechua word for 'rest', Samay Spa combines indigenous organic products with the healing energy of the canyon to heavenly effect. Detoxify in our eucalyptus steam room, make the most of coffee's antioxidant properties or nourish with avocado. Many of our resources are drawn from the Colca Canyon itself: heated basalt stones are gathered from the river as is purifying Peruvian clay. Should you wish, couples' treatments are available.

Our signature experiences include the restorative Altitude Massage, a customized treatment designed to combat the effects of the canyon's high elevation. Using aromatic oils and sacred coca leaves, it is an invitation to pure botanical bliss.

Bathing in the afterglow of a pampering session, head outside to the heated infinity pool and take in views of the canyon hugged by vast blue skies.



Celebrations To Remember

Whatever the occasion, Belmond excels in creating spectacular memories that will be cherished for years to come

When it comes to celebrating in style, Las Casitas ranks among one of Peru's most outstanding venues. Say 'I do' high above the Colca River, host a birthday celebration in our lush gardens or reserve the entire hotel for an unforgettable family reunion.

We'll help you choose the part of the hotel best suited to your occasion. The Presidential Casita and its garden are ideal for smaller parties. For larger events, we recommend the gardens; banquet tables, a bar and even a dancefloor can be laid out.

Las Casitas also makes a unique backdrop for business reunions and team building exercises. The setting forces visitors to disconnect from the stresses of everyday worklife – who knows what bright spark this Peruvian oasis will ignite?

We can arrange each and every detail of your special day from sacred services to flower arrangements, decorations to food and drink. All you need to do is revel in its magic.



Unique Experiences

Stargazing

Be star-struck by the canyon's night sky. Gaze through our high-powered telescope and observe constellations with startling clarity. Witness the drama of the firmament like never before.

Alpaca Feeding

Get friendly with our adorable resident alpacas found on our small farm among rabbits and guinea pigs. Join our workers as they bottle-feed the young and learn about Peruvian farm life.

Trout Fishing

Head to the fish ponds on our hotel grounds and cast a line out under the watchful eye of a fisherman. Release your catch or have our chef prepare and cook it for you.

Pisco Sour Lessons

Master the art of the Pisco Sour at the Puccq'io Bar where our expert bartenders will help you concoct Peru's iconic cocktail in a truly traditional setting.

Cooking Classes

Awaken your culinary skills and discover traditional Peruvian cuisine. Learn from our chefs about how to use seasonal produce from the surrounding area and then enjoy your creations.

Tea in the Orchard

Join us in the orchard and uncover the secret health benefits of Peruvian herbs. Let our experts brew you a refreshing and restorative tea based on your flavor preferences.



CHAPTER FOUR

Out & About

From breathtaking hikes and horseback adventures to bird-watching and stargazing, the canyon offers endless opportunities for adventure

Las Casitas' enviable location means guests have access to an incredible range of activities and excursions right on our doorstep. Order a picnic from the hotel kitchen, grab a map and discover a wealth of pre-Incan history.

Embark on fabulous walks directly from the hotel - there are routes available for all abilities. Follow the condors to a viewpoint high in the valley for dramatic panoramas of this unique land. Discover colcas hewn into the valley walls or navigate beautiful villages. It's here you'll likely meet the canyon's welcoming residents dressed in vibrant, elaborate embroidery. Uncover the secrets of the canyon by bike or traverse high ridges in true Peruvian style - on horseback.

Las Casitas is a place to disconnect from everyday life and reconnect with nature. With unrivaled access to such wonders, relax, safe in the knowledge that creature comforts are never far away.



Belmond holds the key to wondrous Peru. Unlock your next adventure at belmond.com/lascasitas



Discover More

Peruvian Paso Horse Riding

Saddle up for a scenic ride into the lesser-known parts of the valley. Expert guides will lead you into pristine forest and along rivers, where horses can drink from the cool waters.

Bird-watching

The canyon skies will have bird-watchers all of a flutter. Be dazzled by exotic birds including woodpeckers, eagles, the world's largest hummingbird and the majestic Andean condor.

Cycling

Discover the valley on two wheels: guests at Las Casitas can borrow state-of-the-art mountain bikes to explore at leisure. Or, navigate scenic ridges on the hotel's guided tour.

Walks and Treks

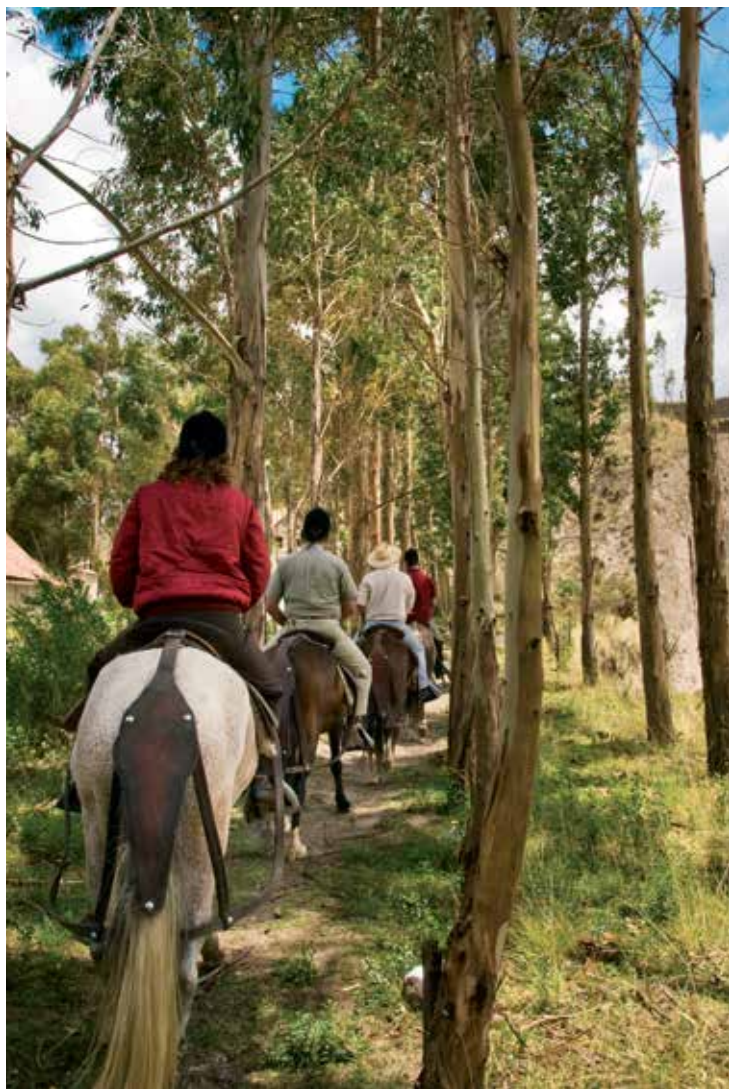
With bird-filled skies and dynamic scenery, it's small wonder the Colca Canyon is considered a dream walking spot. Get a sense of the undulating land as you explore by foot.

Outdoor Painting

Borrow our outdoor painting materials and capture the wonder of our fabled landscape at some of Peru's most scenic locations. Your own work of art makes for a unique memento.

Condor Cross

Hike to this breathtaking viewpoint and take in the depths and crevices of this colossal canyon. It's the perfect place to try to spot the majestic Andean Condor soaring overhead.



CHAPTER FIVE

Continue Your Adventure

Immerse yourself in vibrant Cusco or trace the glistening shores of Lake Titicaca. With Belmond, your Peruvian adventures will be simply extraordinary

Belmond has perfected the art of creating magical escapes that fortify your connection with this fabled land. Combine any of our experiences to make your dream trip a reality.

A short journey from **Las Casitas**, catch the **Andean Explorer**, South America's first luxury sleeper train, which carries guests across the breathtaking Andes – read on for more details.

Sanctuary Lodge is uniquely positioned at the entrance of Machu Picchu. Catch the **Hiram Bingham** train which will take you towards its gates. In Cusco, sister hotels **Monasterio** and **Palacio Nazarenas** sit atop ancient Inca ruins. In cosmopolitan Lima, **Miraflores Park** perches on the Pacific seafront. Inland, **Rio Sagrado** is tucked in the Sacred Valley, home to rare wildlife.

We would be delighted to help you create a bespoke itinerary across the Land of the Incas and even on to our two magnificent hotels in Brazil. The adventure of a lifetime lies ahead.



Step aboard the Belmond Andean Explorer as you watch our inspiring film at belmond.com/andeanexplorer



Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train

The journey to Las Casitas can be as exhilarating as the place itself. Glide like an Andean condor on South America's first luxury sleeper train

Traversing some of the world's highest rail tracks, reaching altitudes of some 4,630m, the Andean Explorer journey can be combined with a stay at Las Casitas to form an inspiring introduction to Peru. Alight from the train at Cañahuas station from where you take a two and a half hour journey by road to the hotel.

The train takes guests from Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, across the lofty Altiplano to Lake Titicaca in Puno and Arequipa. Take in spectacular landscapes and explore awe-inspiring ruins. Plunge into vibrant cities and escape to serene enclaves.

Inspired by Andean nature, culture and traditions, the train's 16 carriages are designed in Peruvian style. Every detail conjures up the landscape through which the train passes, from Peruvian motifs to throws of baby alpaca wool.

Dining on board is an unforgettable affair. Our chef has curated a menu using ingredients sourced from the Andes. In our Lounge Car, gather around the grand piano as the Peruvian landscape unfolds. Head to the Observation Car and take a deep breath of fresh Andean air, pisco sour in hand, as panoramas over the snow-capped La Raya mountains capture your heart.



Create Your Itinerary

With hotels and trains across the country's most spectacular destinations, Belmond has perfected the art of creating magical Peruvian escapes. Combine our experiences for a unique adventure

Lima

MIRAFLORES PARK

Hugging the coast, this urban oasis offers a peaceful spa, fine dining and a rooftop pool with unrivaled views.

Cusco

PALACIO NAZARENAS

Historic decor meets contemporary style at this hotel built on Inca foundations. Unwind at Hypnôze Spa.

Cusco

MONASTERIO

Uncover Cusco's rich history at this former 16th-century monastery. The art collection and cuisine are exceptional.

Cusco – Puno – Arequipa

ANDEAN EXPLORER

Rekindle the romance of the rails as you carve a path between Peru's natural wonders and ancient kingdoms.

Machu Picchu

SANCTUARY LODGE

Uniquely located by the ancient Inca citadel, this intimate retreat is surrounded by orchid gardens.

Sacred Valley

RIO SAGRADO

Set amid lush gardens on the banks of the Urubamba River, this is one of the most blissful hotels in Peru.

Colca Canyon

LAS CASITAS

This collection of luxurious bungalows offers the ultimate Andean retreat, complete with its own farm and spa.

Cusco – Machu Picchu

HIRAM BINGHAM

Dine, dance and be transported to another world as this sumptuous train glides across the Sacred Valley.



Go Beyond

You've visited Belmond's hotels and trains. You've discovered ancient ruins and diverse landscapes. Yet there's still more to uncover in this fabled country

We want you to fall in love with Peru in the same way that we have. That's why our Belmond Journeys in Peru team will happily create bespoke itineraries across each of this country's most special places.

Venture to **Paracas Bay**, a few hours south of Lima, where beaches fringed by cliffs teem with rare birds. From here, a two-hour flight takes travelers across the famed **Nazca Lines**. Best viewed from the sky, this 50 square kilometers of desert floor is covered in drawings of animals and deities dating from 300BC. Further north, discover the archaeological remains of the Mochica and Chimú civilizations, including **Chan Chan** – the largest mud city in the Americas.

Inland, unleash your wild side on two spectacular cruises that meander among areas of jungle seldom visited by travelers. In Amazonian **Pacaya Samiria Reserve**, boats introduce you to neon-colored birds, playful monkeys and graceful herons. In the south, the **Madre de Dios River** meanders through rainforest so abundant that the variety of plant life in a single hectare exceeds that in the entire United States. Walk among treetops across the quarter mile-long canopy bridge and lose your heart to the wonders of Peru.



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Vibrant floral patterns are embroidered across the dresses of Colca Valley women - and this cover - inspired by the region's brilliantly colored flowers. Fine needlework is one of many crafts and traditions that have flourished in this rural area for centuries. Inside, you'll find the earthy ochre of the Colca Valley landscapes and casita walls.

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