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It's safari season!

With opportunities open to explore the Galapagos Islands this season, only proof of vaccination is needed and their population is already vaccinated! And starting now, Jaguar season in the Brazilian Pantanal has last minute specials and the best opportunities to spot wildlife in South America. We can take you on a private yacht or a private jet, led by A&K into the most pristine areas of South America without any hassle!

Also check new and exciting glamping opportunities in the Argentinean salt flats next season and other product updates in this month's edition.

¡Muchas gracias!

Dalia Gibu

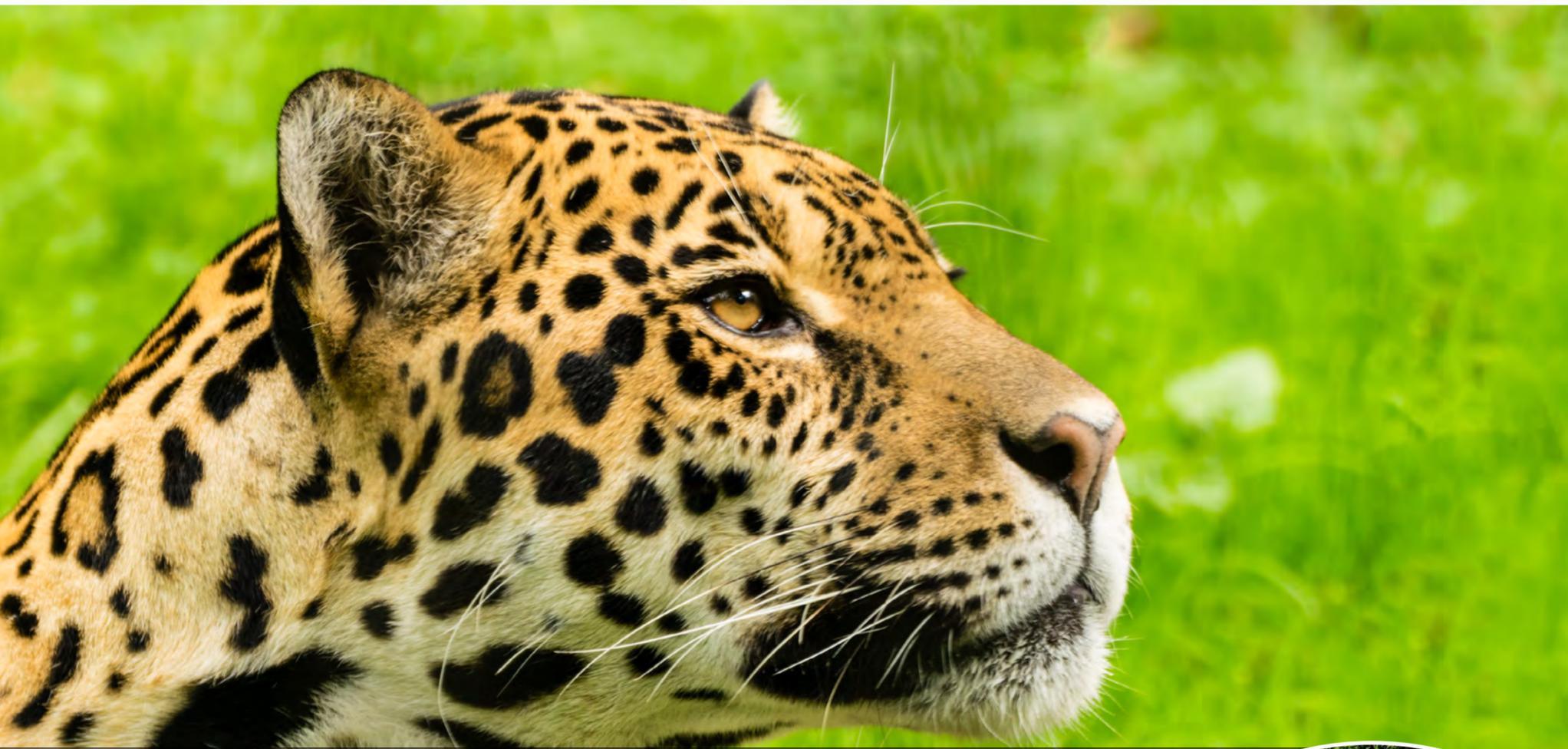
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Our Recommendation of the Month

Galapagos Cruises, Ecuador

Without a doubt, cruising is one of the best ways to enjoy the Galapagos Enchanted Islands, as this allows guests to make the most of their trip and their time, while enjoying top-notch accommodation and palate-pampering food!

And we have excellent news, some of our preferred vessels in Galapagos are currently offering a USD 1000 discount and the domestic flights to/from the islands, when booked through A&K. Contact us for selected departures in October, November and December 2021, on board the M/Y Natural Paradise, M/C Cormorant, M/Y Grand Majestic or M/Y Infinity.



Our Recommendation of the Month

Jaguar Safari in Pantanal, Brazil

Gearing up and going deep into the heart of the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland, has to be one of the most thrilling adventures one can experience, in search of the elusive jaguar.

And for the most adventurous and discerning travelers, we have designed a private jet journey through the Pantanal, the Amazon and the Cerrado to see the best wildlife in the continent. [Click here](#) to see our Wild Wings over Brazil program.



WHAT'S NEW IN SOUTH AMERICA

Updates on Peru

As vaccination goes steady, Peruvian authorities are increasing flexibility and standardizing entry requirements to ease the journey to the Land of the Incas, while keeping travelers safe. Part of these efforts and great news are:

- *No quarantine needed, except for Peruvians, Brazilians, South Africans and Indian citizens, who must comply with a 14-day isolation upon arrival.
- *Amazon River cruises have officially resumed operations, making it possible to book and enjoy this corner of the world again.
- *Curfew in Lima is from 11:00 pm - 4:00 am, which increases time for exploring and enjoyment.
- *Those traveling on an antigen test result must make sure it is received no longer than 24 hours before arrival in Peru.
- *While 2 face masks and a face shield are required in many places, they are no longer needed during flights.
- *Please note that Peru Rail's Titicaca service will be cancelled from July to December.

Inca Trail - Measures

Following the exciting news of the reopening of the Inca Trail, we would like to share that the Peruvian Government will be setting and enforcing a 15-minute time window between groups, thus creating a safe bubble that will avoid any possible crowds. Furthermore, during the hike, guides will be requesting guests to keep a 2-4 meter distance (6-13 feet) between group mates and a 20-meter distance (65 feet) between groups, for the effective creation of the bubbles.

Remember:

- *Groups will be limited to 8 guests.
- * Our recommendation is the 2D/1N trail, starting at km 104.
- * Stay tuned for more news and updates.



Ushuaia Officially Reopens for Cruise Lines

Great news! We are happy to share that the Argentine Government has allowed for cruise lines to stop at and depart from Ushuaia for the upcoming season. Furthermore, and in order to assure guests' and locals' peace of mind, the local government expects to have all the population vaccinated by the beginning of the season. Contact us, and learn more about this excellent news, and the options to organize your visit to Ushuaia and the "White Continent", Antarctica!

More Connectivity to Enjoy Ecuador & Peru

Great news! Latam Airlines has recently announced the resumption of many of their frequencies between Ecuador and Peru, thus making it easier to enjoy and make the most of your time in South America. Take note of the flights that will reopen in:

July

Guayaquil - Lima: 2 weekly flights, on Mondays and Saturdays
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August

Guayaquil - Lima: 3 weekly flights, on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays
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WHAT'S NEW IN SOUTH AMERICA

Pristine Salinas Grandes Domes Opens in Argentina

Nestled in the heart of Argentina's Salt Flats in the Northwest of the country, Pristine Salinas Grandes puts on a wonderful glamping experience that will allow guests to embrace the natural backdrop of the area, while enjoying top-notch accommodation and attention to detail.

With 4 versatile domes that can accommodate between 2 and 3 guests, depending on the category, the property allows not just a closer, blending encounter with the Argentine Northwest, but the possibility to intimately enjoy a place where crowds aren't even a possibility. Be it enjoying the views from your private outdoor jacuzzi (depending on the category), or on activities such as: photographic tours, excursions to the salt flats or gastronomic experiences by the river, one thing is for sure: this place makes the perfect glamping experience for those seeking for peace, comfort and adventure.

About the property

Opening date: November 1st, 2021

Location: Jujuy, Argentine Northwest

Accommodation: 4 domes with private bathrooms, 2 of 28 m² (301 square feet) and 2 of 38 m² (409 square feet)

Sustainability: runs entirely on renewable energy sources

Activities: trekking, mountain biking, climbing, bird watching, anthropology-focused excursions and stargazing.

Extensions: in general, the Argentine Northwest is versatile and easily combinable with Iguazu, Mendoza (1-hour and 45-minute flights) and even Peru (3-hour flight).

Remember to contact our team for more details and special offers:

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OUR TEAM IN SOUTH AMERICA

Vaccinations are going steady in South America! We are happy that our teams have received their immunization and can keep working and developing new amazing experiences for you and your clients!



As vaccination campaigns move forward in South America, we are particularly happy about Brazil and Ecuador, where our teams are progressively getting vaccinated and moving one step closer to herd immunization. At the moment:

- *50% of our Brazil team has already received the first dose of the vaccine.
- *100% of our Chile team has already been immunized.
- *100% of our Ecuador team has already received the first dose of the vaccine.

A&K South America was present at 2021's Mexico Road Show! In this year's virtual edition we were happy to share a minute with our partners in Mexico, with whom we shared many options and new products that we have recently developed in South America. Thanks for always choosing us as your on-site partners to explore the region with, and thank you Vanesa, Anna, Karlita, Mirka and Dalia, for the wonderful job you do as outstanding South American ambassadors!



This is Margarita weaving on the foot loom. Textile goods from this zone are very well known and valued all around the world. A visit here won't just walk your guests through the history and importance of these types of work, but will allow them to get hands on and bring back home a souvenir made by themselves.

A&K Ecuador's Country Manager, Margarita Sánchez, recently visited the Northern Andes, and enjoyed firsthand some of our recommended experiences. At A&K we always try products and services personally, in order to assure high service standards as well as the enforcement of health and sanitary protocols.



Here is Margarita trying her hand at the grain grinding. Corn flour is used for various local dishes and even crafts in the Andes.

OUR EXPERT ADVICE ON CUSCO & CHONTA

About Cusco

Population: 1,316,729

Weather: Min: -1°C (30°F) Max: 22°C (72°F)

Good for: food, outdoors and culture enthusiasts.



Bianney Mendoza

"I am Bianney Mendoza, Operations Manager for the Cusco Office, at A&K Peru. I was born in this very city, in the heart of the Peruvian Andes.

My studies and various jobs have allowed me to travel around the world and experience many different places. I think this helped to develop my enthusiasm for organizing the special details that make A&K travelers' journeys, something they won't ever forget. I am proud to be part of a young team that's committed to going above and beyond our guests' expectations.

Personally, I enjoy dancing, exploring different cultures, and learning about interior design."



OUR EXPERT ADVICE ON CUSCO & CHONTA



My Favorite Local Thing to Do in Chonta:

Without a doubt, watching the majestic and spiritual Flight of the Condor, the largest flying bird on the planet!

Getting to Chonta:

To arrive at Chonta we travel through Limatambo District, followed by the villages of Tarawasi and finally Chonta. Chonta has a scattered population of around 300 people, and the temperature ranges from 8°C to 26°C. This trip would be ideal for those that enjoy nature and landscapes. The best time to visit is from May through to September, during the dry season.

A&K Experience Not to be Missed in Chonta?

The Inka people considered the Condor to be sacred, and a session with a "paco" (Andean priest) at the condor viewing point, transforms the experience into one you will cherish forever.

Top 5 Things to Do in Chonta and Cusco:

1. Stop by the Pisco Museum in Cusco.
2. Make sure you visit Tarawasi, an amazing example of superlative Inka architecture.
3. A stop at Limatambo includes the opportunity to try the famous "Palta Fuerte" avocados. Discover for yourself why this region is known as avocado heaven.
4. Viewing points along the route offer breathtaking views of the Apurimac canyon.
5. Most memorable of all, you may catch a glimpse of the majestic condors that soar over the canyon.

What to Read Before your Trip?

Andean Religions by Krzysztof Makowski, also Inca Rituals and Sacred Valley Mountains by Johan Reinhard. These are wonderful studies of the world's highest archaeological sites.

My Favorite Hotel to Stay at?

JW Marriott Cusco, Belmond Monasterio & Belmond Palacio Nazarenas.

What to Bring on Your Trip:

Proper hiking gear, especially good footwear (hiking boots preferably), hiking poles, and since the weather is unpredictable in the Andes, you should also bring sun protection and rain gear. Another must-have item would be a good pair of binoculars.

My Local Advice:

I'd say that having a certain level of fitness is required, and more importantly you get acclimated to the altitude prior your departure, open your thoughts, beliefs to fully appreciate the spiritual part combined with nature.



FLAVORS OF SOUTH AMERICA

Chilean Rice Pudding

While rice pudding is a popular Latin American recipe with lots of delicious variations, today we will be learning how to make it the Chilean way.

This recipe is an excellent way to spoil your friends and family with a non-conventional sweet recipe that can either be served hot or cold, thus making it perfect for any time of the year.

Enjoy!

What you will need

- 4 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup long-grain rice
- 2 cloves
- 1 stick of cinnamon
- 1/3 cup sugar

Directions

1. In a heavy-bottomed pot, heat the milk over medium heat, add the cloves and the cinnamon stick.
2. Meanwhile, wash the rice in a colander under cold running water until the water runs clear.
3. Add the rice to the milk pot and start stirring. The idea is to cook the rice for 30 minutes until it is fully cooked and the milk has been reduced by roughly half. You do not have to stir all the time, but I stay in the kitchen and stir it every 1-2 minutes. The important thing is that the rice does not stick to the bottom of the pot; the milk should be simmering.
4. Taste after 30 minutes; if the rice is cooked, add the sugar, cook for three more minutes, remove from the heat, and serve warm or cold. The next day, it's even more decadent. Store in the refrigerator.



Abercrombie & Kent SOUTH AMERICA

Non-stop philanthropy!
A&K Brazil, along with BLTA (Brazilian Luxury Travel Association) is currently taking part in a program that seeks to have all Brazilians vaccinated by September 2021, starting with the most remote areas of the country. At the moment we have contributed with donations to purchase all the necessary supplies that make it possible to carry on with this important vaccination campaign.

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