

***Dreaming of***  
**South America with A&K**



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# RECOMMENDED

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Surely our recommendation for now is to stay home, healthy and safe. In the meantime, we have plenty of time to dust off our favorite hobbies and our talents. This is what Veronica and her sons are doing in Argentina, how do these ideas sound for when you come back to South America?

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## Our Recommendation of the Month

### Pottery Making in the Argentine Northwest

Ceramic has always been crucial to support life in the Argentine Northwest. In fact, enjoying a nice pottery lesson in a cozy local studio allows not just to better understand the area, but to learn the basic skills of pottery and travel back in time to picture the importance of producing these things to store water, provisions or even cooking food.

Our Argentina Country Manager Veronica Curtis took this class herself with her twin boys, and personally recommends this activity for kids and adults, as it is fun, interactive and perfect for both the ceramic enthusiasts and those who have never touched a wheel before.



## Our Recommendation of the Month

### Graffiti Experience in Lima

Flooded in colors and creativity and thanks to its close location to hotels and the airport, Callao -Lima's main port- is always a chance to enjoy a different face of Peru! For this, it comes as no surprise that the best way to embrace the local culture is by shaking up the spray-paint can and letting the artist spirit in your veins dance with your wrist, as you bring to life your own street mural with the guidance of one of Lima's top street artists. Dalia Gibu, our Regional Sales & Marketing Director was able to enjoy this experience with some of our Peru team members, and can tell us first hand how fun, relaxing and memorable this experience is! However, until you visit us in Peru, you can use this time at home to start sketching some ideas for your mural.



# WHAT'S NEW IN SOUTH AMERICA

## The Juma Opera Opens in Manaus, Brazil

The Juma Opera is a high-end historical boutique hotel in the center of Manaus, just across the Amazonas Opera House, and it will open its doors in the second half of 2020. The hotel is also located nearby the Palace of Justice and the Church of St. Sebastian, both from the late 19th century.

With 42 spacious rooms, the Juma Opera prioritizes comfort. Rooms are decorated by the award-winning architect Débora Aguiar and all have acoustic treatment on their doors and windows, which most have a direct view to the Amazonas Opera House.

## AC Hotels Opens their First Property in Santiago, Chile

AC Hotels by Marriott, has announced the opening of the 249-room AC Hotel Santiago Costanera Center, inviting to experience style and intention in the cultural hub of Chile. Housed in the iconic Costanera-Center complex, the AC Santiago promises going beyond the conventions to create experiences that strike the perfect balance of details and services that guests need.

## Ecuador's La Danesa Renovates Social Areas

Considering guests' suggestions, the hacienda's main building will be undergoing a remodeling, which is expected to finish in the second half of the year. It will include: a reading room, a small library, a bar, relaxing lounges, dining areas, exposed kitchen, and new tropical gardens.

Additionally, their head chef will be attending courses at Lima's Central Restaurant and then will be learning from Francis Mallmann in person! This will allow to best enjoy the soon-to-come "Helge Restaurant", featuring lip-smacking Danish-Ecuadorian food.



## Behold the Titilaca Domes, in Puno, Peru

Soon, four new domes at Titilaca will allow guests to live closer to mythic Lake Titicaca! In addition to the existing categories in the main lodge, the domes provide something different: a chance to fully disconnect and dive in a timeless, natural rhythm. Carefully-equipped with top-notch facilities, the domes have capacity for up to 3 guests and offer black-out curtains, desks, lounge, HDTV, private showers, plunge bath and, of course, some mesmerizing views of the immense lake.

## Ecuador's M/Y La Pinta Ready to Keep on Exploring Galapagos

After a programmed dry docking, we are happy to announce that the yacht La Pinta is ready to keep on exploring the Galapagos Islands. The renovations were made prioritizing the use of recycled material, where possible, in order to meet environmental and nautical standards. Among the renovations of the yacht, guests can enjoy a new and larger lounge, fresher-designed cabins, new furnishings in the bridge, a wholly renovated dining area and a beautiful solarium to relax on.

# WHAT'S HOT IN SOUTH AMERICA

## Chile's Patagonia Camp is in Condé Nast Top 20

Kudos Patagonia Camp! One of our favorite properties in pristine Patagonia has been recently acknowledged among the top 20 resorts in South America.

More than 600,000 Condé Nast Traveler readers across the globe submitted a recording-breaking number of responses rating their travel experiences to provide a full snapshot of where and how we travel today.

The Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as "the best of the best of travel."

## Do Your Part by Booking Brazil's Cristalino Lodge

Our hotel partner in the Brazilian Amazon, Cristalino lodge, has announced that when booking a 3-night package through us, they will apply a discount, and donate a grocery kit for a local family.

\*The stay can be scheduled for later, and the special is valid until December 2021.

## Village of the Flowers: Pioneer Female Porters

We keep on working alongside the Village of the Flowers in Cusco. And we are happy to share that thanks to this support and their usual determination, 3 of their local women have obtained their license to work as official porters on the Inka Trail! This is excellent news that make us proud of the Village and their efforts to keep on contributing on offering the highest service to our guests, while empowering women as equal pioneers!

## Proud of our Peru Hotel Partners

We wanted to take a minute to congratulate our hotel partners, whom demonstrating to be true team players, have welcomed all Peruvian-fellow-citizens, coming back from foreign lands, to complete a 15-day isolation period before going to their homes. We are proud of our industry and our partners!. Kudos to Marriott, Westin, Aloft, AC Hotels, Libertador Hotels, Resorts & Spas, Luxury Collections, Casa Andina, Terra Viva

# OUR TEAM IN SOUTH AMERICA

## Mauricio Visits Ecuador: 3 Worlds in 12 Days

Recently, our North-American-Market Sales Manager, Mauricio Vergara, enjoyed a FAM trip to Ecuador. On this journey he was able to visit some of the icons of Ecuador's worlds, including Guayaquil, Cuenca, Quito, a locomotive ride through the Avenue of Volcanoes and, of course, the charming Galapagos Islands.

After this exciting trip, Mauricio was able to refresh knowledge and come up with new creative ideas, excellent for every guest to best enjoy the wonders of Ecuador. Join us in seeing some of his pictures and reading his impressions of the trip!

Remember, should you have questions, suggestions or inquiries of any type, you may always contact Mauricio at:  
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*"Sharing some unexpected landscapes (unexpected by me) when visiting the Ecuadorian Andes at above 3K mt/9,800 ft. What a diversity of landscapes and climates for such a relatively small country!"*



*"More than just a cooking class, it's a lecture of Ecuadorian food, while plating the dishes, pairing with wine, beer and great conversation! Alejandro Chamorro is one of those new-school chefs who love to share his knowledge and passion with the guests, by the hand of his wife. They are very sweet and hospitable people!"*



*"Cuenca is a specially charming city. Among others, it joined officially my list of preferred cities in South America; and I was there less than 18 hours. Can't wait to plan a second visit! Do not miss to visit the restaurant Tiesto's!"*



*"On a 3 hour-drive from Alausi to Riobamba (Central Andes), we made 2 interesting stops: the Guamote Indigenous Market, which is very picturesque as it is traditional and authentic, and the Balbanera church, in Colta. It is the very first Catholic church in Ecuador, which doesn't just add a different feeling to the experience, but allows to understand and see the point where cultures, beliefs and centuries converge."*



*"South Plaza, in Galapagos is a great spot for wildlife spotting! Birds, sea lions, boobies, land iguanas, marine iguanas and HYBRID IGUANAS!!!"*



*"Keeping the optimism, it's a challenge on itself nowadays. No matter what, stick to your goals. Reinvent yourself if you need to. Like this president of Ecuador that believed that a train connecting the nation - from the Pacific Coast to the capital in the Andes, Quito - would be the key for real progress. A mountain stood against the project but he didn't step back. Many human losses during the works fed the belief of a curse... nicknaming the mountain as the Devil's Nose. Engineering won the match and nowadays it's part of history, that you can experience... the zig-zagging railroad connecting Sibambe and Alausi stations."*

# FLAVORS OF SOUTH AMERICA

## Peruvian Pisco Sour

*If the mountain won't come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain!*

We know that the wisest thing for now is staying at home safely. However, at A&K South America we also know how badly you are wishing to enjoy the colors, landscapes and flavors of our region. With this in mind, we thought we would bring a little bit of us to your living room, with an easy-to-make Peruvian-Pisco-Sour recipe for you to enjoy after a hard home-work day. Cheers!

### What you will need

- 3 ounces of Peruvian Pisco.
- 2 ounces of key lime juice.
- 1 tablespoon of egg whites.
- 1.5 ounces simple syrup.
- 1/4 cup crushed ice.
- 1-2 drops Angostura bitters.

### Instructions

1. In a cocktail mixer (or a blender) combine key lime juice with the egg white.
2. Add simple syrup, pisco, and ice and blend at high speed until frothy.
3. Pour into a sour glass, top with drops of bitters and serve.

### Remember

- Pick up a good pisco.
- Measure your proportions.
- Before serving, chill the glasses, this will enhance the flavor.
- Remember, the Angostura bitters goes last on its own.
- Add only 1-2 drops of Angostura bitters, otherwise it will overpower the other ingredients.



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