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With blossoming colors framing the landscapes, a brighter sun rising over the Andes and golden beaches embracing the ocean, it is clear that Spring announces its arrival to South America, with positive vibes, great news and more projects for you to enjoy more of our region! In fact, part of the great news is the reopening of many hotels and national parks, which makes it easier to visit places of South America, where the “new better” is already a reality. And for this, at Akorn we have come up with many projects, deals, activities and recommendations which will allow your clients to best enjoy their trip to the land of colors, music, flavors and pristine nature.

Big hugs from Lima,
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Our Recommendation of the Month

Hotel Fasano Angra Dos Reis, in Brazil

Just a couple of weeks ago, our Akorn Brazil Country Manager, Mikael Castro, stayed at the Fasano Angra Dos Reis, with his family, enjoying the usual great service and facilities that have made this property one of our favorites! However, after seeing how much fun he was having, and how inviting it is to jump on a plane and head for Brazil, it was clear that we had to include the Fasano Angra Dos Reis as our recommendation for this month!

“This is our second trip since it all started in March and I have to say, it feels amazing! Amazing to broaden our horizon beyond our home. Amazing to have a delicious meal at a restaurant and not have to do the dishes. Amazing to experience the outdoors freely and forget (at least for a brief moment) about the pandemic.” -Mikael.



Our Recommendation of the Month

Cotopaxi Sanctuary Lodge, in Ecuador

In the heart of the Andes at 5897 masl (19347 fasl), the proudly Ecuadorian Cotopaxi Volcano is a place that you surely want to put high up on your bucket list. Truth is that no matter what you do on your visit here, your experience will be memorable. However, we are happy to share that now there is a new way not just to temporarily enjoy the natural surroundings, but to embrace them in style, thanks to the opening of the new Cotopaxi Sanctuary Lodge. Sitting at the foot of the iconic volcano, the lodge puts on the table the option of 4 Luxury Suites and 4 Domes that will allow for an unforgettable glamping experience, with mesmerizing views and attention to detail. Akorn Ecuador's Country Manager recently visited the property, and she highly recommends it, for the green approach, the great location and the wide array of activities to best enjoy your trip.



WHAT'S NEW IN SOUTH AMERICA

Belmond Properties Reopen in Peru

Thanks to their great service, facilities and utmost accommodation, Belmond properties have always been among our top recommendations to best enjoy a visit to the Land of the Incas. For this, we are thrilled to announce that the following Belmond hotels have once again opened their doors to welcome guests:

- *Belmond Miraflores Park, in Lima.
- *Belmond Palacio Nazarenas, in Cusco.
- *Belmond Hotel Rio Sagrado, in the Sacred Valley.

The Mandarin Oriental Opens in Santiago

The first Mandarin Oriental property in South America officially opened its doors in Santiago on the 21st of September, for which we wish to warmly welcome them to our portfolio of hand-picked hotels! With this news, our North America Sales Manager, Mauricio Vergara, and our Customer Service Specialist, Vivian Gaymer, visited the hotel and they have nothing but good comments! From the highly sophisticated health and safety protocols, to great service and a dreamy oasis in the city! It assures a very delightful stay in Santiago!

*Ask us about our specials for this property.



Galapagos' Baltra Airport Gets Certification for Health Protocols

Just a couple of weeks ago, Galapagos' Baltra Airport welcomed delegates of the International Council of Airports. After inspecting the facilities and making sure that the airport meets the standards for a pleasant trip, they officially granted the Sanitary Certification. Some of the elements that were taken into account for the decision included health and safety protocols, customer service and travel experience overall.

Kudos to the Ecological Airport of Baltra!



WHAT'S HOT IN SOUTH AMERICA

Akorn South America Update - October, 2020

Many positive changes are taking place in the region and we thought it was just about time to share an update with you, our partners. There still is a long way to go, but we can say that the "new better" is already a living reality here and that we are now seeing brighter days in South America.

Argentina: As a safety measure, Argentina is still under lockdown, and restaurants are allowed to operate, with capacity restrictions. Domestic and international flights are not resumed yet, and touristic activities are expected to restart gradually in the next months.

Brazil: Domestic and international flights are operating regularly, except for specific destinations, where travel is still restricted from. Here, many hotels, restaurants and local businesses are already running, and while no COVID-19 test is required to enter, wearing face masks in public areas is mandatory.

Chile: At the moment, the operating flights are reserved for Chilean residents only, considering that touristic operations are not fully restored yet. Although some hotels in Santiago have reopened, we expect businesses and properties in other areas of interest to resume operations in December, 2020.

Ecuador: Fully open with domestic, international flights and hotels operating, and restaurants working at 50% capacity, cruise operations in Galapagos running with new protocols, all national parks open for visitors. A negative-PCR test taken no more than 10 days prior to arrival must be shown to airport authorities. For Galapagos, the test must have been taken 96 hours before arrival, and it will not be mandatory for guests under 18 years old.

Peru: Recently acknowledged as a Safe-Travels destination, domestic flights are operating normally, as well as routes to/from Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia and Chile. PCR-negative test result taken within a 72-hour window before arrival, must be presented to the airport authorities and, once in Peru, wearing face masks in public places is mandatory. Flights to/from the USA, Mexico and Brazil are expected to resume in November.

Low Season Extended in Atacama and Easter Island

Great news! We are happy to share that the Alto Atacama and Hanga Roa hotels will be extending their low-season special rates when booking through us. The special offer applies through September 2021, including the Holidays!

*Subject to availability - *Contact us for details: chile@akorndmc.com

Private Supplement is Free at Explora-Sacred-Valley

If you are planning on booking the Explora Sacred Valley through us, you are going to love this special! We are thrilled to announce that FIT groups of more than 4 guests will automatically be enjoying their excursions privately at no extra cost. You may benefit of this special through February 2021.

*Subject to availability - *Contact us for details: peru@akorndmc.com

Condé Nast Traveler's Top 25 Hotels

Renowned magazine Condé Nast has recently unveiled their Top-25 list of resorts in South America, and we are happy to share that every single one of them is an Akorn-recommended property. Kudos to our hotel partners. Keep up the good work!

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| 1. Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa - Brazil | 14. The Singular Patagonia - Chile |
| 2. The Vines Resort & Spa - Argentina | 15. Tambo del Inka - Peru |
| 3. Paracas Luxury Collection - Peru | 16. Eco Camp Patagonia - Chile |
| 4. Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba - Peru | 17. Vik Chile - Chile |
| 5. Tierra Patagonia - Chile | 18. Explora Atacama - Chile |
| 6. Playa Vik Jose Ignacio - Uruguay | 19. Tierra Atacama - Chile |
| 7. Alto Atacama - Chile | 20. Explora Patagonia - Chile |
| 8. Mashpi Lodge - Ecuador | 21. Patagonia Camp - Chile |
| 9. Finch Bay Galapagos - Ecuador | 22. Casa de Uco - Argentina |
| 10. Cavas Wine Lodge - Argentina | 23. Tierra Chiloe - Chile |
| 11. Explora Sacred Valley - Peru | 24. Bahia Vik Jose Ignacio - Uruguay |
| 12. Estancia Vik Jose Ignacio - Uruguay | 25. Aranwa Paracas - Peru |
| 13. Explora Rapa Nui - Chile | |

OUR EXPERT ADVICE

ARGENTINE NORTHWEST

About the Northwest

Population (Salta): 1 406 584
Weather: Min: 3°C (37°F) Max: 16°C (61°F)
Good for: culture and nature enthusiasts



Veronica Curtis

"I am Veronica Curtis, Country Manager of Akorn Argentina and part of the original team that opened this office over 15 years ago.

I find the Argentine Northwest fascinating because of its history and its ties to the original culture and traditions. The geography is also amazing, from jungles to deserts, to salt flats and the Andes, all within a few hours drive. It is a destination you return to and every time discover a totally different experience.

To visit the Northwest is to visit a wild and rarely explored land of soaring Andes, blindingly white saline lakes, tropical forest reserves and fertile valleys, dotted with dusty pre-Hispanic and colonial settlements. One of the real off-the-beaten-track destinations in Argentina, it is home to hidden treasures, from Inca mummies to the wineries of Cafayate and adventures, such as rafting the stunning Juramento River, mountain biking through Cardones, horse riding with the Gauchos and iconic train rides and road trips through the High Andean Plateau."

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My Favorite Local Thing to Do:

As I travel with my twin boys, being outdoors and keeping them busy is important. Horse rides, half day tours or 3 days and 2 nights up in the Andes sleeping in VERY simple local homes are adventures we will not forget.

My Favorite Hotel to Stay at?

Legado Mitico in Salta and Patios de Cafayate or Colome in the wine area.

What to Read or See Before you Come:

- The Andean People by Lucio Boschi
- Ayni by Carlos Villena
- Fabulas Andinas by Wanka Willka

Akorn Experience Not to Be Missed:

Trekking with llamas! The circuits can be as easy or difficult as you want, although it will be the llamas that set the pace! The best part is the picnics, surrounded by these fuzzy beasts while your guides cook a great meal and you commune with nature.

Top 5 Things to Do in the Argentine Northwest:

- 1.Walk around the city of Salta it is one of the oldest cities in Argentina with fascinating colonial churches squares and convents.
2. Empanadas and torrantes! Taste delicious empanadas Salteñas every chance you have, you will not find any like them anywhere else. Torrrones is a white wine iconic to this area.
- 3.Visit the Quilmes ruins, especially if traveling with children, it story is sad but fascinating and it has great climbs to access the bees views.
- 4.Horse riding and bike tours are great ways to explore off-the-beaten track areas.
- 5.'Visit the local markets. You'll find woven goods, ceramics, textiles, and other genuine products made by local indigenous artisans

What is Your Favorite Restaurant in Town:

I do not have a favorite restaurant. The food in this area is mostly home made from local produce thus the local restaurants and peñas all have outstanding food. You must try the Empanadas: They can be fried or baked and filled with beef, chicken, or ham and cheese. Tamales, they are usually prepared with corn flour filled with meat, eggs, potatoes, green onions, peppers, and paprika. The filling is wrapped in corn husks, in Salta and Jujuy, the tamal has a round shape that makes it look like a big wrapped candy. Locro, a thick stew similar to a soup prepared with a lot of pumpkin, beans, corn and potatoes. Locro is usually accompanied by a spicy sauce made of fried green onions and red pepper.

What to Bring on Your Trip:

Hat, sunglasses, sunblock, lip balm, long and short-sleeved T-shirts, comfy sneakers and light, informal clothing for the evenings.

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Peruvian Ceviche

We all love Peruvian cuisine, and for that we thought we would bring you a top-notch recipe right from chef Ignacio Barrios' kitchen. Get hands on and pamper your loved ones with delicious Peruvian ceviche.

What you will need (1 serving)

- 200 g of white fish fillet (flounder or seabass)
- 75 g of red onion, cut in fine julienne
- Juice of 1 lime
- 3/4 limo chili, chopped
- 1/4 tablespoon of cilantro, chopped
- Salt
- 225 ml of leche de tigre
- 50 g of cooked sweet potato
- 50 g of cooked corn (only the kernels)
- 50 g cancha

Making Leche de Tigre

What you will need (1 serving)

- 0.120 lt of freshly squeezed lime juice
- 30 g of celery
- 1/8 white onion, chopped
- 3 g of ginger
- 40 g of white fish fillet (flounder or seabass)
- 67 ml of fish stock
- 1 ice cube
- 1/6 limo chili
- Bunch of cilantro
- 12 g of salt

Directions

1. Cut the fish in dices. Put it in a bowl and season with salt.
2. Add the onion, cilantro and chili, and mix well. At the end, add the lime juice and mix well again.
3. Add the leche de tigre. Mix and let it aside for a few minutes. Taste for salt.
4. Serve with the sweet potato, corn and cancha.
6. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes until browned.

Directions

1. Blend all the ingredients but the limo chili and cilantro. Then, add them in and pulse the blender 3 times.
2. Pass through a strainer.
3. Blend again and pass through a strainer one more time and taste for salt.



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