THE ARAC MASIN: THE INCA WEDDING IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION AMONG TOURISTS

– *It is a spiritual affirmation that harmonizes the union of couples with Andean deities.*

Arac Masin is a Quechua term that means Andean wedding. It is an ancient symbolic ceremony performed by Peruvians living at higher altitudes of the southern Andean highlands.

This millenary ritual is performed by an Andean priest, who with his gifts passed on by generations of Incas, invokes the elements of nature – the Apus, the spirits of the mountains; Pachamama, mother earth; Mama Koka, mother coca; the chaskas, the stars; the Aukis and Achachilas, light and Willka Nina, the sacred fire – to make a couple's relationship last forever.

Today this unique ritual is attracting increasing interest in Machu Picchu where, during the high tourism season from May to October, couples come to get married at the foot of the lost city of the Incas: Machu Picchu.

Arac Masin is known as a symbolic ceremony of love for single couples or married couples wishing to renew their vows in cultural style. The only place in Peru that offers this experience is Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel.

Sumaq is the only five-star hotel in the town of Machu Picchu Pueblo, formerly known as Aguas Calientes. Arac Masin is one of the cultural activities designed for couples who want to live an experience full of energy and mysticism.

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Andean melodies. A Group of local musician accompany the ceremony.

Mystic Stage. Flowers are the principal ingredients in the decoration of the environment.