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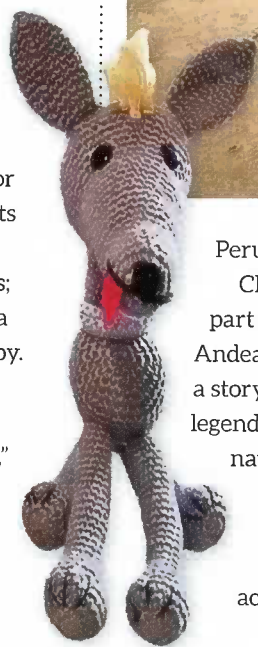
A Machu Picchu Puppy

Families touring Machu Picchu will now have a new type of tour guide — of the stuffed-animal variety, that is.

Allco the Inca puppy, a cuddly companion that has been designed to resemble the Peruvian hairless dogs commonly found in pre-Inca cultures, adds a playful twist to Sumaq Hotel's The Adventures With Allco in Machu Picchu experience. The package includes a half-day tour for children ages 6 to 11 and their parents; entrance tickets to Machu Picchu; roundtrip bus tickets to the site; a kid-friendly guide; an additional guide for parents; boxed lunches; and an Explorer Kit equipped with a map, a hat, a magnifying glass and the stuffed puppy.

"The tour offers a dynamic family experience exploring the wonders of our famous citadel and learning about its history, architecture and mysteries," said Angie Clavijo, general manager of Sumaq Hotel, which is located at the foot of Machu Picchu. "A special feature for the kids is a cuddly Allco — a time-honored favorite of

Peru's Sumaq Hotel has a special tour for families. Below: Allco the Inca Puppy



Peruvian children."

Clients can also take part in the hotel's Time for Andean Tales, which features a storytelling session on local legends that is narrated by native Peruvians.

Another benefit of a stay at Sumaq Hotel is its new family-friendly accommodation option.

The Sumaq Deluxe Family Room has four full-size beds and can host up to four adults and four children.

Amenities include board games and complimentary Wi-Fi access, and children ages 11 and younger receive 50 percent off the room rate in addition to daily breakfast and either lunch or dinner. www.machupicchuhotels-sumaq.com — Emma Weissmann



AGENT RESOURCES

FTA LAUNCHES PODCAST

Earlier this month, the Family Travel Association (FTA) launched Family Travel Radio, a podcast designed to help parents discover what's possible when it comes to traveling with their children.

Family Travel Radio is hosted by podcasting veteran Aaron Schlein, who has produced nearly 100 episodes of his two existing podcasts: "Dramatic Travels Family" and "Dramatic Travels Entrepreneurs." Schlein has interviewed a variety of experts, including family travel specialists

Eric Stoen of Travel Babbo, Caroline Makepeace of TravelBlog and Rainer Jenss, founder of the FTA.

Schlein says he has a passion for inspiring families to travel. "When I was a kid, I was lucky to have adults in my life who understood the value of travel," he said. "My grandmother, in particular, went out of her way to show me the world. Thanks to her, I visited 12 countries on four continents before my 18th birthday. She inspired my curiosity and passion for travel."

Schlein plans to cover a wide range of topics on Family Travel Radio, including overcoming fear that limits exploration; the developmental benefits of travel; and transitioning to family travel for new parents.

"Now that I'm a parent, I want to pay forward my grandmother's generosity," Schlein said. "I want to be the inspiration my grandma was to me and help others be that inspiration for the young people in their lives."

Listeners can subscribe to the podcast by visiting: www.familytravel.org/podcast. Travel professionals who want to share their expertise on Family Travel Radio may email Jenss at rainer@familytravel.org. — Kenneth Shapiro