

Astounding Inca-Trail: Terrifying see-through pod hotels hang 400ft above Peru's Sacred Valley

WOULD you stay in a transparent capsule clinging to the side of a 400ft cliff in Peru?

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SCARY? The see-through pods hang 400 ft. up in the air

Hanging precariously above a 400ft drop, the quirky sleeping pods certainly aren't for the faint-hearted.

Fearless travelers have to scale a sheer rock face to reach the Natura Vive Sky lodge in Peru's Sacred Valley.

And have to take a zip wire if they want to get down from their floating hotel room.

The resort, in the heartland of the Inca Empire, consists of three clear capsules.

Perched in the middle of Peru's Sacred Valley, it offers thrill-seeking tourists some of the most astounding views in the world.



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THRILL-SEEKERS: The Sky lodge can only be reached by climbing a sheer rock face. Those brave enough to endure a night in a Natura Vive Sky lodge Adventure Suite can soak up the mystical views over the heartland of the Inca Empire, with a package that includes breakfast and a gourmet dinner with wine.

Adrenalin junkies can spend a romantic night beneath the stars with their partner or have a holiday with a difference with a group of friends.

The three capsule suites, which can sleep a total of eight people, provide a 360 degree view of the lush valleys, rolling hills and starry skies.

Constructed from aerospace aluminum and weather resistant polycarbonate, each 24 x 8ft suite comes complete with four beds, a dining area and a private bathroom.

Claustrophobia? No need to panic. There are six windows and four ventilation ducts that ensure a comfortable atmosphere, and safety is ensured by having the exit portal located in the upper part of the craft.

Each suite has a private bathroom separated from the bedroom, complete with ecological toilet and sink, high quality mattresses, cotton sheets, down pillows, and quilts.

The dome also has curtains for privacy from the curious gaze of passing condors.



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BACK TO NATURE: The aluminum weather resistant pods are 24 x 8ft and come complete with four beds



DON'T LOOK DOWN Guest have to zip wire down from the quirky pods.

To sleep at Sky lodge, guests must climb using a Via Ferrata or hike an intrepid trail through zip lines.

A night in an adventure suite complete with climb and zip-lining costs £200.



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A via ferrata is a path used to climb a mountain with a safety system permanently installed, which gives people without any experience in climbing the opportunity to move through spectacular mountain scenery without heavy-duty climbing equipment.



ADRENALIN: The transparent pods provide a 360 degree view

The climber is tied to a steel cable that runs through the entire route, and does not require any climbing rope.

Instead, metal ladders, bridges and similar facilities are used.

This means that even beginners can have access to very high, and extreme vertical sections of a mountain that would usually only be accessible to experienced rock climbers.

Would YOU dare to sleep in the hanging pods?

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/travel/adventure/451069/Inca-trail-holidays-Peru-hanging-pods-Sacred-Valley-rock-climbing>



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