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Rains and evacuation

On January 23 of this year, heavy rain in Cusco caused the Urubamba and Vilcanota Rivers in Cusco to rise, tripling their usual volume.

This unusual occurrence resulted in blockage of the main access routes to the Machu Picchu archaeological site, as railways and roads were damaged. For this reason, on January 25, the Peruvian government ordered the suspension of tourism activities in the town of Machu Picchu Pueblo (formerly known as Aguas Calientes).

That same day at seven o'clock in the morning, an airlift from Machu Picchu to Ollantaytambo began. Sumaq guests, as well as other visitors and local residents wishing to go to the city of Cusco were evacuated by helicopter.

The hotel, the town and the archaeological site

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel's structures remain completely intact, as does the road in front of the hotel. The hotel's construction upon a 40 meter thick stone structure and its bunker-like basement fully lined with concrete make its infrastructure safe and reliable.

The Machu Picchu archaeological site was not damaged by the rains either, although in the town of the same name, there was some damage to the Hiram Bingham highway.

Repair and reconstruction work

Yesterday, Monday 02/15/2010, Ferrocarril Transandino FETRASA, the concessionaire for the southern and eastern railways in Peru, reported the completion of repair work on the Aguas Calientes (Km. 110) - Hidroeléctrica (122Km) section of the railway.

The company also announced that it expects to have completed repair work on the railway from Piscaicucho (Km. 82) to Ollantaytambo by early April.

It should be noted that Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel is fully prepared to welcome guests once access routes to Machu Picchu Pueblo are reestablished.

Persons who have scheduled trips prior to March 31 are asked to communicate with our sales personnel at:

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