Tobias Holck

January 2023

Absolutely wonderful place. The place is one of a kind. Truly beautiful with an amazing garden and wonderful outdoor areas where we could relax and BBQ. James and Nora are extremely kind and wonderful people. They helped us in so many ways. We recommend it in the strongest possible way. You will love it.

Fressia

January 2023

James & Nora of the Best Always helpful and friendly 100% Wonderful experience, we promise to come back for longer.

Translated from Spanish

John Patrick

October 2022

Great place. James and Nora are great! Highly recommended!

Paul

August 2022

It was an incredible experience, the place is large, surrounded by nature and the apartments are clean, comfortable and equipped, ideal for getting to know the attractions of the entire area, or just to go to rest and relax from the noise and city stress. James and Nora were always attentive and helpful making their stay even more enjoyable. I would be happy to come back.

Translated from SpanishShow original

Thomas

August 2022

What an awesome place! Total relaxation and peace in a beautiful setting, lush gardens surrounding the area filled with birds… local vegetables, fruit and natural teas available. Cannot recommend this place enough.

Samantha

July 2022

Yes, this place is as good as the other reviews say. James and Nora are incredibly kind and the space is absolutely incredible. It looks better than in the photos as you have the property to explore and different fruit trees surrounding the airbnb. We thoroughly enjoyed the little apartment as it has more than enough to keep you happy. The kitchen is well stocked (lemon squeezer, grater, oven, blender, etc.) and while the units are close to the main house, you still have enough privacy, plus a great view! Highly recommend.

Alastair

February 2022

This place is unmissable. It's just beautiful. We have used it as a base to explore this area of Peru and could not have been happier. The owners are beyond helpful and knowledgeable. The accommodation is comfortable and the grounds beautiful. The small market town nearby is a delight, especially on Sunday which is the main market day. This is not 5 star with swimming pools. This is an excellent place to stay, relax and travel from. A true home from home. Thanks to you both, Jim and Nora.

Robert

February 2022

The apartment is clean, functional and well-equipped. It is located in a large property where your hosts Nora and James will welcome you and be very attentive to your well-being during your stay. It's a great place in the area.

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Barbara

February 2022

James is the BEST airbnb host! We had such a great time there. We were going to stay for a week and we ended up staying for 3 weeks. The apartment was very comfortable and had everything that we needed. The property was huge, with beautiful trees, flowers and cute birds. Nora and James were very nice and we talked a lot, they also sent us good recommendations of things to do in the area, which we really appreciate. We are super happy we stayed longer and we highly recommend it! Thanks for everything!!

Dirk

January 2022

James & Nora's Fundo is a small paradise in the high jungle. Passing through the puerton, you enter a home of peace and quiet. From the first moment you feel at home when you are welcomed with open arms. You just want to sit in the rocking chair or lie in one of the common air hammocks and appreciate the landscape, listen to the haystacks, and take a deep breath. The apartments are excellent, clean with all amenities. The kitchen is very good and a degree of detail of excellence. From the time of booking we were given all attention, giving advice regarding the best arrival and being there about the things that can be done and where to contact before. Anyway, it's a place to have a wonderful day or a lot of wonderful days. Many thanks and congratulations to Nora and James for the fundo they created there.

Translated from Spanish

Adam

November 2021

Nora and James are one of a kind. The second we arrived at their place, we felt comfortable and welcomed. Their property is around 6km from Pedro Ruiz, with a huge lawn and comfortable apartment. Besides that, they showed us around and let us try their homegrown fruits and self made coffee. It's a shame we need to leave after five days, you could easily spend several weeks there. Thank you Nora, thank you James. We will come back as soon as possible. Stay safe, and keep up your attitude! Sophia and Adam :)

Manuel

November 2021

everything great and perfect a beautiful place and beautiful landscapes

Translated from Spanish

Mariagracia

October 2021

James and Nora's home is a magical place, very quiet with the singing of the birds. It has a spacious garden where you can run with your pet and enjoy the sun. You have to keep in mind what are two more spaces and could be occupied, which means you will be sharing the stay. There are not many food options around, but you have an equipped kitchen in which you can do everything. When we arrived James had left us avocado and bananas that were very rich. Very grateful to them and their home.

Translated from SpanishShow original

Joanna

September 2021

Nora &James are wonderful and kind-hearted couple and amazing hosts together with their beautiful property. Our stay at Awarishka was simply fantastic! Can't wait to be back there again soon :)

Mauricio

September 2021

The fundo was a very pleasant experience. We stayed almost a week and would have liked to stay longer. Perfect for remote work and at the same time disconnect from the city. James was very friendly and gave us the best recommendations to eat nearby and visit the nearby waterfalls, always attentive to what we needed and very nice. Highly recommended, you should enjoy it for long stays!

Translated from SpanishShow original

Andres

August 2021

Really a spectacular place, highly recommended, nice place, better hosts. If you want to have a good time, it is the place.

Translated from Spanish

Karol

July 2021

Excellent place of natural environments and well cared for and James is an excellent host who will make your days of stay like being at home , super recommended, I will come back!!

Translated from Spanish

Karol

July 2021

Excellent place with natural and well-kept environments, and James is an excellent host who will make your days of stay feel like being at home, highly recommended, I'll be back !!!

Translated from Spanish

Sandra Geraldine

February 2021

Fundo Arawishka is a wonderful place, full of magic in every detail. We enjoyed walking, seeing, feeling the different fragrances of each wonderful plant and the smell of vegetation during the rain. The stay is impeccable and you feel like home. Thanks. Thanks

Translated from Spanish

Madeleim

January 2021

This place has unparalleled magic. Every space has its own charm. James and Nora have dedicated themselves to making a place that integrates with every space of nature in this fundo and are also very attentive and always willing to help you! If you want to connect with you and with nature this is the perfect place ❤️

Translated from Spanish

Sarah

December 2020

Stayed longer than expected - beautiful place and wonderful grounds.

Sarah

December 2020

Fantastic self contained bnbs set within beautiful and spacious grounds of several acres. Clean, well equipped and comfortable. Easy to stay longer than expected!

Blanca

December 2020

I totally recommend it and especially for long stays. I loved the farm, it is very well cared for, the apartment has a living room, dining room, bedroom and bathroom, it is totally independent, there is hot and cold water in the shower, you can cook right there sometimes and save a little money. There is a store with what you need down the main road, right in front of the farm. The farm is large and you can walk freely, they have many trees with fruit, there are beautiful birds that are almost guests but that do not interrupt your stay. James and Nora are friendly, they gave me important advices for my stay, they are always willing to collaborate and talk with you, if you wish, but they are not harassing, which is very good because you have your moments alone too, if you wish. . The town of Pedro\_Ruiz\_Gallo has a market and poultry (for lovers of grilled chicken), you can buy some things and put them in the fridge, you have a blender to make juices. Anyway, here I felt better than at home because instead of being surrounded by buildings, I was surrounded by nature, bird sounds, and good vibes from that beautiful couple that the gringo and his wife make. I highly recommend it and especially for long stays. I loved the estate, it is very well cared for, the apartment has a living room, dining room, bedroom and bathroom, it is totally independent, there is cold and hot water in the shower, you can cook right there sometimes and save little money. There is a store with what you need on the main street, right in front of the estate. The estate is large and you can walk freely, they have many fruit trees, there are beautiful birds that are almost invited but that do not interrupt your stay. James and Nora are friendly, they gave me important tips for my stay, they are always willing to collaborate and talk to you, if you wish, but they are not harassing, which is very good because you also have your moments alone, if you wish. The village of Pedro\_Ruiz\_Gallo has a market and birds (for lovers of grilled chicken), you can buy some things and put them in the fridge, you have a blender to make juices. Anyway, here I felt better than at home because instead of being surrounded by buildings, it was surrounded by nature, the sounds of birds and good vibes of that nice couple who make gringo and his wife.

Translated from Spanish

Sebastian

November 2020

James was great hosts on whose property can be lived very well...

Translated from German

Alberto

February 2020

Amazonas is a great experience and even more so when the accommodation is comfortable, well located, clean and with great hosts. Highly recommended.

Translated from Spanish

Juliane

February 2020

Nora and James are great hosts! The place is a hidden small paradise and perfect for everyone seeking for a place to relaxe and be with the nature. It’s great located so you won’t need long to the “Gocta Falls” or “Kuelap”. Nora and James always are happy to give advice or/and help you! They took us with them to the sunday market in Pedro Ruiz or to Chachapoya from where they organized a tour for us to Kuelap! The apartment is on the same area as Noras and James House so you feel like home but still you have enough privacy. The huge garden is filled with fruit trees such as limes, bananas, oranges or dragon fruits and much more, coffee plants and a few chickens running around! Sometimes we got fresh tomates, different fruits and eggs from them! And when we arrived in the middle of the night Nora and James prepared everything perfectly so we could check-in at 4:30am! Even for our first breakfast they gave us great ingredients! The apartment is well equipped so you won’t miss anything in there!!! Nora and James House is a special place where you should stay at least 5 days to enjoy it! They make you feel home! Thank you very much!!!

Volker

February 2020

Everything as described. James and Nora are very friendly and helpful hosts. A beautiful quiet place to relax with many attractive attractions in the area. Getting around on foot and with lecture taxis and motor taxis is easy. Very well appointed and large apartments. A place you want to come back to.

Translated from German

Neva

January 2020

I stayed at Arawishka for a month, and it was almost not enough ; I would have stayed much longer if I could. Take your time if you are considering to stay with James and Nora ; time to relax, enjoy, discover, think. Not only the fundo, the whole region is stunning. I think I've never seen nature being so abundant anywhere else before ; and besides, the climate is mild, I haven't seen any mosquitoes while I was there, and the hosts are very good people. James and Nora are always there to help or just to talk ; but you also have all the privacy you need. I enjoyed going to the market with them every Sunday - a remarkable place if you're a fan of fresh fruit, vegetables and beans, or if you'd just like to observe the local trading habits. The area is not very touristic, but there is a lot of natural and historic wonders around. Arawishka has it all.

Dino

January 2020

Highly recommended. James and Nora were exceptional hosts, who went out their way to make us feel welcome and provided us with a home from home. They were very friendly too. Great base for exploring the upper Amazonia. Bird and plant life out of this world. We fell in love with Peru.

Karen

December 2019

The home is so much more than what is in the pictures. Very peaceful and relaxing. Close enough to everything but yet far enough away to notice. Stunning views and the home is so well planned and thought out. We hope to stay again.

Phaidraig

December 2019

James and Nora's place is a paradise within a paradise. I've been in South America for a few months and this was the first time I've felt truly relaxed. The apartments are super organised and extremely well thought out and designed. Everything you need is there. Thank you both for everything.

Thibaud

November 2019

We stayed two nights at Nora's and James. We had a wonderful time, the bungalow is beautiful, the garden is beautiful and the attention that Nora and James gave to us was overwhelming (and the home made peanut butter!). A great place to enjoy life!

Douglas

October 2019

James and Nora are wonderful hosts and people, and their space is absolutely magical and peaceful. James brought us lots of fresh fruit and some veggies from the trees around, and let us take as much cedron tea as we could cut! The apartment had all you could need, and every detail you could want was there! They also offered us rides into town whenever they went. Recommended for travelers who have time to enjoy the property, as if you are a tourist just looking to go to Chachapoyas it might be better to just stay in Chachapoyas. You might stay longer than you planned! The wifi was very fast for the area, plenty to have a video chat or watch videos. It did go out a few times with the weather (as it gets beamed in from another town), but always came back after not too long, so it was fine for us to work online. Signal was good and reaches the outdoor area if you want to work outside. James is a native English speaker, and Nora is a native Spanish speaker, and they both speak both languages.

David

September 2019

Simply magnificent, the pictures don’t do James’s and Nora’s amazing property justice. Very tranquil and a short mototaxi ride to town. They were the most gracious hosts and helped us with organizing some rides to Gocta Falls. James also gave us details about the hike and best routes. From Jaen airport reserve a collectivo or bus to get to Pedro Ruiz. We tried to get a rental car but that isn’t possible. James’s has some numbers for a bus. You simply can’t go wrong with this stay. Walking around their property and enjoying the flowers was a relaxing way to finish a day.

Lisa

April 2019

James and Nora's apartment is conveniently located, two blocks away from the main square. The apartment is very nice, spacious, bright and well-equipped. James is available during our stay. I recommend this option for your Chachapoyas vacation:) Lisa

Translated from Spanish

Capilla

November 2018

If you're looking for a place to rest in the middle of nature with all the amenities, that's the place. You will also be able to access the tour places (Gocta, Yumbilla, Kuélap, etc.) as there is a number of mobility for free. Nora and James are great, they will help you with EVERYTHING, and the stay will be even more enjoyable.

Translated from Spanish

Isaac

November 2018

Honestly the best place I've ever found in Peru. Very good starting point for the excursions, in addition James and Nora will help you in everything you need and the most important thing is the accommodation is unclean, the service is very good and it is very well cared for down to the last detail, we will definitely be back around.

Translated from Spanish

Peter

August 2018

we had a great time! the house, the appartments and the garden are lovely. Some beautiful views, birds and plants! Everything was proper and clean and the breakfast for the first day was taken care off! James and Nora are very kind hostess!

Cecilia

August 2018

Excellent place to relax and disconnect from the city. Accurate location to get to know several tourist attractions in the area. James & Nora are very hospitable and attentive to support whatever is needed.

Translated from Spanish

Faun

June 2018

If you enjoy peaceful, quiet surroundings, you will love being at Fundo Arawishka! This is a rural area, however. I'm familiar with rural living and all that entails, i.e. insects, chickens running around, composting, and a septic tank. I was very happy here and enjoyed every minute of my stay. James and Nora are welcoming and extremely helpful. You couldn't ask for better hosts.

Essio

April 2018

You don't need to look further if you want to play it safe. This is an amazing place to stay, close enough to the city and far enough to be far from the noise. And the mini apartment is sooo cool. The host are one of a kind, James and Nora are awesome to say the least! I hope we see each other again. You'll not regret it at all, that's for sure. ps. Try the Pitahaya or Dragon Fruit! It's soooo tasty

Robyn

April 2018

Everything was perfect. I was looking for a short break in a hectic travel schedule and this was just what I needed. I loved that I was able to cook for myself in a well-equipped kitchen! I couldn't have asked for anything more - they were kind and very accommodating hosts, offering plenty of tips and advice for the region. There were many delightful and thoughtful touches. They even printed a list of birds on their property in advance for me - it felt like Christmas as a birdwatcher :) I hope to return soon!

Johannes

March 2018

A peaceful and relaxing area with wonderful people and a very playful dog. The kitchen is great like the rest of the apartment. If you want to enjoy the mountains and have some time to relax, this is the perfect place.

Laura

January 2018

We loved spending a few days at James and Nora's place. We recommend it 100% :) Their treatment is unbeatable: they are super attentive and thoughtful. The apartment where we stayed is very welcoming, everything was very clean and new, and taken care of every last detail. The space is spectacular - the garden is huge, and is very well kept. The area is super quiet and is the ideal place to relax (or write your memoirs!). It is very close to all the waterfalls in the area (Gocta, Yumbilla, ...) so if you want to hike in the area it is also perfect (not so far from them as Chachapoyas). The fundo is very close to Pedro Ruiz, a town with a lot of charm and where to find all the necessary services (ATM, one of the best markets we have visited in all of Peru...) and the area is very safe (there is no crime and a relaxed atmosphere is felt).

Translated from Spanish

Elsebie

January 2018

An absolutely beautiful setting with wonderful hosts. Attention to detail are everywhere, in the beautiful garden, the communal areas and inside the accommodation. We were treated to some gorgeous local produce, freshly roasted coffee and assisted whenever we needed something. I can recommend this place for any traveller that just wants some peace and quiet, that needs to do some work or want to experience a small town but in a peaceful setting. Town is about 7 km away but easy to grab a motorcycle taxi (tuktuk). If we visit this area again we will for sure book with James and Nora.

Bitten

September 2017

We have just spend a wonderful month at Arawishka. This place is exactly as described and even better. First of all James & Nora are wonderful hosts and we enjoyed our fellowship with them, and they are a treasury-box of knowledge and information about the area. Arawishka is a small hidden paradise and we were blown away by the the beauty, the peace, the neighborhood, the coffee and all the adventures that are accessible in the area. It is also a place that would be a perfect place for both personal retreats and small group retreats. We brought our folding bicycles and we had so much fun rolling down the mountain roads; bicycling in stunning valleys. It was an advantage to bring folding bikes, as we could easily bring them in taxi's and collectivos (public minibuses), which made it possible to go bicycling in areas further away and still have Arawishka as a base. We hope to be back and we'll highly recommend Arawishka to other travellers

Michael

August 2017

If you are visiting the Chachapoyas/Kuelap area this location is a great option. There is plenty of local transportation to get you to and from Chachapoyas and Kuelap and the evenings here are much more pleasant than Chachapoyas which can be quite cool. The grounds are gorgeous and well manicured with fantastic views of the mountains. The accomodations are new, well constructed and well equipped with full kitchens, hot water showers and comfy beds. Nora and James are friendly and warm hosts full of local knowledge and tips to make your visit to the region even more enjoyable. I look forward to my next visit and to try out the new all natural giant barbeque that was being constructed while we were there.

Yana

April 2017

Stay 30 days. Probably the best place you can find in Peru especially this cheap. Cosy garden, really hot water, all inclusive kitchen, big windows, bright rooms. Good place to hike. Calm atmosphere and hosts.

Gonzalo

January 2017

We stayed at James's for a whole month, thought it was a bit excessive at first, but it worked out perfectly. Not to mention a 40% discount attached to the rent. An ideal place to chill out, surrounded by nature and in a great location. A well-equipped apt. with a full kitchen, hot water and tons of windows. A huge common area with furniture so you can chill outside. A laundry area so you can wash and hang your clothes. There's plenty of parking space. The location is perfect, just 5 km from Pedro Ruiz, in an area surrounded by lush, green hills; away from everything. You're 30 min away from Gocta, 1 hour away from San Geronimo, 1 hour from Chachapoyas, and 2 hours away from Kuelap, and 3 hours away from Leymebamba by car. We spent some nights stargazing and chasing shooting stars. James and Nora took us in and treated us like family, invited us to spend Christmas with them. They kept checking up on us and helped us plan all of our trips around this amazing area. They supplied us with plenty of produce grown in their Fundo...coffee, oranges, mangoes, papayas, tomatoes, dragon fruit and tons and tons and tons of bananas. To say that we enjoyed our stay at Fundo Arawishka it's an understatement. I'd like to thank Nora, James and Jaime for the way they treated and made us feel welcome.

Michele

December 2016

Suffice to say that James and Nora made our stay perfect. We only wish that we had stayed longer!

Sally

October 2016

We went here to explore the many natural and archaeological wonders in the Chachapoyas region. James & his wife were wonderful hosts, picking us up in Pedro Ruiz and taking us to dinner the first night, explaining the transportation system (mototaxi cost 5 soles to Pedro where one can get a combi, private taxi or bus for transport to points of interest) showing us the local market and private reserves where we could view birds and plants and surprising us with treats of home cooking. The space was beautifully designed and appointed including a french press and delicious coffee grown on the property. Property has a few walking trails of its own. The rented unit is truely the whole apartment as described - in a separate building from the hosts' house. It is set back from the road, behind a gate and felt very secure. Fluctuating electric and internet service were beyond hosts' control - they used generator to keep frige going during the one day service was out for all of Pedro. Host fluent in English a plus.