

**“In Peru, food is very important,” says Peruvian born Vega. “It’s like a ceremony, if you ask a Peruvian ‘what do you miss the most about Peru?’ he will say the food.”**

Several other dishes are also great for sharing. The Ronda Criolla platter combines tenderloin, beef heart brochettes, deep fried chicken, pork and Peruvian corn called Tamalitos, a mealy, less structured version of polenta.

Even with the large portion size, you will want to save room for dessert.

The Suspiro a la Limena, reduction of milk, with a touch of port wine and meringue arrives in a parfait dish filled with a yellow custard topped with miniature white peaks and sprinkled cinnamon; a surprisingly light and creamy dessert which coats taste buds in a sweet/tart blanket.

While El Gran Inka is not the choice for a quick bite to eat since the food must be savored and enjoyed leisurely, the service is friendly and overall the eatery brings a very authentic slice of Peru to Key Biscayne.

El Gran Inka offers one menu for both lunch and dinner and is open Sunday through Wednesday from 12-10 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12-11 p.m. Reservations are accepted, but are not typically necessary. Take out is also available.

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Expert agents advise buyers to consider location first because “location is the only thing you can’t change”. If you are looking for a multi million-dollar principle residence, ask your Realtor to search comparable sales, floor plans, and features that make the property unique. Resale value should never be overlooked.

Next, consider how your lifestyle determines the amenities you require. Do you want accommodations for household staff or weekend guests? If you entertain frequently, will you need a wine cellar, a butler’s pantry or double kitchens? Are exercise and spa facilities important to you? Make a list of “must have” home features and share it with your Realtor.

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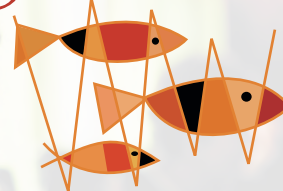
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