



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PERU

Peru offers you the chance to awaken unfulfilled dreams, connect with yourself and explore five thousand years of living history.

Travel through Peru and savor its exquisite food, enjoy its art and discover places where you can enjoy a time of peace and pleasure. Explore its countless natural wonders and the archaeological monuments of its ancient cultures.

Geography

Peru is an extremely diverse country, with 11 ecological regions and 84 of the world's 117 different types of "life zone". It has a huge variety of scenery thanks to its geography, which also provides it with a wide range of natural resources. The country has 3 main regions according to the traditional method of dividing the country by altitude: coast, mountains and jungle.

Visas

Peru is basically a country of open doors. The entry into Peru for Citizens of most American and Western European countries does not require a tourist visa. The maximum period of stay granted by the authorities is 183 days (cannot be extended). For longer periods of time for other purposes (business, study, work, etc.) it is necessary to apply for the corresponding visa at a Peruvian consulate.

In order to enter Peru it is indispensable to carry a valid passport, preferably with 6 months validity.

Citizens of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Bolivia, Venezuela and Chile may enter with their valid national identification document.

Currency

The "Nuevo Sol" (S/.) is the official currency of Peru. There are notes of the following denominations: 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 soles. Coins are 10, 20 and 50 cents, as well as 1, 2 and 5 Nuevos Soles.

Countless shops, restaurants, hotels and gas stations accept US Dollars.

It is possible to exchange currency in banks and currency exchange agencies. There are also "cambistas" *street currency exchangers*, but the safety of the transaction **is not guaranteed**.

Currency exchange agencies are regularly open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, from Monday to Friday, and half day on Saturdays. Most cities in the country have ATMs connected in most cases to Plus (Visa), Cirrus (MasterCard/Maestro), American Express and other networks. You may withdraw Nuevos Soles or US Dollars, although the exchange rates tend to be less favorable.

Health

Hygienic conditions in Peru are good, particularly in the cities. Over the last year health services have been modernized and expanded to many hospitals and clinics in order provide adequate care; however it is always advisable to purchase your own travel health insurance.

In case of altitude sickness, rest well during the first days avoiding physical strain; drink mate with coca leaves or take coca pills.

Drink plenty of fluids, particularly in high altitude zones, using only bottled or previously treated water.

Consume your food at restaurants, avoiding street food.

Vaccination

There are no mandatory vaccines for entry into Peru. Should you wish to visit the Amazonian region of the country (Amazonas, Loreto, San Martín, Ucayali, Junín, Madre de Dios), the Ministry of Health recommends vaccinations against yellow fever.

Clothing:

Regardless of the season and the area of Peru you are visiting, it is advisable to carry warm clothes, loose pants, cotton tops, hiking footwear, good sunblock and a hat (to protect you from the sun and the cold).

Safety:

Don't let your personal belongings out of your sight.

Avoid using unofficial or unmarked taxis during the night.

Avoid exchanging currency in the street or carrying large sums of money. Currency exchange agencies are safe.

Peru's electricity

Runs on 220 volts



Tip:

There is no preestablished amount for gratuities, it depends on the customer's level of satisfaction with the service. 10% of the check is usually considered adequate.

Weather:

Lima has a dry and warm climate in the areas near the coast. There is high humidity and a lack of rain throughout the year.

- Maximum temperature 21°C
- temperature 14°C

Cusco City has a semi-dry and cold climate.

Usually it's cold at night and during the early morning hours, by the sun Sunrise the temperature is considerably warm until noon.

- Maximum temperature 20°C
- Minimum temperature 1°C

Lima

In the north is the city of Caral, the oldest civilization of America, and to the south is the Archaeological Complex of Pachacamac.

Lima's history predates the colonial presence in the country. The establishment of the viceroyalty transformed the city into the main political and administrative center of South America. During this period,

significant churches, monasteries, mansions and balconies were built. The arrival of modernity didn't transform the historic center, which is recognized as a World Heritage Site.

Museums with great works of art, archaeological sites, beaches, the boardwalk, valleys, natural reserves, the nightlife, the thrill of adventure sports, and the exquisite cuisine gives Peru's capital an authentic personality and makes tourism in Lima a unique experience in the country.

Location: On the west central coast of Peru, on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Extension: Metropolitan Lima: 2,817 km²



Miraflores

Is a district of Lima prosperous and a great movement commercial, cultural and tourism.

Where you can find a lot of establishments like hotels, restaurants, bars, cinemas, handicrafts stores, jewelry stores, flower shops, boutiques, cafes, casinos, nightclubs, exchange offices, gyms, beauty salons, plastic surgery centers and

with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, its well-kept parks and quiet and safety of walking down streets, make it one of the districts most beautiful, traditional and historical in the city of Lima.



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Cusco

Seductive, striking and natural, Cusco's history lives in its streets, squares, valleys and towns. Stunning destinations and examples of fine engineering by Inca stonemasons can be seen in Choquequirao, Sacsayhuamán, Kenko, Tambomachay, Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu, the Inca jewel built with the wisdom of the ancient Peruvians in an ecological environment. Captivating landscapes such as the Sacred Valley, where the mountains are clothed by terraces.

Pictures villages where the past forms part of the present. Cusco really is the birthplace of the world.

Location: Andes mountain range in the south of Peru

Extension: 72,104 km².

