



A little more about Peru



Currency:

Sol

1 Sol = 0.28 USD /

1 USD = 3.60 Soles

- **Money matters**
 - 20.5% of population below poverty line
- **Economy**
 - Main industries: extractive industries. Mining (two of the largest copper mines in the world), agriculture (4,000 varieties of potatoes, avocado, blueberries), fisheries (one of the main products is fish meal)
 - 70% of the economy is informal
- **History & politics**
 - Inca civilization flourished in ancient Peru until Spanish conquest in 1526
 - 200 years of Independence
 - History of military dictatorships and transition to democracy
 - 1980-1992 internal terrorism (Shining Path- Sendero Luminoso)