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1. Geographical location

The city of Lima is located on mostly flat terrain in the Peruvian coastal plain, within the valleys of the Chillón, Rímac and Lurín rivers and slopes gently from the shores of the Pacific Ocean into mountain slopes and valleys. Lima also surrounds itself with isolated hills and forms a modern oasis, surrounded by the Peruvian coastal desert a short distance west of the Andes Mountains. The city enjoys a mild and warm climate and is the world's second largest desert city, after Cairo, Egypt.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The City Of Lima Finds Itself Just 8kms Away From Callao, Followed By Arequipa At 11kms, 198kms At Huancayo, 267kms To Ica, 370kms To Chimbote. The Neighboring Countries Include Ecuador, Colombia And Brazil.



3. Significance

One of the largest cities of South America, Lima might not be the most attractive of cities but it surely knows how to show off to its neighbouring cities. Boasting of colonial-era splendour, oceanfront setting, sophisticated dining and nonstop nightlife, this traffic-clogged city choking with fumes doesn't make a good first impression especially since the airport is bustling with crowd but once you step foot on the grounds of the city, you'll find yourself wandering around the Plazas, among the gnarled olive trees and the winding lanes of the city. When you stroll around in Peru's capital you'll find colonial-era buildings, excellent churches and elegant houses that reveal the wealth of the city both in terms of architecture and history. A visitor will certainly notice the city's tidy streets, handsomely landscaped parks and sweeping ocean views that go well with rich pre-Colombian heritage, ethnic diversity, and emerging art and fashion scenes, as well as remarkably great food. Lima dominates the political, economical and cultural life of the country and accommodates Peruvians and foreigners from different social and cultural backgrounds. Hence, there's no denying in the fact that the cosmopolitan atmosphere is real. Lima is a place to be for everyone, whether you're a kid, an adult or a senior, this city has got something for everyone. Exploring the city and discovering its bloom side is an exciting, interesting and unforgettable experience that one certainly cannot miss.

4. History

Built on the banks of the Rio Rimac, Lima is Peru's capital city and the largest city in the country. Founded in the year 1535 by Francisco Pizarro, Lima once upon a time was used as the headquarters of the Spanish conquistadors, ideally located because of the surrounding fertile planes irrigated by the Rimac and its close proximity to the natural port at Callao. In August 1536, rebel Inca troops led by Manco Inca besieged the city but were defeated by the Spaniards and their native allies. Lima gained prestige after being designated capital of the Viceroyalty of Peru and site of a Real Audiencia in 1543 and it flourished during the next century. However the city wasn't free from dangers due to the presence of pirates and privateers in the Pacific Ocean that led to the building of walls in the city between 1684 and 1687. Lima soon became the commercial and administrative centre of the Spanish empire in South America, bringing a period of prosperity to the city until an earthquake in 1746 destroyed all but 20 houses. Following this devastation the opportunity was taken to elaborately rebuild the city. The city received its independence in the 18th century and After independence, Lima became the capital of the Republic of Peru but economic stagnation and political turmoil brought urban development to a halt which was soon ended in the 1850s. During the 1879–1883 War of the Pacific, Chilean troops occupied Lima, looting public museums, libraries and educational institutions, but that didn't stop the city from prospering. Lima continued to prosper over the 19th century, but the good times didn't last. During the latter half of the 20th century Lima suffered its share of problems. Political and economic instability brought rise to increased poverty throughout Peru. Migrants from the countryside flocked to Lima looking for work, making their homes in sprawling self-built shanty towns that surround the historic centre, and occupying the vacant desert sands. Today's wide streets, huge plazas and old houses with ornately carved balconies are a legacy of the older period and the city now has a cosmopolitan atmosphere and districts such as Miraflores and Barranco that have become cultural centres filled with excellent bars and restaurants, and fashionable shops, making it not just a gateway into Peru but a destination in itself.

5. Cultural identity

The culture of the country is defined by its many customs, beliefs and way of life that has been influenced by the Spanish conquistadors and the native Incas. However, it doesn't limit itself to these cultures since many Immigrant groups like Chinese, Europeans, Africans and Japanese also contribute to the society. Peruvian culture can be seen through literature, dance, art forms, music, celebrations, religion and clothing. The city is strongly influenced by European, Andean, African and Asian culture and is a melting pot, due to colonization, immigration and indigenous influences. The city is also known as the Gastronomical Capital of the Americas, mixing Spanish, Andean and Asian culinary traditions. Lima is known for its rich historical and cultural past, long before the Spaniards marked it their territory. A completely different culture with European and Moorish influence mixed with the indigenous cultural and religious inheritance. The numerous museums, plaza and buildings display a huger variety of Lima and Peru's culture from traditional and antique to modern and contemporary. Cinemas, Cultural centers and theatres complete the cultural scene of the city. Boasting of the most varied crafts in the world, Peru shows an extensive amount of traditional exhibit. The diversity lies in its creativity, multi functionality and colorfulness. The country's folklore is rich and diverse at the same time with its own type of dances and songs with Zamacueca, Festejo and El Huayno being some of the popular dances. The music in the country is an amalgamation of sounds and tunes influences by Spanish, Quechua and Aymara music. The traditional cuisines in the country gets its combination from the Spanish and Inca culture and is seen in all the meals, also influencing are African and Chinese cultures that have shaped up the food scene of the country. All in all, Peru is full of customs that maintain the legacy of its ancient cultures.

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When it comes to National parks, the city isn't home to any national parks however the country is bustling with national parks that are spread over in the other cities of the country. Lima is home to Lomas de Lachay which is a national reserve in the desert foothills of Huaura Province in Lima. It features a unique mist-fed ecosystem of wild plants and animal species and expands across an area of 12,500 acres. The country's land is bustling with Natural resources like Gold, Silver, Copper, Fish, Iron Ore, Phosphate, Coal, Natural Gas, Potash, Hydropower and Timber.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Larco Museum

Featuring one of the biggest display of ceramics, Larco museum is definitely the place for a ceramic lover. Founded by Pre-Columbian collector Rafael in 1926, the museum boasts of a collection of over 50000 pots with ceramic works from the Chimú, Nazca, Cupisnique, Chancay and Inca cultures. However, the spotlight is grabbed by the sublime Moche portrait vessels that are showcased in lit cases. You will also find Wari weaving on display consisting of 398 linear threads that maintain a record. You will also stumble upon treasures of gold, jewels and other Pre-Columbian illustrations with comical twists. Do take a visit to the highly recommended on-site Cafe that serves as a perfect spot for having some ceviche.

Address : Av. Simón Bolívar 1515, Pueblo Libre 15084, Peru

Zipcode : 15084

Location : -12.0725026, -77.0708414

Contact : +51 1 4611312

Website : <http://www.museolarco.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Universitaria Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: PEN \$30; Seniors over 65years: PEN \$25; Child under 15years: PEN \$15.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20-25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. El Circuito Mágico del Agua

When you come to Parque de La Reserva the sight of a circuit of illuminated fountains greet you. Inaugurated in 2007, the magical circuit is an emblem of the recovery of public spaces of the city. One of the largest fountain complexes in the world, you will be fascinated by a dozen splendidly illuminated fountains capped by a laser light show at the end of the long Fantasy Mountain. This enticing display is set to a medley of melodies comprising of various styles from Peruvian music to international bands.

Address : Parque de la Reserva, Av Petit Thouars, cuadra 5, Lima 15046, Peru

Zipcode : 15046

Location : -12.0704637, -77.03433569999999

Contact : +51 998 878 838

Website : <http://www.circuitomagicodelagua.com.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ramón Dagnino Bus Station & Ramón Dagnino - NS - SIT301 - SIT302. Parque Acuático Bus station

Entry Fee : General: PEN \$4, People with Disabilities: PEN \$2, Free for Children up to 4 years and Seniors over 65 years.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 15:00hrs-22:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Museum of Art of Lima - MALI

A historical monument and the cultural patrimony of the nation, Museo de Arte de Lima is the city's supreme fine-art museum sheltered in a magnificent beaux-arts mansion. Popularly known as MALI, the museum consists of an extensive collection of Peruvian art of around 12,000 art works out of which some even date back to over 3000 years. Exhibits here span from colonial and republican period to Contemporary art. So come here to dig into some history of the region as you come across a large selection of textiles, pictures, ceramics, paintings, furniture and more.

Address : Parque de la Exposición, Paseo Colon 125, Distrito de Lima 15008, Peru

Zipcode : 15008

Location : -12.0604395, -77.03699970000002

Contact : +51 1 20 4 0000

Website : <http://www.mali.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Huancayo Bus Station

Entry Fee : Residents- Adults: PEN \$15, Students, Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities: PEN \$5; Foreigners- Adults: PEN \$30, Students, Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities: \$15; Free for children upto 8 years.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday & Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs, Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, First Friday of every month (Night at MALI): 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Pachacamac

Meaning creator of the world in Quechua Language, Pachacamac finds itself around 31kilometers away from the city and is a Pre-Columbian citadel made up of adobe and stone palaces along with temple pyramids. Once upon a time a major Inca city, most of the buildings are little more than piles of rubble that sprinkle upon the deserted landscape. This archaeological site is purely for the archaeologists and history geeks, you can just come here to explore the ruins and get to know more about the Incan history. There is also a visitors center and cafe at the site entrance where one simple map can be obtained in order to guide yourself through the area. Guided tours for the site are available from around PEN \$25 per person.

Address : Pachacamac District 15800, Peru

Zipcode : 15800

Location : -12.2095337, -76.85387479999997

Contact : +51 1 1 430 0168

Website : <http://pachacamac.cultura.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero 8, José Galvez Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$10; Higher Education students, People with disabilities: PEN \$5; Children up to 12years: PEN \$1.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Museo Oro Del Peru

Come to Museo Oro Del Peru and discover the native Peruvian art and the dark secrets of the weapons and some history of the country. Considered as one of the premier attractions of the city, the museum houses jewelries, masks, structures

made of gold, artifacts and knives from per Hispanic to colonial times. It also features mummies and ancient relics along with thousands of weapons bought from all over the world. You will find rifles, guns and swords from every period imaginable. It is recommended to take a guided tour as not all exhibits are clearly marked.

Address : Jr Alonso de Molina 1100, Santiago de Surco 15023, Peru

Zipcode : 15023

Location : -12.1078262, -76.96692410000003

Contact : +51 1 3451292

Website : <http://www.museoroperu.com.pe/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Valle Hermoso De Monterrico Bus Station, Av. Primavera Bus station

Entry Fee : Adult: PEN \$33; Children under 11years: PEN \$16

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Museo Nacional de Arqueología

The oldest state museum of Peru, get through the history of the country from the pre-ceramic period to the early republic at this museum. The significance of the museum lies in the rich cultural legacy that is stored in its treasure. The highlight of the museum is the well-known Raimondi Stela, a rock carving from the Chavin culture of the central Andean region. You will also find late colonial and early republic art pieces and other important objects from the period. .The building also served as a residence to revolutionary heroes San Martin and Bolivar so it goes without saying that the place has history written all over it.

Address : Plaza Bolivar S/N, Pueblo Libre Lima 15084, Peru

Zipcode : 15084

Location : -12.0771175, -77.0621342

Contact : +51 1 4635070

Website : <http://mnaahp.cultura.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : General Manuel Vivanco Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$10; Higher Education students, Senior Citizens &

People with disabilities: PEN \$5; Children (up to 12years): PEN \$1

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 08:45hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday 08:45hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Basílica y Convento de San Francisco de Lima

Take a short walk from the downtown of the city and stumble upon one of the iconic and best preserved colonial churches of Lima. Known for housing around 70,000 bone-lined catacombs that were excavated in 1943, this bright yellow Franciscan monastery and church is one of a kind. From canvases of the biblical patriarch Jacob to geometric copula, Basílica y Convento de San Francisco will take you through the glorious past of the city with its historical tales. This baroque style building along with an extensive library that consists of 25,000 antiquarian books hides many more treasures for you to discover.

Address : Jirón Lampa, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0453403, -77.02702499999998

Contact : +51 1 4267377

Website : <http://museocatacumbas.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station

Entry Fee : Adult: PEN \$10, Student: PEN \$5, Child: PEN \$1

Open & Close Timing : Museum: Daily 09:00hrs-20:15hrs; Church: Daily 07:00hrs-11:00hrs & 16:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Museo Nacional de La Cultura Peruana

Founded to display the continuity of the native culture from colonial times till present day, Museo Nacional de La Cultura Peruana exhibits a collection of traditional folk art pieces. Inaugurated in 1946, the museum promotes and disseminates works from different regions of the country including religious

dioramas from Ayacucho, ancient pottery from the region of Puno and artifacts crafted in feathers from the Amazon. A building showing off its Pre-Columbian architecture, this museum rather takes you through the folkloric culture of the city throughout the ages.

Address : Avenida Alfonso Ugarte 650, Distrito de Lima 15082, Peru

Zipcode : 15082

Location : -12.0478782, -77.04304359999998

Contact : +51 1 3215626

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Museo-Nacional-de-la-Cultura-Peruana-1159055284109675/>

Nearest Public Transport : Estacion 2 de Mayo Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$6, College Students: PEN \$3, School Students: PEN \$1

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Museo Pedro de Osma

Founded by Don Pedro de Osma Gildemeister, the museum initially housed the remarkable personal collection of Peruvian art of the founder. Today, Museo Pedro de Osma displays an extensive collection of paintings made by renowned artists that include religious photographs, silverwork and portraits from various regions of the country. Nestled in a massive beaux-arts mansion, the canvases here are painted on linen cloths, wood, leather, glass and metals. The highlight of the museum, however, is a 2 meter-wide painting that depicts a Corpus Christi procession from the 17th century Cuzco.

Address : Av. Pedro de Osma 421, Barranco 15063, Peru

Zipcode : 15063

Location : -12.1546543, -77.02253180000002

Contact : +51 1 4670063

Website : <http://museopedrodeosma.org/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Estación Estadio Unión Bus Station

Entry Fee : General: PEN \$20, Students with ID & Retirees: PEN \$10

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Convento De Los Descalzos

Situated in the midst of the sprawling city, Convento De Los Descalzos is a serene refuge that houses remarkable religious canvases and artifacts of 3 centuries. It displays around 300 colonial paintings that include exceptional art pieces crafted by famed Cuzco School artist Diego Quispe. You can also explore the old apothecary equipment, the wine cellar with old wooden barrels and an expansive courtyard. Dig deep down to the into the history at Convento de Los Descalzos.

Address : Alameda de los Descalzos, Rímac 15093, Peru

Zipcode : 15093

Location : -12.0334905, -77.02478589999998

Contact : +51 1 4810441

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/museodelosdescalzospaginaoficial>

Nearest Public Transport : Alcázar Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: PEN \$7, Students & Senior citizens: PEN \$3, School students & Children: PEN \$2.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:30hrs-12:30hrs & 14:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Fortaleza del Real Felipe

Shaped in the form of an irregular pentagon, this historical fort was built in 1747 to protect the city from pirates during colonial times. Named after Real Felipe who completed his duty of a gendarme and defender, the fortress is the place where the Spanish royalists took their final stand in each of its vertices during the war of independence. The knight towers are built on the ramparts of the King and the Queen. It also houses a small army contingent that narrates the history of the site through guided tours in Spanish only. Do not forget to click pictures at the nearby Police park- a pleasant garden with life-size statues of policemen in riot year!

Address : Daniel Nieto, Callao 07021, Peru

Zipcode : 07021

Location : -12.0623409, -77.14941090000002

Contact : +51 1 4290532

Website : <http://www.realfelipe.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero Puerta Unac Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Foreign Tourists: PEN \$15, Adults: PEN \$10, Students & Children from 5-12years: PEN \$5.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.12. Puruchuco

Meaning 'feathered helmet' or 'feathered hat' in the native Quechua language, Puruchuco is one of the best-preserved sites narrating tales about the pre-Hispanic past of Peru. Situated about 13 kilometers from the city in Ate-Vitarte district, this archaeological site is commonly known as 'The Palace' as it served as the residence of the elites of the Incas and their family. This ceremonial center became famous after around 2000 well-preserved mummies were excavated from the enormous Inca graveyard along with almost 60,000 artifacts and valuables. Explore more about the details of the Incan culture and the routine life of the people at this archaeological building.

Address : Carretera Central Km. 4.5 - Ate, Ate 15012, Peru

Zipcode : 15012

Location : -12.0474662, -76.9341928

Contact : +51 1 1 321 5623

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Terrestre Yerbateros Bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$5, Students: PEN \$3, Children: PEN \$1.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 08:30hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Huaca Pucllana

Situated near the Óvalo Gutiérrez in the Miraflores district, Huaca Pucllana is a significant administrative and adobe ritual center of the city's culture that dates back to 500 A.D. It was the discovery of 4 Wari mummies in 2010 that made this site more popular. This historical urban space in the midst of modern area reminds the Limeños of their archaeological heritage. Awaken the archaeologist in you and explore the ruins of the tiered pyramids and walled rooms that form a part of the icon of the city. The site is accessible by regular guided tours in Spanish and there's also an onsite museum and a restaurant that is celebrated for its incredible views.

Address : Calle General Borgoño cuadra 8 S/n, Distrito de Lima 15074, Peru

Zipcode : 15074

Location : -12.1105967, -77.03345589999998

Contact : +51 1 6177148

Website : <http://huacapucllanamiraflores.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Av. Arequipa 4947 Bus Station & Paradero Carlos Tenaud Bus Station

Entry Fee : Day Service- Adults: PEN \$12, Children upto 12years and Higher Education students: PEN \$6, School children: PEN \$1; Night Service- Adults: PEN \$15, Children upto 12years & Senior citizens: PEN \$7.5

Open & Close Timing : Day Service: Wednesday-Monday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Night Service- Wednesday-Sunday 19:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.14. Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge

A 263hectare wetland protecting more than 200 species of birds including both residents as well as migrants from the Andean as well as northern and southern hemisphere that use this marshy area as a point of rest. There are various observation decks located inside the refuge to keep a track on the activities of these birds. So come, pick your binoculars and scan the reeds and water to

practice your bird watching skills and be fascinated as you see the beautiful aves flock their wings.

Address : Chorrillos 15067, Peru

Zipcode : 15067

Location : -12.2173993, -76.9857192

Contact : +51 1 2547611

Website : <http://www.prohvilla.munlima.gob.pe/tarifas.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Santa Rosa Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$8; Children, Students & Senior citizens: PEN \$4.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.15. Lomas de Lachay

Located 105 Kilometers north of Lima in the deserted foothills of Huaura, the mountainous national park of Lomas de Lachay emanate from the primary spurring of Andes and is a perfect destination for activities like bird watching, hiking and camping. The park houses around 47 species of exotic flora out of which 25 species are on the verge of extinction. You can also spot various species of fauna like rodents, Andean Skunk, Sichuan Zorros which are the species of fox and mountain mouse to name a few. The Burrowing Owl, the American Kestrel and the Andean Tinamou are some of the diverse species of birds spread throughout the park. There are some notorious reptiles like the Peruvian snake and the Curl Tailed Lizards hence, be careful. If you are interested in geology, the reserve consists of huge granite and diorite rocks, archaeological paintings and various remains of the pre-Colombian cultures.

Address : Panamericana Norte Km 105, Peru

Location : -11.3753152, -77.3606441

Contact : +51 1 3398342

Website : <http://reservanacionaldelachay.blogspot.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Av La Estacion Bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 1 Day Tickets- Adults: PEN \$10, Children from 5-16 years: PEN \$3;

3 Days Tickets- Adults: PEN \$20, Children from 5-16 years: PEN \$6; Free for

children under 5years and Adults over 65years.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.16. Ruinas de Cajamarquilla

This 167 hectares archaeological complex of Cajamarquilla is an important religious and cultural center in the pre-Hispanic Andes region. It is considered to be the second biggest crumbling adobe archaeological site in the Lurigancho district. Originally established by the indigenous Lima culture, this place has gone through different edification periods and has been divided into different sectors named after various researchers. Resembling a labyrinth of earthen walls from afar, you will discover various pyramidal as well as rectangular structures on a closer look. You will also find many ruins narrating stories about the former cultures and history of the region.

Address : Lurigancho-Chosica, Peru

Location : -11.9853229, -76.90726130000002

Contact : +51 999 191 757

Nearest Public Transport : Cajamarquilla Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$5; Students: PEN \$3; Children: PEN \$1.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Iglesia de Santo Domingo

Dating back to the 16th century, Iglesia de Santo Domingo is one of the most recognized cathedrals in the city. It is known for being the only church with an original steeple that boasts of a remarkable structure and an extensive courtyard-studded convent that is complemented with baroque canvases and classic Spanish slabs. You will also find oldest choir stalls of the city, the renowned statue of the Virgen del Rosario and silver vases containing the antiques of the patron saint of Lima and San Martin de Porres here. Standing proudly on a field gifted to a famed veteran the Dominican priest Vicente de Valverde, this is the final resting place of the 3 most significant saints of Peru.

Address : Jirón Camana 170, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0441055, -77.0318507

Contact : +51 1 427 6793

Website : <http://www.conventosantodomingo.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 9:00hrs-13:00hrs & 17:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. La Catedral de Lima

Situated right next to the Archbishop's Palace of the city, La Catedral de Lima stands on the land designated by Pizarro for the first church of the city in 1535. The place was consequently repaired and altered time and again, however, the present building boasts of neo-classical architecture with a slight baroque touch. The central nave along with the side altars carved in every imaginable style and 13 chapels enhance the beauty of the building. There are also various guided tours in languages like Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Address : Jirón Carabaya, Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0467484, -77.0297099

Contact : +51 1 4279647

Website : <http://www.arzobispadodelima.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Parque De La Muralla

A peaceful escape from the crowded historic center, Parque De La Muralla was the heart of old Lima during the 17th century. It is bordered by the nicely restored city wall that once guarded the old city against the invading pirates. The park houses a small museum that holds objects found during the excavation and provides information about the history and development of the city. The park also features a bronze statue of the founder of the city, Francisco Pizarro for all the architecture lovers, food kiosks for all the foodies, miniature trains for children and souvenir shops for all the shopaholics. All in all, the place is perfect for a family picnic.

Address : Jirón Amazonas, Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0445613, -77.02640050000002

Contact : +51 945 885 840

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Plaza San Martín

Established in the early 20th century, Plaza San Martin is one of the largest public squares in the city that was recognized as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1988. Built in the honor of the first centennial celebration of the independence of the country, today, it is considered as the city's growing and rejuvenating park that gives the surrounding beaux-arts architecture a much-needed scrubbing. It pays tribute to General Jose de San Martin, the leader of the struggle for Independence in the continent and hence, you will see the statue of the leader

dominating the plaza. Visit the plaza in the evening to be stumped by landscapes the illuminated structures create.

Address : Lima District 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0516159, -77.03464689999998

Nearest Public Transport : Estación Colmena Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Palacio de Gobierno

Located in Plaza Mayor, Palacio de Gobierno, popularly known as House of Pizarro is an extravagant baroque structure that serves as the executive residence of Peru's president since 1937. The premier Spanish Viceroys Palace in the city, you will find the uniformed presidential guard at the front that change every afternoon. There is a courteous affair that involves guards goosestepping and a brass band playing 'El Cóndor Pasa', the military march after the change of guard. The access to the place may be restricted hence, it is recommended a 48-hour advance reservation to adore the lavishly decorated lounges, the elegant entrance hall and the impressive patios.

Address : Jirón de la Unión s/n, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0448456, -77.0297865

Contact : +51 1 3113900

Website : <http://www.presidencia.gob.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Iglesia de La Merced

Constructed on the land that hosted the first Latin Mass, Iglesia de la Merced was constructed in 1541 as a tribute to the patron of armed forces of the country. Admire the exterior granite facade of the present 18th-century structure or be

fascinated with more than 2 dozen magnificent baroque and Renaissance-style paintings and altar at the interiors, this church is an architectural gem. This is worship place for many faithful who visit the church for the cross of "Padre Urraca", who is considered to have performed wonders for the country.

Address : Jirón de la Unión, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0482409, -77.03276299999999

Nearest Public Transport : Jirón de la Unión Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Museo de la Nacion

Displaying a significant art collection from the colonial times, Museo de la Nación provides you an overview of the history of Peru's civilizations. From carvings on Chavín stones and the intertwined rope quipus that are used for records of the Incas to Ceramics of Nasca, Wari and Moche cultures, the museum has got it all to increase your knowledge about the region in an impressive way.

Address : Av. Javier Prado Este 2466, Distrito de Lima 15021, Peru

Zipcode : 15021

Location : -12.0868049, -77.0020558

Contact : +51 1 4769878

Nearest Public Transport : La Cultura Lightrail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Cerro San Cristobal

A 409-meter high hill situated towards the northeast of the city in the Rimac valley, Cerro San Cristobal is the place to be if you want to overlook the capital city of Lima with a new perspective. Climb upto the top and enjoy panoramas of the city stretching to meet the horizon and get a magnificent view of the San Cristobal cross which is illuminated at night. It serves as a landmark and the object of pilgrimage during the week of Semana Santa. History blended with

nature, Cerro San Cristobal is a a scenic delight.

Address : Lima 15404, Peru

Zipcode : 15404

Location : -12.035931, -77.01758319999999

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero El Bosque Av. Proceres Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Plaza de Armas de Lima

The oldest public square in the city, Plaza De Armas or popularly known as the Plaza Mayor, covering an area of 140 square meters is the birthplace of the city. Previously serving as the beating heart of the 16th-century indigenous settlement, the place was redesigned by Francisco Pizarro and was central to Spanish colonization. The spectacular bronze fountain constructed in 1650 stands as a highlight of the plaza. It was once a ceremonial center of ancient Lima with all kinds of festivities and events taking place here. Surrounding the plaza are a number of significant buildings and restaurants, cafés and bars.

Address : Lima District 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0460806, -77.03070939999998

Contact : +51 980 736 773

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Iglesia Las Nazarenas

One of the city's most storied churches, Iglesia Las Nazarenas reflects the Rocco style of architecture and has survived the devastating earthquakes of 1655 and 1687. The Crucifixion of Jesus painted on the wall by an Angolan black slave stands as the masterpiece of the church, even though the surroundings have been renovated a couple of times. The adoration of the Lord of Miracles can be seen on October 18th every year when a strong procession that lasts for several days is

carried out. It attracts thousands of religious people from all over.

Address : Jirón Huancavelica 515, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0455684, -77.03742160000002

Contact : +51 1 4235718

Nearest Public Transport : Ica Bus Station & Estación Tacna – Metropolitano Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-12:00hrs & 16:00hrs-20:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Iglesia De San Agustín

Known for its intricate churrigueresque baroque facade, Iglesia De San Agustín was completed in 1720. The exterior facade is made up of a baroque door adorned with Solomonic columns whereas the interiors show off angels, flowers, fruits and St. Augustine carved in stone. The highlight of the church, however, is La Muerte or the Sculpture of Death, a curious wood carving sculpted by Baltazar Gavilan.

Address : Jirón Camana, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0463897, -77.0331888

Nearest Public Transport : Jirón de la Unión Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Lugar de la Memoria

A place of memory, tolerance and integration, Lugar de la Memoria or LUM is an ambitious project with an aim of remembering the violent past and preserving the memory of its victims between 1980 and 2000. The open air exhibits of the museum demonstrate the events that razed the entire community and took the lives of innocent people along with the ancestral knowledge and customs. It also commemorates nearly 70,000 victims to help Peruvians harmonize and embrace a solid stance on human rights.

Address : Avenida San Martin 151, Miraflores 15034, Peru

Zipcode : 15034

Location : -12.1101194, -77.05383789999996
Contact : +51 1 7192065
Website : <http://lum.cultura.pe/el-lum/quienes-somos>
Nearest Public Transport : Ricardo Palma Bus Station
Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs
Time Required : 2
Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Museo de la Inquisición y del Congreso

A site where the Holy Inquisition once plied its trade in colonial times, Museo de la Inquisición was inaugurated to propagate the history and cultural heritage of the congress of Peru. Housed in a neoclassical building, it offers a basement tour explaining the torture and punishment methods carried out on people with criminal offenses and people against Catholicism in the form of unpleasant wax figures that are stretched on racks and flogged. After your mandatory tour, visit the library on the first floor and be fascinated by the remarkable baroque ceiling made up of wood which is retained till date.

Address : Jirón Junín, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru
Zipcode : 15001
Location : -12.04803, -77.02632249999999
Contact : +51 1 1 311 7777
Website : <http://www4.congreso.gob.pe/museo/index.html>
Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Station Train Station
Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs
Time Required : 1.5
Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Panteón de los Próceres

A crypt located inside an 18th-century church, Panteón de los Próceres pays tribute to go the heroes of the country's war of Independence. You will find the ashes of martyrs and heroes including Tupac Amaru II, Jose De San Martin and more. The mosaic-lined monument holds the remains of Ramon Castilla, the

4-time president of the country. The impressive and fascinated baroque altar carved out of Ecuadorean mahogany dates back to the 1500s. Note: There might be a nominal entrance fee to the monument.

Address : Av. Nicolás de Piérola 1220, Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0539474, -77.03245270000002

Nearest Public Transport : Estación Colme na Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. BCRP Museum

Finding itself in a magnificent bank building, Museo Banco Central de Reserva Del Peru is a well-maintained museum that reflects the artistic transformation of Peruvian art that occurred over several millennia. The archaeological exhibits of the museum comprise of around 4,000 pieces ranging from pre-Columbian gold and pottery to 19th and 20th-century Peruvian paintings and much more. Highlights include the amazing art gallery, the folk art exhibits and the impressive gold collection of Hugo Cohen.

Address : Jirón Ucayali 271, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0481344, -77.0301354

Contact : +51 1 6132000

Website : <http://www.bcrp.gob.pe/museocentral/visitanos.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Jirón de la Unión Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs, Wednesday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Torre Tagle Palace

Known to be one of the most outstanding buildings in the continent, this unique

manor depicts the elegance and beauty of the 18th-century architecture. Constructed in 1730 by José B. Tagle, the Marquis of the mansion and treasurer of the Royal Spanish naval force, the palace proudly shows off two balconies, a big space to worship Peruvian saints and small monuments carved on the walls that complement the building.

Address : Jirón Ucayali 363, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0484968, -77.02923450000003

Contact : +51 1 3112400

Website : <http://www.rree.gob.pe/elministerio/Paginas/Historia-Torre-Tagle.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Jirón de la Unión Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Historic Centre

Popularly recognized as the “Ciudad de los Reyes” or City of Kings, the Historic Centre of Lima is situated in the Rimac Valley and was founded in 1535 by Francisco Pizarro, a Spanish conqueror. Despite being destroyed by earthquakes repeatedly, the site is proudly recognized as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. A great place to know about the town's history, it served as an important political, economic and cultural hub for Spanish colonization in South America.

Address : Centro Histórico, Lima District 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0477954, -77.03197840000001

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Archbishop's Palace of Lima

The residence of the archbishop of the city, the palace is located right in the main square of Lima and reflects the immense power that the church held in the

colonial times. It is built using the finest materials like cedar woods, tiles from Seville, marble, bronze and mahogany imported from the old world. The main attraction of the palace are the two wooden artwork balconies and the ornamental facade that adds beauty to the remarkable architecture of the building.

Address : Jirón Carabaya, Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0460759, -77.02965760000001

Contact : +511 427-5790

Website : <http://www.palacioarzobispaldelima.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Train station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Municipal Palace of Lima

One of the architectural and historical monuments surrounding Plaza Mayor, Municipal Palace of the city dates back to the 17th century. Destroyed by an earthquake, the present building was inaugurated in 1944 and stands in the same place as the first town hall of the city. The exterior of this ornate building is of neoclassical façade with a whiff of colonial charm and wooden windows, whereas the interiors of the building are adorned by French influence with white marble staircase that will lead you up to the golden era of the colonial times. Housing the Municipal Art Gallery Ignacio Merino, the palace exhibits the age-old photographs of the city and paintings made by the renowned Peruvian artists like Jose Sabogal, Ignacio Merino and Francisco Laso.

Address : Jirón de la Unión 300, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru

Zipcode : 15001

Location : -12.0452322, -77.03116740000002

Contact : +51 1 6321300

Website : <http://www.munlima.gob.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Desamparados Train station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Parque de la Exposición

One of the most eclectic green spaces in the city, the Park of Exposition was constructed after the wall of Lima was destroyed. Built under the governance of Jose Balta, the park houses some historical monuments that date back to the centennial of the independence of the country. Being the artistic center of the city, the Museum of Art in Lima is situated in the heart of this recreation ground. However, the archbishop's palace, with its fascinating architecture marks as the spotlight of this lush space. Wander through the park and come across numerous gardens, lakes, museums and amphitheaters or attend various events and concerts hosted here.

Address : Av. 28 de Julio, Lima 15046, Peru

Zipcode : 15046

Location : -12.0630251, -77.03585479999998

Contact : +51 1 2005508

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Park-of-the-Exposition/454855444555256>

Nearest Public Transport : Colón Bus station & Huancayo Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Centro Comercial Polvos Azules

This is your place to buy just about anything. Whether it's a suitcase, socket wrench or fashionable apparel, Polvos Azules attracts people from all over the city to choose from a mind-boggling assortment of cheap goods.

Address : Av Paseo de la República, Distrito de Lima 15033, Peru

Zipcode : 15033

Location : -12.061942, -77.03425979999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.22. Las Pallas

This handicraft shop features a selection of top quality traditional folk art and special souvenirs from all over the country.

Address : Cajamarca 212, Distrito de Barranco 15063, Peru

Zipcode : 15063

Location : -12.1447802, -77.02087890000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.23. INDIGO Gallery

An exhibition space as well as a boutique, Indigo demonstrates craftsmanship of both traditional as well as contemporary Peruvian artists. It houses outlandish ceramics inspired by traditional designs, as well as modern pieces along with woven tapestries, paintings, jewelry and more.

Address : Av. El Bosque 260, San Isidro 15073, Peru

Zipcode : 15073

Location : -12.094887, -77.03378800000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.24. Larcomar

Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this unique shopping center boasts of about 160 different boutiques and shops selling everything from clothes and accessories to jewelry and native handicrafts. Shop to your heart's content at the high-end clothing shops or shake a leg at the trendy discotheques or entertain yourself at the cinema and the bowling alley; Larcomar has something for everyone.

Address : Malecón de la Reserva 610, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Zipcode : 15074

Location : -12.1323419, -77.0302752

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.25. Centro Comercial El Polo

This small yet incredible shopping place holds a great variety of antiques, including many smaller items. The ice cream parlors and cafés at El Polo invite you to relax after your shopping expedition. The place is also home to various small restaurants and bars that give the perfect closure to your evening.

Address : Lima District 15023, Peru

Zipcode : 15023

Location : -12.1013647, -76.97090129999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.26. Jockey Plaza

The largest and undeniably one of the most fashionable malls in the city, Jockey Plaza houses over 200 stores including both national and international boutiques like Studio F, Puma, Zara and more. After a tiring shopping spree, you can end your day by watching a movie or grabbing a bite at the food court. The only trouble is that it is a long drive from most of the hotels in Lima.

Address : C.C. Jockey Plaza Tda. 101, Av. Javier Prado Este 4200, Santiago de Surco 15023, Peru

Zipcode : 15023

Location : -12.0844944, -76.97562219999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.27. Plaza Artesanal la Portada del Sol

This market featuring 55 shopping arcades sells everything that the Peruvian artisanship has to offer. There are numerous vendors strolling in this market flaunting their glassware cases lighted with halogen lamps.

Address : Av. Petit Thouars 5419, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Zipcode : 15074

Location : -12.1174229, -77.02797399999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.28. Mercado Indio's

Mercado Indio or the Indian street market is a bargain-hunters haven. A place for all the shopaholics, it is a series of small shopping stalls lined up to offer indigenous handicrafts including scarves, jewelry, clay pottery, alpaca rugs and knock-offs of Cuzco School canvases to name a few.

Address : Petit Thouars 5245, Distrito de Lima 15074, Peru

Zipcode : 15074

Location : -12.1150874, -77.02822909999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.29. All Alpaca

Drop by All Alpaca to stock up your wardrobe with soft colorful sweaters, scarves, coats and other trendy outfits, all at a reasonable price designed with the alpaca wool gathered from the Andes in Peru.

Address : Av Jose Larco 1005, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Zipcode : 15074

Location : -12.127981, -77.02946750000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.30. Park of Love

Parque del Amor or the Park of Love in the Miraflores district of the city is a paradise for lovers. Situated along the mighty Pacific Ocean, the breeze dances to the tunes of love, especially during sunrise and sunset. Encircled with artsy mosaics and soul-stirring landscapes, the park is specifically known for its El Beso statue that displays an intimate kiss between two lovers. The undulating walls of the park are inscribed with several romantic phrases written by Peruvian poets. Right beside the park is the Villena Rey bridge that is thronged by couples who come to admire the view, making this the perfect spot to express your love.

Address : Malecón Cisneros, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Zipcode : 15074

Location : -12.1267984, -77.03656649999999

Contact : +51 992 111 400

Nearest Public Transport : Miraflores Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

For all the adventure junkies out there get ready to pump up that adrenaline with various sports that the city has to offer. Paragliding, Horse-riding, Parasailing, Surfing, Biking, Hiking and Kayaking are just some of the fun adventures you are going to get yourself into –

- **PARAGLIDING -**

Address : La Molita, Calle Los Amancaes 260, Lima 15074, Peru

Location : -12.125922,-77.037511999999

Contact No : +51 993 184 341

Website : <http://www.paragliding-peru.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Armendariz Bus station

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$245

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Wait Time : 30minutes

- **Horse-Riding -**

Address : Alameda Mamacona s/n, Lima Lima 15842, Peru

Location : -12.2595838,-76.9089894

Contact No : +51 1 2957461

Website : <http://www.haciendamamacona.com.pe/>

Nearest Public Transport : Estacion de Buses "Los Chinos" Bus Station
(Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$80

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 15-20minutes

- **Sandboarding -**

Address : Avenida, Perez Aranibar 261, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.1213814,-77.0265

Contact No : +51 923 223 157

Website : <http://www.hakutours.com/sambord.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Ricardo Palma Bus station

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$185

Open / Close Time : Daily Morning tours at 09:00hrs and Afternoon tours at 14:40hrs

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 30-40minutes

- **Surfing -**

Address : Circuito de Playas 5, Distrito de Lima 15074, Peru

Location : -12.1280924,-77.0370431

Contact No : +51 9808 22946

Website : <http://pukanasurf.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Armendariz Bus station

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$80

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 07:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 20-30minutes

- **Kayaking -**

Address : Av. San Borja Norte 1241 Of.201 San Borja, Lima – Peru

Location : -12.094278,-76.991764

Contact No : +51 997899752

Website : <http://www.peruseakayaking.com/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero Rosa Toro Bus station

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$50

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15-20minutes

- **Biking -**

Address : Calle Bolívar 150, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.125689,-77.028596999999

Contact No : +51 1 445-3172

Website : <http://biketoursoflima.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Miraflores Bus station

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$30

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 09:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15-20minutes

- **Boating -**

Address : Las Palmeras 180, San Isidro, Lima 15073, Peru

Location : -12.0898498,-77.039078899999

Contact No : +51 998 199 254

Website : <http://www.inkasailing.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Av Javier Prado Oeste Bus station

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$90

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15-20minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Lima is very well supported by clubs and venues and the people of the city indulge themselves in various sports like association football, volleyball and basketball. However a popular game among the the people of the city is fronton, a racquet sport similar to squash invented in Lima. The most popular sport in Lima is football with professional club teams operating in the city. Some of the popular football clubs in the city includes Alianza Lima, Deportivo Municipal, Sporting Cristal, Club Universitario de Deportes and CD Universidad San Martin. The city is home to various stadiums like Monumental "U" Stadium, National Stadium, Universidad San Marcos Stadium, Alejandro Villanueva Stadium, San Martín de Porres Stadium and Chorrillos Municipal Stadium. However, Estadio Monumental "U" and Estadio Nacional de Lima stand as the main stadiums of the city.

- **Estadio Monumental 'U':**

Address : Av. Javier Prado Este 5400, Ate 15026, Peru

Location : -12.0559058,-76.93607559999998

Contact No : +51 931 466 009

Website : <http://www.clubuniversitario.pe/>

- **Estadio Nacional:**

Address : Jose Diaz s/n, Lima 15046, Peru

Location : -12.0672896,-77.03372919999998

Contact No : +51 1 4316190

10. Spas and relaxation

The capital city is bustling with Spas and there's no way that one will be led down. Just wander around the streets and you will definitely bump into one or the other Spa Center. Here are our top favourites–

- **Kalos Baños Turcos Sauna Spa:**

Address : 3873, Lima 15034, Peru
Location : -12.031019,-77.091226
Contact No : +51 1 5722697
Website : <http://www.turcokalos.com/>

- **Nativa:**

Address : Av. Aviación 4004, Distrito de Lima 15038, Peru
Location : -12.116300,-76.999232
Contact No : +51 1 7390988
Website : <http://www.nativaspa.com.pe/>

- **Bambú Spa Wellness:**

Address : Av. del Parque Sur, Distrito de Lima 15036, Peru
Location : -12.099050,-77.010654
Contact No : +51 1 2994621

- **Kantu Spa:**

Address : Av Horacio Urteaga 1521, Jesús María 15072, Peru
Location : -12.076581,-77.050550

Contact No : +51 991 410 840

Website : <http://www.kantuspa.com/>

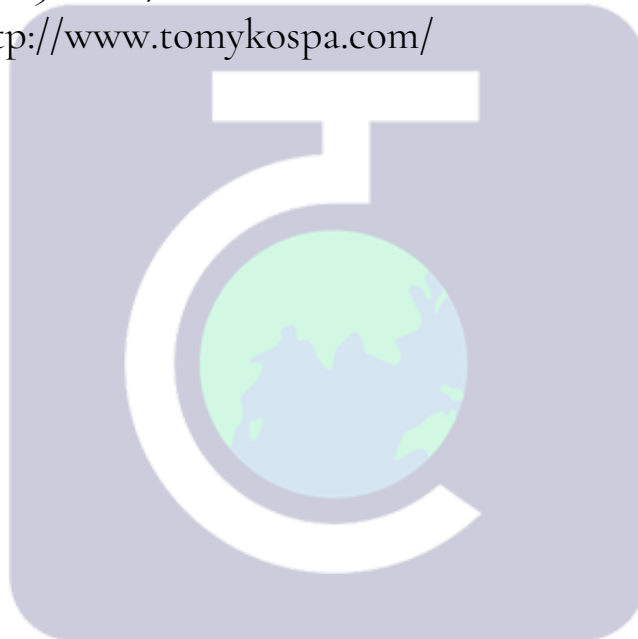
- **Tomyko Spa:**

Address : Esteban Campodónico 640, La Victoria 15034, Peru

Location : -12.088203,-77.020794

Contact No : +51 1 2046100

Website : <http://www.tomykospa.com/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

New Years Day

The city celebrates New Year with as much enthusiasm and passion as anywhere else in the world. Firework displays, live concerts and fun events light up the New Years, continuing well past midnight.

Anniversary of Lima

Observed on the 18th January, the anniversary is celebrated on this day with different cultural and artistic festivities.

Particularly worth mentioning is the big parade through Lima called 'pasacalles'. Dancers and artist perform typical folklore dances.

National Pisco Sour Day

Dia Nacional del Pisco Sour:
Taking place on the first Saturday of the month, the national drink of Peru, the Pisco Sour has its own day. The highlight is a Pisco Sour Festival including dance performances, concerts, Peruvian food and of

course Pisco Sour. Carnival

**Carnival is celebrated throughout the country and Lima isn't the stronghold of the festivities. But still you will find some fun during the carnival season with water games and different activities around the city. Takes place in the 2nd week of February. Dates are flexible
Labour Day**

**Celebrated on May 1, Labor Day is a very big deal in the country. A national holiday, hence don't be surprised to see the streets and attractions crowded.
Virgen del Carmen**

**Celebrated all over the country with music and dance from July 15th-July17th over the highlands.
Independence Day**

**Most important day for the country and also a national holiday, festivities take place on July 28th every year with activities like bullfighting, cockfighting and horse exhibitions in the city
Fiestas de Patrias**

Taking place from 27th-29th July this festival is dedicated to the memory of the announcement of independence on the 28th of July 1821 by the liberator Jose de San Martin. Everywhere in Peru you will find big celebrations and festivities at the anniversary of Peru.

International Book Fair

Observed on the last 2 weeks in July, Peruvian and foreign writers meet and greet inside of 53,820 square feet of space crammed with books.

Santa Rosa de Lima

Each year on the 30th of August a big procession to honour Santa Rosa de Lima, the patron saint of Lima, takes place in Lima.

Lima Film Festival

Held in the first week of the August, an international film festival where you can watch Latin- American films compete against each other, vote for the winner and meet actors, directors and screenwriters from all over the world.

Mistura

Taking place on the 2nd week of September, each year restaurants, farmers and producers from different parts of the country get together to offer a sample of all Peruvian cuisine. The event is hosted by popular Peruvian chefs and celebrities who are present throughout the event.

Señor de los Milagros

The biggest procession in Latin America takes place every year at the end of October or beginning of November in Lima. Ten thousands of believers gather to honor Señor de los Milagros (The Lord of Miracles). Feria Taurino del Señor de los Milagros

The Feria Taurino del Señor de los Milagros is an anual bullfight event taking place every Sunday in Lima's Plaza de Acho in the month of October until November.

Día de los Todos Santos (All Saints' Day) and Día de los Muertos (All Souls' Day)

Commemorating the dead, one will see the locals lighting

candles at the cemeteries and masses being held across the city. Traditional breads are cooked in the shape of dolls and many ceremonies are brought to the cemeteries. The festival takes place on November 2.

Christmas

Christmas is celebrated with very high spirits, the city is decorated with beautiful lights which attract the tourist to the city especially during the time of Christmas.



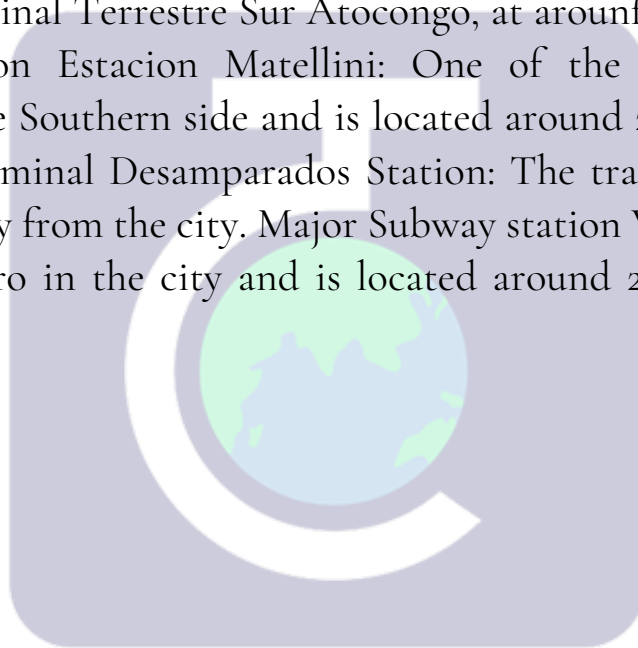
12. Key local guides and tours

Patricia Valenzuela: An authorized Professional Tour Guide who's been in the business for more than 20 years is your person to go to for some amazing tours. "Enlightening, Enthusiastic & Enjoyable Tours" is her slogan. Vanessa Vasquez: A tour guide since 2006 and an ambassador of her country, Vanessa is another tour guide who believes in out of the path experience. Dealing with both classic and tailor made tours, she is fluent in the English language. Amazon Riverboat & Machu Picchu Adventure: A 16-Day tour to venture to Machu Picchu by train, walk along the coast in Lima, Cruise in the Amazon and increase your knowledge about Peruvian wildlife and ingenious cultures. Lima Tasty Tours: It offers incredible gastronomic adventures for travellers seeking to experience Peru's unique culinary scene. Private Tour: Lima and Local Indian Market: Learn about the history and culture of Peru and admire the nativity scenes at Casa Luna followed by some handmade goods shopping at the Indian market and discover the old essence. Islands of Lima Sightseeing Cruise: Enjoy a morning boat ride out to the islands of Lima after which you'll arrive at the islands with your local guide and enjoy up-close looks at historic sites and local wildlife like birds and sea lions. Bike Tours of Lima: Get to know the city in the most unique way. Biking, Walking, Food and Cultural scene is included in this traditional and 'off the beaten spots' tour.

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13. Transportation hubs

Airport Jorge Chávez International Airport: The main airport serving the city is Jorge Chavez that is located in Callao and finds itself 11kms away from main city center of the city. **Bus Terminal** There are many bus terminals located in the city of Lima that receives buses from all around the region. However the main bus terminal includes Gran Terminal Terrestre en Plaza Norte at 6kms away from the city center and Terminal Terrestre Sur Atocongo, at around 22kms from the city. **Metropolitano station Estacion Matellini:** One of the main stations from metropolitano on the Southern side and is located around 20kms away from the main city. **Train Terminal Desamparados Station:** The train station of the city finds itself 4kms away from the city. **Major Subway station Villa El Salvador:** The main station of metro in the city and is located around 25kms away from the main city center.

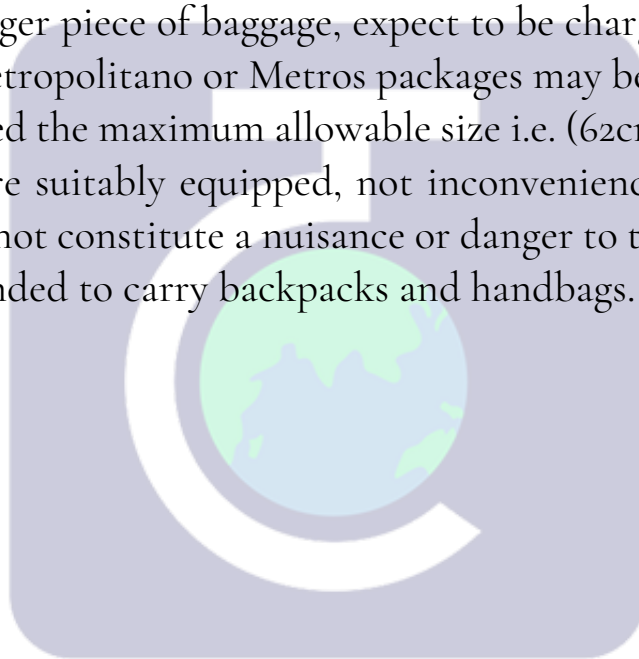


14. Transportation cost

There are many options when it comes to the public transport in the city. Taxis, Buses, Microbuses and Metros are at your service the moment you step your foot onto the grounds of Lima. Following are the specifications of each – Taxi: Most of the taxis in the city aren't metered hence one needs to decide a price pre-hand only. Caution is advised in Lima, and the same goes for taxis. As a foreigner, do not ever get into shared taxis, and it might not hurt to look if there's someone hiding on the back seat or the trunk before entering. One short ride will cost you PEN \$6 whereas a longer ride will cost you PEN \$9. There are certain precautions to be taken while travelling in the taxi – • Do not show any expensive valuable. • Ask around for the regular price from the locals. • Try to look like you are not to be messed with if at all possible. • Know the route or know where you are headed. • Always keep an eye on the driver. Micro Buses or Combi Vans - These are small mini buses or vans that are packed with people are run around in the city. One can stop these buses at any street corner and hop in. One ride costs around PEN \$0.50-\$1.20. Medium or large buses: These also rule the city and operate same as the micro buses but are slower but safer. One ride costs around PEN \$0.50-\$1.20. Metropolitano - This a rapid transport bus system and is quite modern with rechargeable cards. One ride costs around PEN \$2 whereas a card can be purchased at a price of PEN \$5. Metro de Lima - Also referred to as Tren Electrico, Line 1 is fully function and takes you to certain place in the city. The cost for one ride is PEN \$1.50, however one has to purchase an electronic card first. Train: One ride will cost around one PEN \$10-20.

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One can carry heavy amount of baggage in the taxis, however to commute around it is highly recommended to carry small bags, a backpack or money-belt to avoid inconvenience to self and those around you. Do not carry heavy baggage in Micro Buses or Buses since in some vehicles there is hardly any space for the passengers so it becomes difficult to fit a backpack or a suitcase. But in case you are allowed on the bus with a bigger piece of baggage, expect to be charged an additional fee. When it comes to Metropolitano or Metros packages may be admitted only when its size does not exceed the maximum allowable size i.e. (62cm * 52cm * 30cm) bag and provided they are suitably equipped, not inconveniencing other customers, and whose care does not constitute a nuisance or danger to the metro. In the peak hours, it is recommended to carry backpacks and handbags.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

Peruvian meals are a living proof of distinct flavors and colors reflecting the national heritage. A rich combination of many influences, Spanish and Chinese cuisine being the popular ones, many tourists find their way to try the Traditionally cooked dishes of the country that mainly include potatoes, rice blended with different variety of proteins like chicken, fish, lamb or pork. Here's some of the must tries that cannot be ignored – Ceviche - This national dish is the most iconic one in the city. Coming from seaside, this marinated fish dish are in Lima and it's the healthiest, freshest and ziestest dish you will ever have. Ceviche comes from the indigenous quechua language meaning fresh fish and is definitely not to be missed. Cuy - Staple meat that is usually baked or barbecued is another traditional dish of the country that boasts of a gamy taste. Although be warned the dish is quite bony. Causa - This historical dish of the soldiers of the country is yet another traditional dish composing of varieties of potatoes and piles of avocados. Arranged into a casserole type of setting these two ingredients are layered, sliced and served cold. Other variations in the same dish includes meat, hard-boiled egg and tuna. Lomo Saltad - This Asian Fusion with the traditional Peruvian flavours is probably makes for one of the best dishes of the country in which beef, peppers, tomatoes and onions are blended with fried potatoes and soy sauce in a pan served over white rice. Aji de Gallina - A mild Peruvian dish featuring rich, velvety stew made with condensed milk and chicken further thickened with de-crusted white bread. One can also try the vegetarian alternative that features boiled potato with creamy yellow sauce. Anticuchos - Served everywhere in the country from High end restaurants to streets, these skewers of grilled and marinated meat has a rich history. However the most traditional anticuchos are made with beef heart. Rocoto Relleno - This dish is for the spicy ones. A plain old red bell pepper stuffed with sautéed ground beef and hard boiled egg. Featuring lots of spices, Rocoto is topped with melted white cheese, baked and served whole. Lucuma - Even though the regional dishes are ought to be spicy, this is rather a sweet dish. A tree fruit looking like a mango, Lucuma is a custardy taste complemented by maple syrup. Masato- An exotic drink made from cooked, fermented and crushed yucca along with molasses or

sugar. Patarashca- Fish wrapped in 'bijao' leaves and roasted over a fire. Another dish that cannot be missed for all the fish lovers. Juane- This steam cooked dishes made with rice and 'palillo' dish, further accompanied by chicken pieces wrapped in 'bijao' leaves. Sounds delightful, doesn't it? Chicha Morada drink: This traditional drink is made from purple Peruvian corn



17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Lima is one of the world's great dining destinations. From street-side vendors grilling anticuchos to fine-dining chefs who are seeking out diverse new ingredients in the Andes and Amazon, there's something incredible and unique to eat at every price point. In Peru's capital, the best restaurants offer far more than ceviche and creative chefs make use of little-known ingredients indigenous to the surrounding region. Most of Lima's top gastronomic restaurants are located in the Miraflores district, although some are to be found in San Isidro, Surco and Barranco. Lima's discotheques, clubs and bars operate till the sun comes out allowing you to continue partying for many, many hours. Addressing to all kinds of public, the clubs offer excellent music, top quality drinks, live shows, and the possibility of having fun all night long. Most of the clubs are located in Miraflores and Barranco, so get ready to party all night and bring the party animal in you alive –

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- **Chala Restaurant:**

Address : Bajada de Baños 343, Barranco 15063, Peru

Location : -12.148873,-77.022435

Contact No : +51 1 2528515

- **Astrid y Gastón:**

Address : Av. Paz Soldán 290, San Isidro 15073, Peru

Location : -12.096567,-77.034959

Contact No : +51 1 4422777

Website : <http://en.astridygaston.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 13:00hrs–15:00hrs,
19:00hrs–23:00hrs, Sunday 12:30hrs–15:30hrs

- **Restaurant El Mercado:**

Address : Av Hipólito Unanue 203, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.111451,-77.048557

Contact No : +51 1 2211322

Website : <http://www.rafaelosterling.pe/es/el-mercado.html>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:30hrs–17:00hrs

- **Malabar:**

Address : Av. Camino Real 101, San Isidro 15073, Peru

Location : -12.094346,-77.034786

Contact No : +51 1 4405300

Website : <http://malabar.com.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 12:30hrs–16:00hrs,
19:30hrs–00:00hrs, Sunday 19:30hrs–00:00hrs

- **Amaz:**

Address : Av. la Paz 1079, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.128708,-77.026557

Contact No : +51 1 2219393

Website : <http://www.amaz.com.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 12:30hrs-23:30hrs, Friday-Saturday 12:30hrs-00:00hrs & Sunday 12:30hrs-16:30hrs

- **Brujas de Cachiche:**

Address : Bolognesi 472, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.122867,-77.036066

Contact No : +51 1 4471883

Website : <http://www.brujasdecachiche.com.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs, Sunday 12:30hrs-16:30hrs

- **Bar Restaurant Cordano:**

Address : Jirón Carabaya 103, Lima 15001, Peru

Location : -12.044829,-77.028939

Contact No : +51 1427 0181

Website : <http://restaurantecordano.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-20:30hrs

- **El Ricon Que No Conoces:**

Address : Bernardo Alcedo, Distrito de Lima 15046, Peru

Location : -12.084385,-77.032885

Contact No : +51 1 4712171

Website : <http://elrinconquenoconoces.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 12:30hrs-16:30hrs

- **Huaca Pucllana:**

Address : General Borgoño 245, Distrito de Lima 15074, Peru

Location : -12.117459,-77.033704

Contact No : +51 1445 4042

Website : <http://www.resthuacapucllana.com/es/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-16:30hrs & 19:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Rafael:**

Address : Calle San Martin 300, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.125249,-77.031364

Contact No : +51 1 2424149

Website : <http://www.rafaelosterling.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Monday- Wednesday 13:00hrs-15:00hrs & 20:00hrs-23:00hrs, Thursday-Friday 13:00hrs-15:00hrs & 20:00hrs-00:00hrs, Saturday 20:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **La Mar Cebichería:**

Address : Av Mariscal La Mar 770, Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.113343,-77.045390

Contact No : +51 1 4213365

Website : <http://www.lamarcebicheria.com/lima/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 12:00hrs-17:00hrs, Friday-Sunday 12:00hrs-17:30hrs

- **Central Restaurante:**

Address : Santa Isabel 376 Miraflores Lima 15074, Peru

Location : -12.132670,-77.027806

Contact No : +51 1 2428515

Website : <http://centralrestaurante.com.pe/en/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 07:45hrs-23:15hrs

- **Isolina Taberna Peruana:**

Address : Peru, Av San Martin 101, Lima 15063, Peru

Location : -12.147541,-77.022352

Contact No : +51 1 2475075

Website : <http://isolina.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs, Sunday-Monday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

- **Chifa Miraflores:**

Address : Av. Ricardo Palma 322, Miraflores 15047, Peru

Location : -12.119244,-77.026570

Contact No : +51 1 4452347

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 12:00hrs-22:45hrs, Saturday-Sunday 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Etnias Bar Cultural:**

Address : Jirón Carabaya 815, Jirón Carabaya 815, Lima 15001, Peru

Location : -12.051568,-77.033707

- **Nebula night club:**

Address : Calle Gonzáles Prada 194, Distrito de Lima 15074, Peru

Location : -12.117086,-77.028391

Website : <http://nebula-lima-peru.blogspot.in/2016/07/programacion-julio-27-29-30.html?m=1>

Open / Close Time : Daily from 22:00hrs-Overnight

- **Discoteca Tequila Rock:**

Address : Ernesto Diez Canseco 146, Distrito de Lima 15074, Peru

Location : -12.121762,-77.028729

Contact No : +51 1 4454116

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 10:30hrs-06:00hrs, Sunday 10:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **El Dragón:**

Address : Av. Nicolas De Pierola, Nicolas de Pierola 168, Distrito de Lima 15063, Peru

Location : -12.141503,-77.020904

Website : <http://www.eldragon.com.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **Gotica:**

Address : Miraflores 15074, Peru

Location : -12.132577,-77.030224

Contact No : +51 1 2681598

Website : <http://www.gotica.com.pe/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday-Saturday 22:30hrs-05:00hrs

- **Cronos:**

Address : Av. Aviación 2576, San Borja 15036, Peru

Location : -12.092000,-77.003248

Contact No : +51 1 2249094

- **Discoteca Dolce Vita:**

Address : Calle Berlin 231, Miraflores 15074, Lima, Peru

Location : -12.121841,-77.032167

Contact No : +51 1 3724324

Open / Close Time : Friday-Saturday 22:00hrs-04:00hrs



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Economical Meal: PEN \$30-50 Mid – Segment Restaurant: PEN \$60-80 Luxury Dining: PEN \$100 and above Average cost of beer: PEN \$15.58



19. Shopping

The city is a very diverse cosmopolitan full of ancient history, but also very modern. You will be fascinated by the huge variety of shopping facilities the capital of Peru has to offer. It can be assured that nearly all preferences and tastes will be catered for. From numerous fancy boutiques, department stores, street markets and everything in between for clothing to unique Peruvian craftsmanship as well as cheap souvenirs found in exclusive shops or on Lima's crafts markets. The city has got it all, there are Western-styled shopping malls complementing the city's plazas and streets too, so dive down to the following shopping centers to swipe your card and spend some cash – Polvos Azules: This is your place to buy just about anything. Whether its a suitcase, socket wrench or a T-shirt of Jesus Christ wearing a soccer jersey. This multilevel, popular market attracts people of all social strata for a mind-boggling assortment of cheap goods. Las Pallas: Come to this handicrafts shop featuring a selection of top quality products from all over the country. There are also special gifts. Indigo: The shop will invite you to wander through at least half a dozen different rooms filled with unique items. There's a selection of whimsical ceramics inspired by traditional designs, as well as modern pieces LarcoMar: This shopping center offers everything from high-end clothing shops, trendy discotheques and a wide range of eateries. There's also a bowling alley. El Detalle: This small yet incredible shopping place holds a great variety of antiques, including many smaller items. Larcomar: The open-air shopping center offers dozens of shops, bars, and restaurants with some of them boasting of impressive views of the coast and ocean below. Jockey Plaza: With more than 200 shops, Jockey Plaza is by far the city's largest and best mall. The only trouble is that it's a long drive from most of the hotels. La Portada Del Sol: This market offers excellent quality goods. There are various vendors strolling in this market who show off their wares in glass cases lighted with halogen lamps. Mercado Indio: The street market offer everything from pre-Colombian-style clay pottery to alpaca rugs to knock-offs of Cuzco School canvases. All Alpaca: Known for top quality clothing this one sells sweaters and other items in sophisticated styles.

20. Tourist benefits

The VAT charged in the country is 18% which is comparatively high compared to the other countries. One will also find duty free shops around the city of Lima. One can also buy various duty free goods from the airport. Both arrival and departure via the airport of this country, you will have great opportunities to purchase high quality products at an affordable price, and sometimes much more economical than the products found in the other free shops. Following are some items that can be imported – • 20 packs of cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco. • 3L of alcoholic beverages. • Gifts or new articles for personal use up to a value of US\$500.



21. Essential local apps

Following are the most recommended applications one can download in order to have a better trip in the city Lima – Full Bancos: Lima y Provincias: An application that contains all the information on banks all districts of Lima and 8 provinces of the Peru to use it quickly and efficiently. More than 2,000 banking offices in one app, with geolocation system more effective and intuitive. TuMicro: An app that allows users of public transport in Lima. Find the best route based on distance journey to their destination, TuMicro indicate what means of transport to take, when you go down and stops, every indication that reach your destination as soon as possible. Peruvian Newspapers: Peruvian Newspapers is an application that groups the most important Peru newspapers and magazines together. Get all the all the information you want in one place with Peruvian News. MESA 24/7, Restaurants Guide: Online reservations at Peru top restaurants. MESA 24/7 is the easiest and fastest way to book a table online at Peru's top restaurants. LimaDelivery.com - Order food: Order food at over 500 restaurants with delivery services throughout Peru, pick from different types of cuisines like chicken, pizza, sushi, chifas, hamburgers, sandwiches etc. Radio FM Peru - Radios Online: Listen to the best FM, AM and Online radio stations of Peru in our application. You can choose from sports, news, music and other radio stations. Metro de Lima: App that enables viewing schedule of the Lima Metro (line one); Display times are relative to the path. Click4Taxi - Taxi App: Click4Taxi is an application allowing you to request a taxi from your mobile telephone in a quick, easy and free way.

22. Driving

Driving in Peru should be considered as an "Extreme Sport" The driving rule here is that the bigger you are the less you follow the driving rules. Driving in Peru can be hazardous due to poorly maintained roads and vehicles, local driving practices, and inadequate road lighting. Traffic accidents are common. Fatal traffic accidents, particularly those involving intercity buses, are common. The use of reputable transport and bus companies may reduce associated risks when travelling by road in Peru". But finding your way in and through Lima's city jungle can be quite a challenging experience. Heavy traffic including unusually aggressive and reckless drivers make getting around Lima difficult. Additionally you find instead of proper public transport, a chaotic system of privately owned and operated minibuses and thousands of taxis. And even if distances between the districts and points of interest seem very short, navigating in Lima can be very nerve-racking and time consuming. Renting a car requires you to carry your passport, driving license, International driving permit, experienced driving skills and patience to handle the manic traffic. However, the traffic in the city will test your patience and so will the fellow drivers. The chance of getting stopped by the police in Peru is very high. If you are travelling between cities or driving medium to long distances, you will always encounter standard police check points. The police in Peru are famous for being corrupt and Gringos are a prime source of additional income for these lovely enforcers of the law.

23. Travel essentials

Following are the necessary things to keep in mind while travelling in the country – 1. Adapter/Plug – The standard voltage in the country is 220V with a frequency of 60 Hz. Power sockets: type A / B / C in Peru. 2. It is always advised to carry sufficient prescribed medicines as OTCs without a proper prescription are not allowed. 3. One needs to carry a money belt in order to avoid theft or pick pocketing. 4. Sunblock is your friend. Get a small container to carry. High SPF's are a good idea. Sweat-proof is also a good idea. Don't forget to use a hat.



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25. Local currency

The local currency in Peru is the Peruvian Nuevo Sol. 1 USD = 3.35 PEN

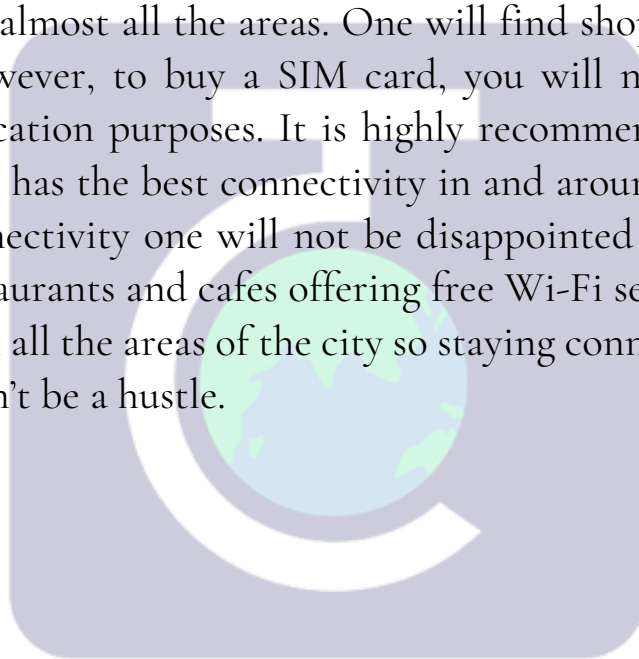


26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

The city is bustling with ATMs. Most of the cards are accepted in the ATMs. Banks are likely to charge you with a foreign transaction fee in an ATM, hence make sure to confirm with your bank about the fee charges prior to your transaction. One can only take out a limited amount, so it is recommended to take out the maximum amount in one go. There are many shops, restaurants and hotels around the city that accept US dollars hence exchanging is not mandatory, however there are local shops that do not accept US Dollars so keeping some amount of local cash in handy is always recommended. However, for some reason it is very difficult to change money other than Euros and US-Dollars in Lima. You can't even change the currency from neighbouring countries in normal money exchanges and banks. You might find more flexible exchange offices at airports, but they often charge ridiculous service fees and exchange-rates. One can exchange money with the help of cambistas who are wandering around on the streets, though make sure that the Cambista is wearing the vest-uniform indicating that he or she is an authorized, licensed Cambista. Always ask for the exchange rate ("Tipo de Cambio"). It is worth it to compare with several cambistas, especially if you are changing a significant amount of money. Some of them do tricks with their calculators in your face and you won't notice, so the best way to know how much you should be getting is to bring a calculator yourself or use the one in your cellphone. Finally, make sure that the bills the Cambista gives you have his or her seal ("Sello") stamped on them - One can also exchange the currency at the airport or at many shops that are located in the city at a decent rate. The exchange commission charged might be 5-20% higher than usual hence make sure to confirm the price prior to buying the currency. The usual rate is around 10% Credit cards are accepted in the city, however a fee is charged hence one should confirm the extra transaction fee from their bank prior to their travel.

27. Staying connected

Major networks that dominate Peru are Claro and Movistar. However, make sure to unlock your phone prior to your travel in order to use any SIM card in the country. If your stay is for a longer period of time, it is recommended that you buy a local SIM to stay connected. One can purchase a SIM card at the airport upon arrival. Buying a SIM card in the country is affordable and one is surly to get good network at almost all the areas. One will find shops all over the city to get a SIM card. However, to buy a SIM card, you will need a Xerox of your Passport for identification purposes. It is highly recommended that one buys a SIM of Claro since it has the best connectivity in and around the town. When it comes to Wi-Fi connectivity one will not be disappointed at all since there are many hotels and restaurants and cafes offering free Wi-Fi services. There are also cyber cafes located in all the areas of the city so staying connected to social media or friends/family won't be a hustle.



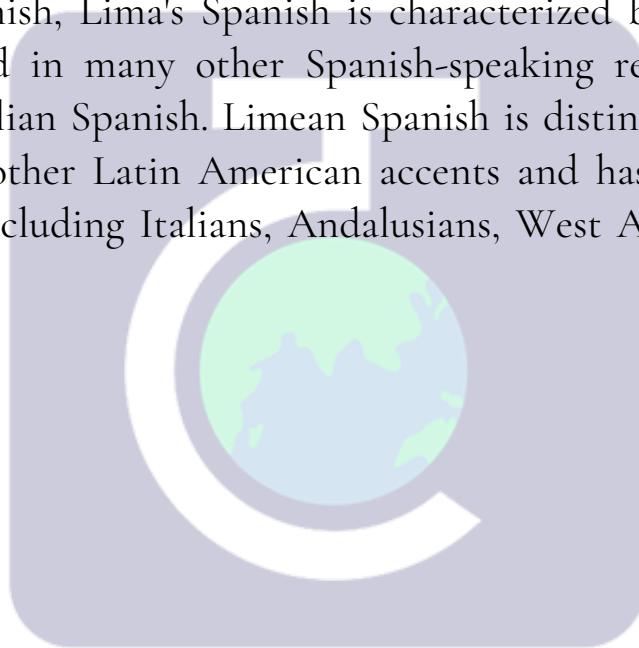
28. Time Zone

Peru Standard Time (PET) (UTC -5) is 5 hours behind the Coordinated Universal time.



29. Languages

A multi-lingual nation, Peru's most spoken language is Spanish, however it is different from the Spanish spoken in Spain since Peruvian slang differs from region to region. Quechua follows Spanish as the second most language spoken by the people of the country, further followed by Aymara and some other indigenous languages of the country like Ashaninka, Aguaruna and Shipibo. Known as Peruvian Coast Spanish, Lima's Spanish is characterized by the lack of strong intonations as found in many other Spanish-speaking regions and is largely determined by Castilian Spanish. Limean Spanish is distinguished by its clarity when compared to other Latin American accents and has been influenced by immigrant groups including Italians, Andalusians, West Africans, Chinese and Japanese.

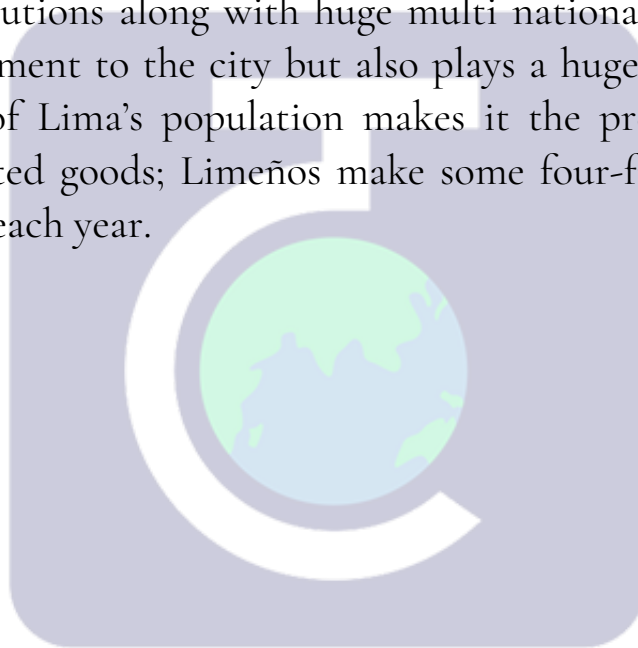


30. Political Scenario

Peru is a presidential representative democratic republic, where the President of Peru is both head of government and head of state. This presidential-republic is divided into three major branches – Lima is the capital city of the Republic of Peru and Lima province. As such, it is home to the three branches of the Government of Peru. • The executive branch is headquartered in the Government Palace, located in the Plaza Mayor. All ministries are located in the city. • The legislative branch is headquartered in the Legislative Palace and is home to the Congress of the Republic of Peru. • The Judicial branch is headquartered in the Palace of Justice and is home to the Supreme Court of Peru. The Palace of Justice in Lima is seat of the Supreme Court of Justice the highest judicial court in Peru with jurisdiction over the entire territory of Peru. The city is roughly equivalent to the Province of Lima, which is subdivided into 43 districts. The Metropolitan Municipality has authority over the entire city, while each district has its own local government.

31. Economic Scenario

The city is the country's industrial and financial centre and one of Latin America's most important financial centers and accounts for more than two thirds of Peru's industrial production and most of its tertiary sector. There are many industries of textiles, clothing, food, chemicals, leather, fish and oil derivatives that contribute to the economy of the country. Lima is also home to many financial institutions along with huge multi national companies that not only provide employment to the city but also plays a huge role in the country's economy. The size of Lima's population makes it the premier market for all domestic and imported goods; Limeños make some four-fifths of the country's consumer purchases each year.



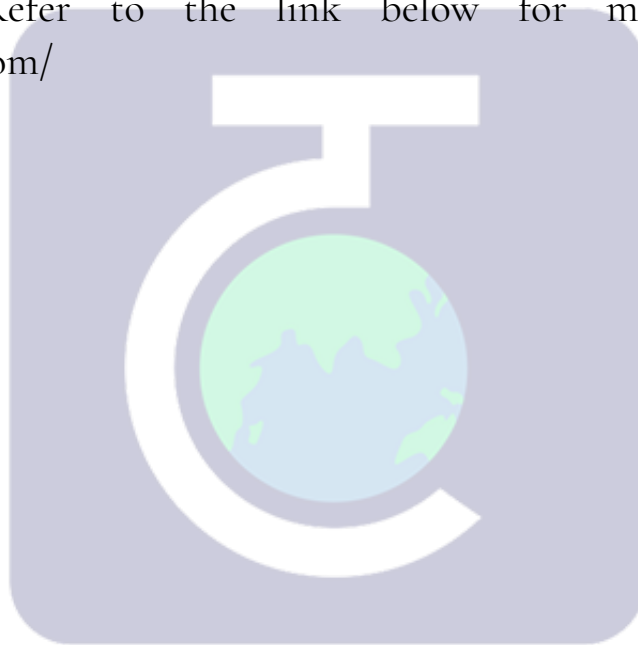
Index**32. Religious belief**

Roman Catholicism dominates the country with 77% of Catholics being devoted to the religion, followed by 10% of the population that identifies themselves as Protestants. The country is ethnically diverse, other religions include Buddhism, Bahá' Faith and Islam.



Index**33. Visa requirements**

Peru's open doors allows an extensive stay for 183 days in the country. Citizens of North America, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, Oceania and some of the countries of Asia do not require any visa to enter the country, but only a passport with at least 6 months validity and 2 free pages in the visa section. However inhabitants of some countries do require a visa to enter the country, including India. Refer to the link below for more information – <https://peru.visahq.com/>



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

One needs to be any disease free before travelling in the country and during the visit in the country. Hence it is recommended that one should visit their General Doctor for a routine check-up. Also, when travelling to Peru, some basic vaccines are suggested – • Yellow Fever • Typhoid Fever • Malaria • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B



35. Theft and Safety

The city is not safest but it is not even the dangerous. The capital city of the country has a few guidelines that should be kept in mind prior to your travelling –

- If you witness a crime being committed, do not intervene unless you are really sure of what you are doing: many criminals, even pickpockets, carry guns, knives, etc. and may use them if feeling threatened. Maintain low profile in the city and don't carry expensive stuff around on the streets.
- While there is not a lot violent crimes in the city, do watch out for pickpockets. In crowded areas do carry your backpack on the front and hold it close to you. Always be alert and beware of the surroundings since people just might steal in an instant.
- Avoid the surroundings of Football/Soccer stadiums before and after big matches sin hooligans can be very dangerous. Ask for advice from the locals on where to visit . Gangs of youth sometimes rival football clubs often get into street brawls so try to avoid from these areas.
- When it comes the districts, most of them are safe in the city. However the area of La Victoria, Downtown Lima and Callao are quite dangerous and shady, so avoid these areas especially after dark hours.
- One may also find themselves in difficult situations in the city when it comes to staying safe from the opposite sex. Some males find themselves suddenly the object of flirtation by young Peruvian women. Another concept that runs in the country is of the Pepera, who are usually attractive women that deliberately entice foreign tourists in order to spike their drinks with sleeping pills and rob them once they are unconscious. There are both male and female peperos. Another cultural concept is of the Brichera, who divide themselves into two types - First type are women that are genuinely looking to meet foreign men in the hopes of dating or marrying and the second type is of the women searching for foreign men with the implicit purpose of exchanging sex for small gifts or money.
- Another important point to be taken into consideration is that you should not pick up just any taxi, especially when you are leaving the airport. It is not strange to hear news that some taxi drivers cheated tourists. Taxi drivers have also been known to participate in robberies, express kidnappings or serve as get away vehicles. It is most advisable to use one of the official taxi companies inside the airport (such as Green Taxi) with set fares to ensure your safety or you may use taxidatum.com

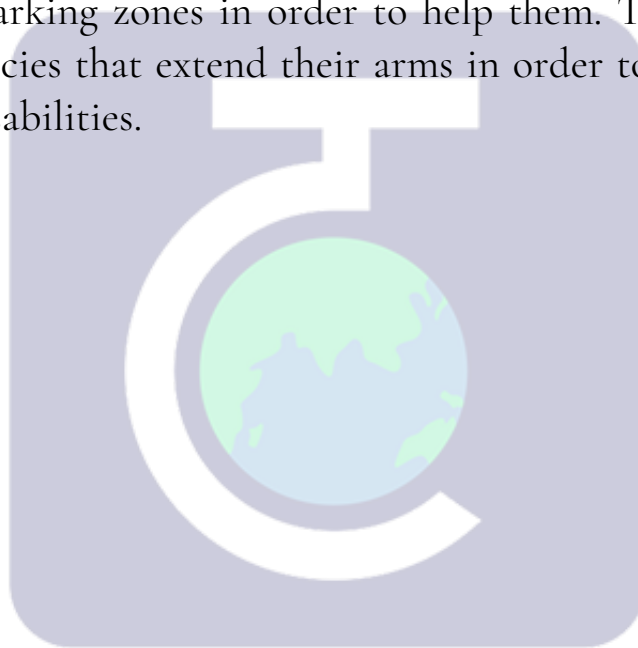
Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Below is the listed link of embassies and consulates located in the country –
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/peru>



37. Accessibility

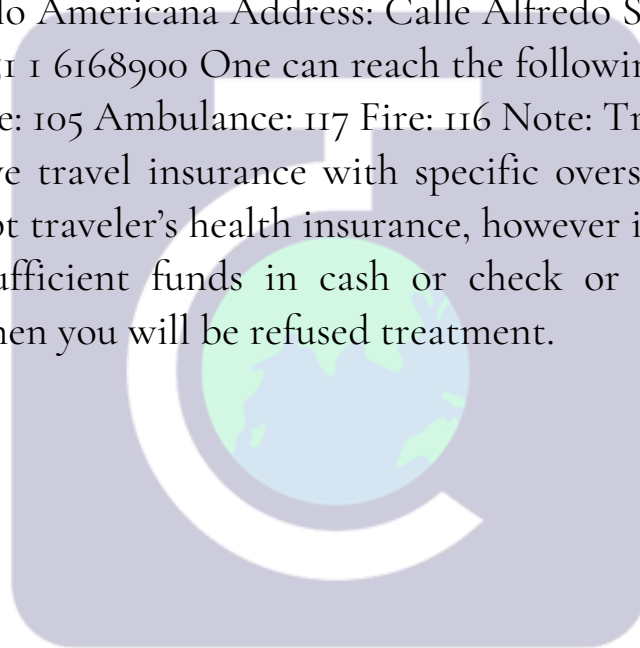
Lima is pretty decent when it comes to accessibility of people with reduced mobility. There are a number of hotels and hospitals that offer wheelchairs or assistance to the disabled. One will also find special seats reserved for the disabled ones in public transport and some buses do provide the access to wheelchairs for the same. There are discounted rates available for people with reduced mobility along with special parking zones in order to help them. There are also various online sites and agencies that extend their arms in order to help people explore Peru despite their disabilities.



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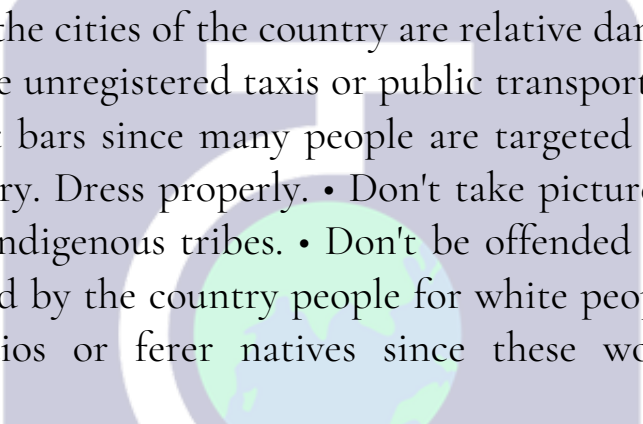
38. Emergencies

Private hospitals and clinics are normally recommended to travellers and expats. The urban areas have health centers, hospitals, pharmacies and clinics, the best ones being in Lima. Following are some of the hospitals that one should find themselves in incase of any emergency – Hospital Nacional Arzobispo Loayza Address: Avenida Alfonso Ugarte 848, Distrito de Lima 15001, Peru Phone: +51 1 6144646 Clínica Anglo Americana Address: Calle Alfredo Salazar 350, San Isidro 15073, Peru Phone: +51 1 6168900 One can reach the following numbers in case of any emergency. Police: 105 Ambulance: 117 Fire: 116 Note: Travelers are advised to obtain comprehensive travel insurance with specific overseas coverage. All the above hospitals accept traveler's health insurance, however if you fail to present a valid credit card, sufficient funds in cash or check or a proof of traveler's insurance coverage then you will be refused treatment.



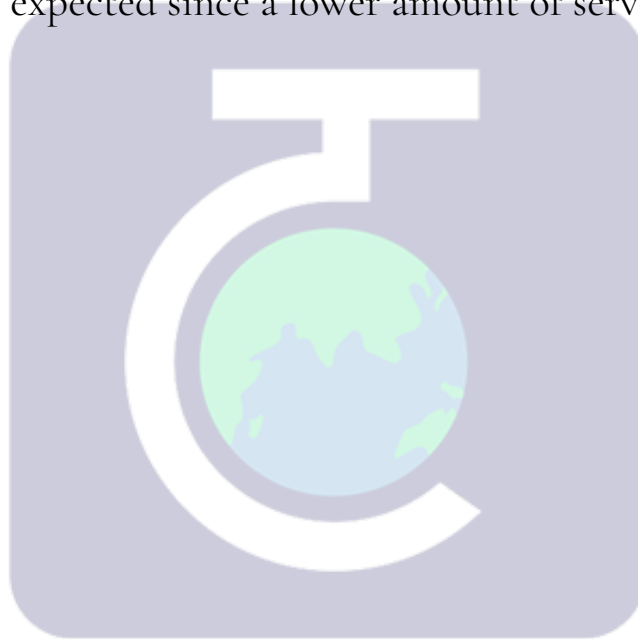
39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Do carry sunscreen and warm clothes for the changing weather of the town. • Do get immunizations for Malaria, Yellow Fever and Typhoid Fever. • Do explore the historical and archaeological sites. • Do stay in the safe districts since the town is large. • Do learn a few words of Spanish before travelling. • Do make copies of your travel documents. • Do exchange currency at the airport if you want to save some money. Don't • Don't drink tap water. • Don't carry expensive items with you since the cities of the country are relative dangerous. • Don't trust the guides. • Don't use unregistered taxis or public transport. • Don't take drinks from the strangers at bars since many people are targeted for theft. • Don't go shirtless in the country. Dress properly. • Don't take pictures of people without asking specially the indigenous tribes. • Don't be offended by the word Gringo since it is a word used by the country people for white people. • Do not use the words indio or indios or ferer natives since these words are considered derogatory.



40.Tipping basics

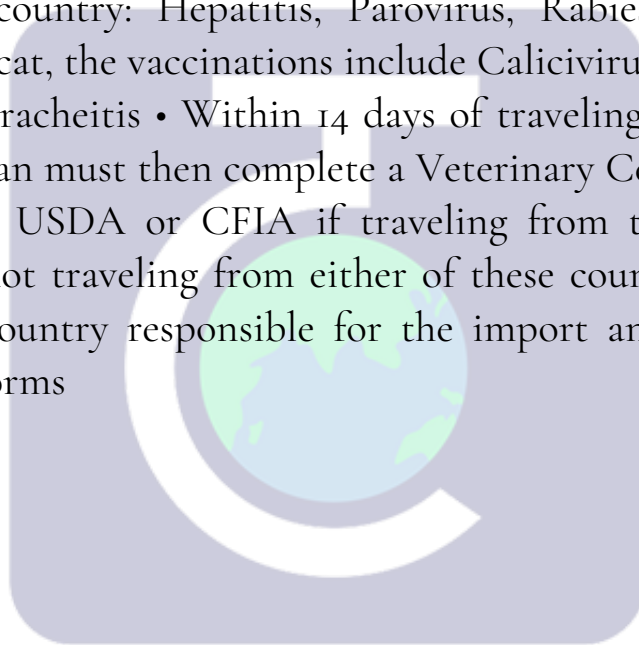
The tipping charge in Peru is around 10% which is pretty low compared to the rest of the world hence tipping is considered customary in the country. Taxis drivers need not be given any tip unless you have hired them on a full day basis, then a tip of 10% is expected to be given. In hotels it's upon you to give the tip to the maids or the bell boys which is around PEN \$5-8 whereas in restaurants a tip of 10-15% is definitely expected since a lower amount of service tax is charged.



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41. Pet info

Following are the requirements one needs to keep in mind in order to bring in their pets in the country. • Unvaccinated pets will require an Import Permit to enter the country. • Since Peru does not recognize 2 or 3 years rabies vaccines, it is mandatory to get your pet vaccinated between 30 days and 12 months prior to your travel. • One requires the following vaccinations to be approved in order to get dogs into the country: Hepatitis, Parovirus, Rabies, Leptospirosis and Distemper. For your cat, the vaccinations include Calicivirus, Panleukopenia and Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis • Within 14 days of traveling, a USDA (or CFIA) accredited veterinarian must then complete a Veterinary Certificate for Peru for endorsement by the USDA or CFIA if traveling from the United States or Canada. If you are not traveling from either of these countries, the Governing Authority of your country responsible for the import and export of animals should endorse the forms



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

From the archaeological ruins right in the center of the city to fabulous contemporary and historical architecture, creative sculptural salutes that decorate the city's parks and walkways to Peruvian craft traditions, the capital and the largest city of Peru shelters to over seven million people, representing a rich ethnic and cultural mix of denizen. Founded by water's edge as the main South American seaport for importing and exporting goods some five hundred years ago, Lima is a sprawling metropolis, rising up above a long coastline of crumbling cliffs. This sophisticated-yet-traditional city displays numerous museums, restaurants, colonial-era buildings, galleries and not to forget crowded nightclubs that will sway you away off your feet. Look for that camera hanging around on your neck to capture the best of the moments in this cosmopolitan. The city's historic centre was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1988; in 1991 the site was redefined to include the former convent of San Francisco. What cannot be missed in the city of kings is its culinary scene that makes for a out-of-the-world gastronomic scene in the whole of continent. Embrace the glorious mess that you are - Lima has stuck to this line with its aesthetic delights and rich history. A walk through the streets of the city is a walk through history filled with excellent adventures for oneself. You may come here for 2 days, but you'll definitely end up staying for more!

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