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1. Geographical location

Situated in a tropical zone near the Equator, the city of Chiclayo finds itself 13Kms away from the Pacific coast and is 4th populated city in the country. Lying on a coastal desert between the Andes and the pacific, this city can go on for years and years without any rainfall due to its geographic location. The capital city of the Lambayeque region enjoys a subtropical climate throughout the year with warm and desert climate haunting the city throughout the year.



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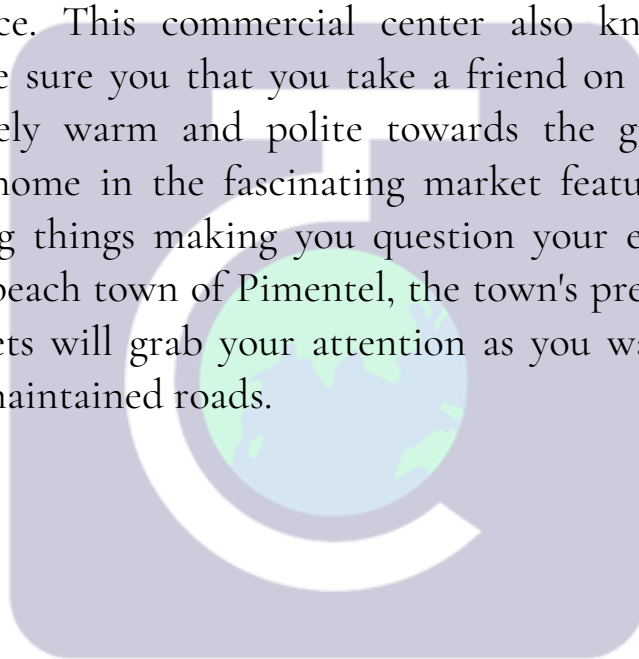
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The City Of Chiclayo Finds Itself 12kms Away From The Town Of Lambayeque, 174kms From Trujillo, Followed By Piura At 196kms, 291kms To Chimbote And Cuenca At 443kms



3. Significance

The bustling historical center - A metropolis surrounding itself in green valleys, arid coasts and high-quality restaurants, Chiclayo is your roller coaster ride to a historical world buzzing with intriguing past and archaeological sites. The pre-Colombian sites speaking for itself sets you on a journey of the city's glorious past. Founded by Spanish missionaries in the 16th century, the city boasts of prospering ever since. This commercial center also known as the city of Friendship will make sure you that you take a friend on your way back, with locals being extremely warm and polite towards the gringos. Witches and Wizards find their home in the fascinating market featuring elixirs, potions, herbs and interesting things making you question your existence. A stepping stone to the nearby beach town of Pimentel, the town's pretty lights, significant tomb and wide streets will grab your attention as you wander around on the plazas and the well-maintained roads.



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4. History

Founded in the year 1950 as a rural village by a Spanish priest, the town was occupied by the Moche civilization between the 1st and 7th centuries AD, this civilization further developed and started practicing hydraulic engineering with people also constructing canals to support agriculture. The town in the future saw The Lambayeque culture occupying the territory especially between 700 and 1375AD further expanding its influence to the entire Peruvian coast. Excelling in architecture and jewelry that exists until date, the Lambayeque civilization formed from the remains of the moche civilization disappeared with the El Nino phase taking over the entire region. The city in the early part of the 16th century was inhabited by two ethnic groups; the Collique and Cinto and was home to indigenous population rather than the Spanish colonizers like most of the Peruvian cities. Chiclayo at the time of the Peruvian War of Independence remained a populated village and was hailed as a Heroic City in 1835, also becoming the capital of the province. Soon after independence the city still remained a small village however it was in the year 1827 the city was elevated to the level of vila and is known to be growing ever since. Today the city stands as a commercial center and one of the most important cities of Peru.

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, dance, celebrations, clothing, religion and clothing. The city of Chiclayo witnesses a vibrant and lively culture boasting the Pre-Colombian architecture. Traditional crafts and objects find their way home to Chiclayo with a wealth of traditions and customs that has considerably remained over the years. 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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6. Natural resources

Unfortunately, there are no natural parks in the city however the country is part to many natural parks. The country is bustling with natural resources like petroleum, silver, gold, copper, iron ore, potash, hydro power and natural gas.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Tumbas Reales de Sipán**

A resting place of the rule of Moche in the past, Tumbas Reales de Sipán is your guide for learning about the Moche culture. Visit the museum and gaze at the beautiful architecture that imitates the pyramids of Mochica culture and get fascinated by the tomb of the Lord of Sipan that stands out amongst the other archaeological remains. Copper and silver pieces, masks, bear ornaments and other such objects find their way home here.

Address : Juan Pablo Vizcardo Y Guzman 895, Lambayeque 14500, Peru

Zipcode : 14500

Location : -6.705056999999999, -79.89927699999998

Contact : +51 74 283977

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

Nearest Public Transport : Marañon Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$10, Discharged & Accredited University Students: PEN \$3, School students & Children: PEN \$1.50

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

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Museo de Sitio Huaca Rajada - Sipan

Museo di sitio Huaca Rajada is your answer to all your questions about the ancient culture, just 35 kilometers from the city. Housing artefacts from most of the archaeological sites and from the tomb of the Lord Sipan, the museum displays admirable ornaments and jewelry showcased in softly lit rooms. Learn about the traditions and culture along with understanding the funeral rites of the Moche culture.

Address : Sipan, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.799796399999999, -79.60028590000002

Contact : +51 949914388

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Museo-de-sitio-Huaca-rajada-Sipan/358581454157808?rf=202455139959478>
Nearest Public Transport : El Cumbe Bus Station (Not Recommended)
Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$8, Students: PEN \$3, Children: PEN \$1
Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs
Time Required : 2
Expected Wait Time : 15-20 Minutes
Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Bruning Archaeological Museum

Exclusively for history-lovers, this preeminent museum focuses on the country's Pre-Hispanic past and features an extensive collection of Hans Heinrich Bruning, who was popularly known as a collector of antiquities from precolonial civilization and Incan period. You will find yourself around mummies, textiles, ceramics and artefacts that belong from 5,000 years ago.

Address : Huamachuco, Lambayeque 14500, Peru

Zipcode : 14500

Location : -6.7042611, -79.90396479999998

Contact : +51 74 282110

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

Nearest Public Transport : Marañon Bus Station

Entry Fee : General: PEN \$8, Guided Tours: PEN \$20

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 Minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Museo Nacional Sicán

The national Sican museum located in Ferrenafe is dedicated to the majestic Lambayeque culture and features many documents diamante. It also exhibits many artefacts, objects, and replicas of the 12-meter deep tombs found at the Sican sites that give you an insight about the Sicanese death concepts. The museum aims to capture various aspects including customs, historical processes and various activities of the Sican society that developed in Lambayeque region.

Address : Chiclayo 14009, Peru

Zipcode : 14009

Location : -6.7765659, -79.84648040000002

Contact : +51 74 286469

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Museo-Nacional-de-Sican-109965152373661/about/>

Nearest Public Transport : ITTSA Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$8, Students & Retirees: PEN \$3, Children: PEN \$1

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 Minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Rancho Santana

If you are a fan of horse-riding, Rancho Santana is where you should be. Ride horses at this Swiss-owned ranch, featuring a whitewashed villa complemented by a swimming pool. After a bumpy ride treat yourself with some fresh milk and sweet mangoes straight from the farms. The owners are well-versed about the ancient Lambayeque culture and extremely warm and welcoming.

Address : Prolongación Santa Rosa, Camino Rural, Pacora 14141, Peru

Zipcode : 14141

Location : -6.427266199999999, -79.8370698

Contact : +51 979 712 145

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

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Terrestre TEPESA Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Tours starting from PEN \$150

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10-15minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Palacio Municipal de Chiclayo

The Palacio Municipal de Chiclayo not only boasts of an excellent architecture that takes you straight back to the foundation of the city. This republican building features modern architectonic style complemented by huge windows and cast iron doors. The building also exhibits artefacts, paintings, and other traditional objects. Note: There might be an entrance fee for some exhibitions.

Address : San Jose, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.771192099999999, -79.83816530000001

Contact : +51 958 104 188

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Municipalidad-de-Chiclayo/159066757590137?rf=389496797782985>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Terrestre TEPESA Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-19:00hrs, Saturday 09:00hrs-12:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Batan Grande

Located within the Pómac Forest Historical Sanctuary just 40 kilometers away from the city, Batan Grande archaeological complex has been a fluorescence of the Lambayeque culture. It boasts of excavation of notable archaeological structures including the tomb of the Lord of Sican, The Window Tomb and other precious jewels and metals. Discover the ancient mud pyramids and explore the extensive variety of fascinating artefacts. Come here to appreciate the predominant Sican civilization and the archaeological site where many burials were discovered. Note: Tours start from PEN \$250

Address : Illimo 14141, Peru

Zipcode : 14141

Location : -6.4262747, -79.83625169999999

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Batan-Grande->

Chiclayo/222122024663035

Nearest Public Transport : ITTSA Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 Minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Pimentel

Recognized as one of the poshest towns in the region, Pimentel boasts of long piers, lavish glass houses and broad walkways that are complemented by beaches stretching for miles. With non-surfable waves, this town is a perfect getaway for a stroll along the coast, as you gaze at Republican-era mansions in the serene environment.

Address : Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.832479299999999, -79.929616000000001

Nearest Public Transport : Transportes VIA S.A.C. Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Santa Rosa

The enchanting fishing village of Santa Rosa features pungent, organic and powerful ruins talking about the region's past. All the history-lovers will find themselves around dry docked ships while the beach lovers can relax by the beautiful coastline. The city's quaint church adds to the beauty of this place.

Address : Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.8759628999999998, -79.92206859999999

Nearest Public Transport : Transportes VIA S.A.C. Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Puerto Eten

Muddled waters, long honey-brown beaches and a massive Malecon defines Puerto Eten. This little village is 20 minutes away from the town of Chiclayo and features beach-view food joints, beat-down hotels and republican-era architecture.

Address : Puerto Etén, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.9263501000000001, -79.86468350000001

Nearest Public Transport : Transportes VIA S.A.C. Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. St. Mary's Cathedral

Built in the late 19th century, Cathedral de Chiclayo or St. Mary's Cathedral proudly stands at the Plaza de Armas of the city. Inaugurated in 1916, this church boasts of the Peruvian standards along with a mesmeric neoclassical architecture. Forming a part of the cultural heritage of Peru, the façade of the cathedral also features 2 bell towers and a picture of Santa María de los Valles de Chiclayo in its highest part.

Address : Plaza de Armas, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.7716043999999999, -79.83801829999999

Nearest Public Transport : Transportes VIA S.A.C. Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Paseo de las Musas

Paseo de las Musas, a narrow city park is your answer to a picnic under the shady trees. Stroll through the park and gaze at the classic statues of mythological figures that accentuate the beauty of this green space.

Address : Av Garcilazo de la Vega 323-A, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.779489300000001, -79.84016270000001

Nearest Public Transport : Expreso Internacional Ormeño Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Principal Park (Plaza de Armas)

The city's activity hub and social point, Plaza de Armas or Principle Park is a vibrant green park overlooking the ever beautiful white cathedral in the heart of the city. Sit and relax on the benches to hear the sounds of water fountains or grab a bite from a food kiosk while enjoying the fresh breeze and festive atmosphere in the adjoining park. Admire the white neoclassical structure of the cathedral or shop-till-you-drop at the shopping areas around the Plaza.

Address : San Jose, Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Zipcode : 14001

Location : -6.771613899999999, -79.83860290000001

Nearest Public Transport : Emtrafesa Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Real Plaza

One of the most popular places to shop in town, Real Plaza boasts of high-end and local brands along with numerous restaurants.

Address : Bolognesi, Chiclayo, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.777722399999999, -79.83281520000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Centro Comercial Boulevard

A mall featuring small stores, Centro Comercial Boulevard is for the ones who want to explore the traditional shops of Chiclayo.

Address : M. Grau, Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Zipcode : 14001

Location : -6.7752611, -79.83178320000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Open Plaza

One of the fancy arcades of the city, Open Plaza is a great place to visit at the night to see the beguiling lights and illuminated shops while engaging yourself into a one-of-a-kind shopping experience.

Address : Av. Víctor Raúl Haya de la Torre, Chiclayo, Peru

Zipcode : 14008

Location : -6.7779628, -79.83589949999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Feria Balta

Popularly known for clothing shops, Feria Balta is for those who just can't get enough of their wardrobe.

Address : Av Balta, Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Zipcode : 14001

Location : -6.768690899999999, -79.83836330000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Plaza Vea

Featuring everything from clothing and shoe stores to departmental products, Plaza Vea is a great place to spend a relaxed evening in the city.

Address : Andres Avelino Caceres, Chiclayo, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.7791759, -79.83286090000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Witch Market

Popularly known as Mercado de Brujos, it is one of the most fascinating markets in the city, where you will find an area of shops dealing with traditional healing remedies like animal skins, herbs and mystery potions.

Address : Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Zipcode : 14001

Location : -6.766178500000001, -79.83912809999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Mercado Modelo

Mercado Modelo or Central Market perpetually bustles with food vendors and booths selling local goods. Come here to grab a bite of pescado seco, a local delight as you shop for traditional souvenirs.

Address : Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Zipcode : 14001

Location : -6.766248099999999, -79.8389255999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Mercado Moshoqueque

Located on the eastern side of the city, Mercado Moshoqueque is a wholesale market selling local handicrafts at reasonable prices.

Address : Dorado 1238, José Leonardo Ortiz, Peru

Zipcode : 14000

Location : -6.758673, -79.8435577

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Plazuela Elías Aguirre

Bearing the name of the former commander of the Chiclayan frigate 'Elías Aguirre', Plazuela Elías Aguirre is the gathering hub of the locals. Designed in 1924 by Peruvian artist David Lozano, the plaza is your place to sit under the shade of handsome trees and gaze at the monument of the captain and beautiful landscapes that provide a stark contrast to the colonial structures that surround

it.

Address : San Jose 319, Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Zipcode : 14001

Location : -6.7711299, -79.8430669

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Terrestre TEPESA Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The city is dominated by football as the major sport and proudly stands as a home to team Juan Aurich and some other teams from Chiclayo.



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9. Spas and relaxation

There aren't many Spas in the city, however a few of these relaxation centers that exist in the city are quite interesting and serve the best of them in order take care of their customers. Here's the list of some Spas to rejuvenate you -

- **Sauna Spa Dos Cisnes:**

Address : Maestros 74, Maestros 122, Chiclayo 14001, Perú, Peru

Location : -6.764083899999999,-79.8426978

Contact No : +51 74 261188

- **Vital Spa:**

Address : Loreto 231, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Location : -6.772095299999999,-79.85124289999999

Contact No : +51 74-223676

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

- **Spa Juniors:**

Address : Vicente de la Vega 724, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Location : -6.770514299999999,-79.84001860000001

Contact No : +51 74 626399

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

10. 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.

Olimplayas

This one is for the sports lover, with different contests Olimplayas rather feasts onto beach Olympic games that you will just not want to get off from. Dates are flexible, however the festival takes place in the last week of February

Labour Day


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

San Pedro & San Pablo

Ceremony held at the mouth of the Lambayeque River in the

honor of Saint Peter - the Patron Saint and San Pablo this festival features prayers, hymns and ceremonies in their honor and is one of the most celebrated in the city! The celebration marks on June 29th every year.

Virgen del Carmen



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


This festival is dedicated to the Mochica people and features folkloric shows, ancient traditions and artistic exhibits. Fexticum finds its date on the 28th of every year. 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
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.

Tourist Week of Chiclayo



One for the tourists featuring commercial & agricultural fairs, decorated car parades, folkloric and artistic shows, this week shows the true spirit of the city.

Dates are flexible

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.

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11. Key local guides and tours

Unfortunately there are no local guides in the city, however you will bump into a lot of guides at certain archaeological sites and historical centers taking you on a journey of a lifetime. One can also choose to go for certain tours setting you for an adventure into the magical history world. The different archaeological tours will take you through the historical sites and museums leaving you nothing less than surprised. Northern Peru Archeological Tour from Chiclayo to Trujillo: A 3 day tour that will take you through Peru's best archeological sites and museums. Chiclayo Private Archeological Tour - Go explore the artifacts and archeological ruins of Northern Peru. The Ancient culture of the Sican and Moche will be thoroughly explored on this private trip with experienced guides.



Index**12. Transportation hubs**

Airport FAP Captain José Abelardo Quiñones Gonzáles International Airport: Receiving flights from the cities of Panama and Lima, this airport is located around 3Kms away from the city center. Bus Station Terminal Terrestre TEPESA: A bus stop receiving buses from all the major cities in and around, this terminal is located just 700 meters from the main city center. Note: All the major bus lines in Chiclayo have their own terminals spread out over the city.



Index**13. Transportation cost**

The city being very small is walkable and can be covered on foot, however if someone wants to still use a public transport, Taxis are your way to go. The city is filled with Tico taxis and does not work on meters, hence short journeys will cost around PEN \$3, whereas long journeys cost around PEN \$15-20. There are also moto-taxis in the city which don't cost more than PEN \$5 for a trip.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

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.



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15. 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 sauteed 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?



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

A great place to try the peculiarities and a wide range of region's vegetables, meats, fruits and traditional plates along with several strange takes on the International cuisines that will take your stomach away with in a boom. The nightlife in the city is quite bustling with clubs, discos, bars and lounges running all over the city. Dance to the tunes of Peruvian music and drink away to glory with crafted beers and drinks only to wake up with a hangover next morning. If you want to surround yourself with an array of restaurants, do visit the area of Manuel María Izaga and San jose that is bustling with eateries that await you. Some of the best places to eat in the city includes –

Food -

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- **Se Salió el Mar:**

Address : cnr Colón & Torres Paz Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Location : -6.773613,-79.839497

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

- **Hebrón Restaurant & Grill:**

Address : Av Balta 605, Chiclayo 14001, Peru
Location : -6.7730146,-79.838734400000
Contact No : +51 74 222709
Website : <http://www.hebron.com.pe/>
Open / Close Time : Daily 07:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Chez Maggy Pizzeria:**

Address : Av Balta 425, Chiclayo 14001, Peru
Location : -6.7740399000000,-79.838702899999
Contact No : +51 74 209453
Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Café 900:**

Address : Manuel María Izaga, Calle Manuel María Izaga 900, Chiclayo 14001, Peru
Location : -6.7730558000000,-79.836122899999
Contact No : +51 74 209268
Website : <http://www.cafe900.com>
Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 08:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **La Parra:**

Address : Calle Manuel María Izaga 752, Chiclayo 14001, Peru
Location : -6.773139599999999,-79.83786909999998
Contact No : +51 74 227471
Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Pizzeria Venecia Chiclayo:**

Address : Av Balta 413, Chiclayo 14001, Peru
Location : -6.7744791000000,-79.838772100000
Contact No : +51 74 506418
Website : <http://www.pizzeriavenecia.com.pe/>
Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-23:45hrs

- **El Huaralino SAC:**

Address : Av. Sta. Victoria, Chiclayo 14000, Peru
Location : -6.781143999999999,-79.84467799999999
Contact No : +51 74 270330
Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 12:00hrs-16:30hrs & 19:00hrs-22:30hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

- **Restaurante LA ROMANA 512:**

Address : Av Balta, Chiclayo 14001, Peru
Location : -6.773356699999999,-79.83855310000001
Contact No : +51 74 223598
Open / Close Time : Daily 07:30hrs-23:55hrs

- **Martini Licorería Lounge:**

Address : Av Garcilazo de la Vega, Chiclayo 14000, Peru
Location : -6.7793801,-79.8423712
Contact No : +51 74 325315

- **Estación Rock Chiclayo:**

Address : Av. Sta. Victoria 688, Chiclayo 14000, Peru

Location : -6.784684899999998,-79.84388769999998

Contact No : +51 74 204463

Open / Close Time : Open 24 Hours

- **PREMIUM BOULEVARD:**

Address : Av. Balta, Av Balta 096, Chiclayo 14001, Peru

Location : -6.77693370000000,-79.838815899999

Contact No : +51 74 204833



Index**17. Average meal cost**

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



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18. Shopping

The city is home to a handful of shopping centers and street markets that not only features local and traditional brands but also quite a few branded shops that will definitely force you to take out your wallet! Stock some cash, swipe some cards in the following centers of the city – Real Plaza - One of the most popular places to shop in town. High-end and local brands find their way home along with a lot of restaurants. Centro Comercial Boulevard - Another mall in the city featuring small shops, this center is for the ones who want to explore the traditional shops of Chiclayo. Open Plaza - One of the most fascinating plazas of the city, this one's to be visited in the night to see the amazing lights and lit up shops that you will just gaze at. Tottus Chiclayo - This shopping mall is rather popular food court and small shops. Feria Balta - Popularly known for clothing shops, Feria Balta is for those who just can't get enough of their wardrobe. Plaza Vea - This Plaza featuring everything from clothes, shoe stores to departmental stuff, Plaza Vea is a chill place to spend some relaxed evenings in the city. Witch Market – One of the most fascinating markets of the city where you will find an area of shops dealing with traditional healing remedies like animal skins, herbs and mystery potions.

Index**19. Tourist benefits**

The VAT charged in the country is 18% which is comparatively high compared to the other countries. One will also find few duty free shops around the city of Iquitos. However, it is highly recommended not to export any souvenirs that have been manufactured from the endangered species, as it is illegal. 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. • No tourist cards are available for this region.



20. Essential local apps

Chiclayo Taxi: A safer taxi service, Chiclayo taxi is your answer if you want to commute around comfortably without any worrying of the taxi driver. Download this app, call the taxi to your doorstep and get set go Radio FM Peru: Listen to traditional music and do away with your playlist with this application and get ready to groove.



Index**21. Driving**

One can drive a car in and around the city. Renting a car requires you to carry your passport, driving license, experienced driving skills and patience to handle the manic traffic. Get ready to be pulled over the by the cops in the city as they hardly leave anyone to earn that extra-buck in the name of public service.



22. 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.



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Index**24. Local currency**

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

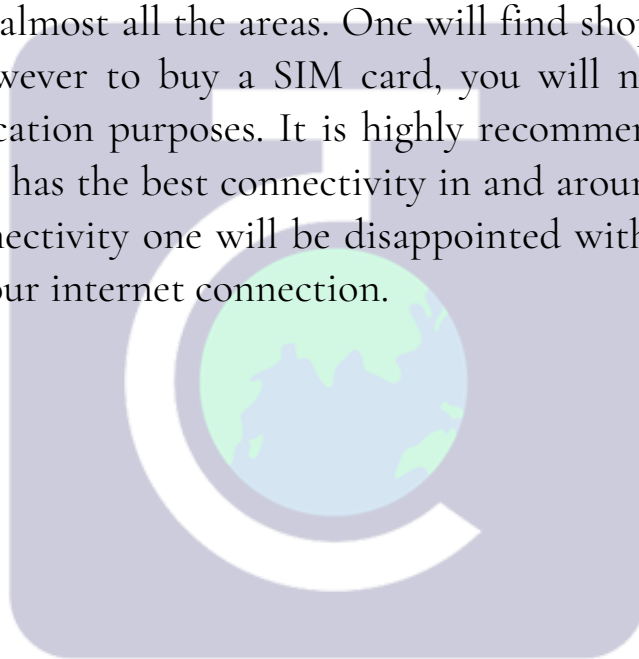


25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

The city isn't home to many 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. One can exchange the currency at the airport or at many shops that are located in the city at a decent rate, however there are people who will deliberately bump into you to exchange currency on the streets, hence be aware of these people as they sell false notes. The exchange commission charged might be 5-6% higher hence make sure to confirm the price prior to buying the currency. The Banks usually charge 4-5% commission. 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

26. 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 be disappointed with the networks hence make sure to carry your internet connection.



27. Time Zone

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



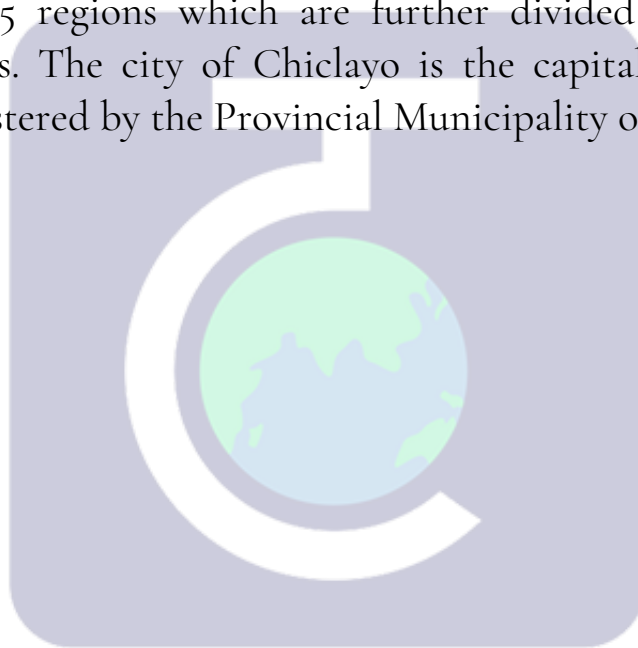
Index**28. Languages**

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.



Index**29. 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 – Executive Power – This is exercised by the President. Legislative power - Vested in both the government and congress Judiciary - Independent of the executive and the legislature. Peru's territory has been divided into 25 regions which are further divided into provinces that composes of districts. The city of Chiclayo is the capital of the Lambayeque region and is administered by the Provincial Municipality of Chiclayo.



30. Economic Scenario

Agriculture being the biggest contributor to the economy of the city, there are other industries that play a party in this commercial centre. Tourism has gained popularity in the region in the recent years due to Chiclayo being home to a number of historical and archaeological sites.



Index**31. Religious belief**

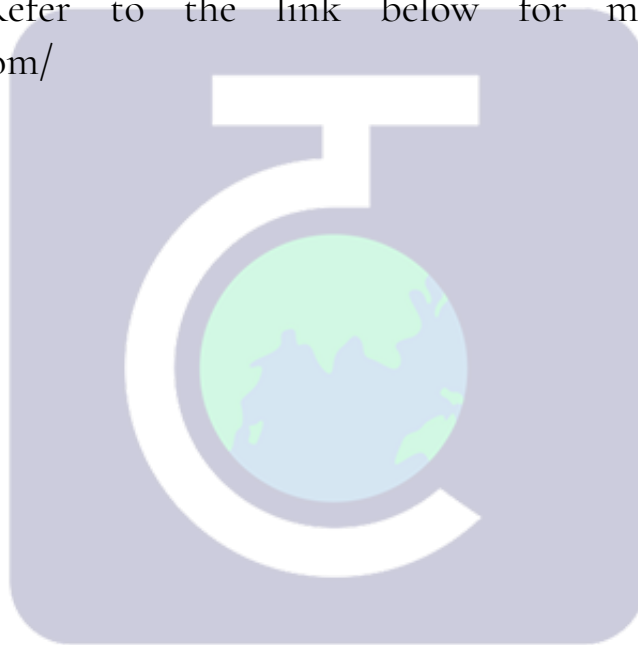
Roman Catholicism dominates the country with 77% of Catholics being devoted to the religion, followed by 10% of the population that identifies themselves as Protestants. The country is ethnically diverse, other religions include Buddhism, Bahá' Faith and Islam



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32. 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**33. 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 Venezuela, some basic vaccines are suggested – • Yellow Fever • Typhoid Fever • Malaria • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

The city is decently safe when compared to the other cities, however roaming after dark is highly not recommended since mugging and petty crimes still take place.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

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



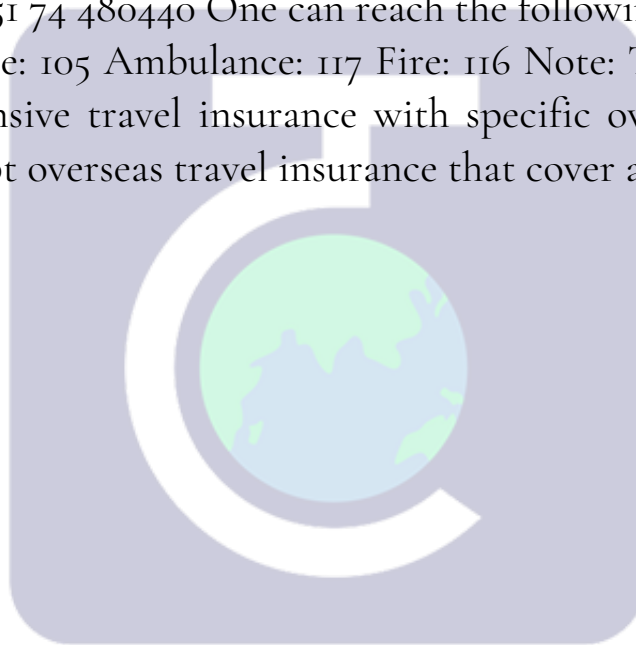
36. Accessibility

Chiclayo is not the best place for people with reduced mobility, since only a handful of hotels and hospitals offers wheelchairs or assistance to the disabled. The town is a disappointment as most of it is surrounded by the water which makes it difficult for the disabled to travel around the city.



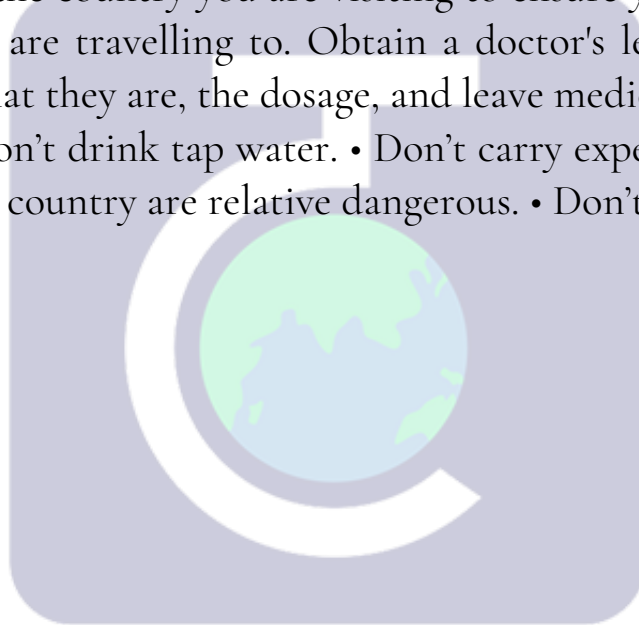
Index**37. Emergencies**

When travelling to this country, the chances of becoming a victim to yellow fever and malaria are quite high, hence it is highly recommended to get yourself vaccinated before the travel, however in case of any emergency do find yourself rushing to the following hospitals – Almanzor Aguinaga Asenjo Address: Jorge Chávez, Chiclayo, Peru Hospital Regional Lambayeque Address: Chichlayo 14000, Peru Phone: +51 74 480440 One can reach the following numbers in case of any emergency. Police: 105 Ambulance: 117 Fire: 116 Note: Travellers are advised to obtain comprehensive travel insurance with specific overseas coverage. The above hospitals accept overseas travel insurance that cover all the charges.



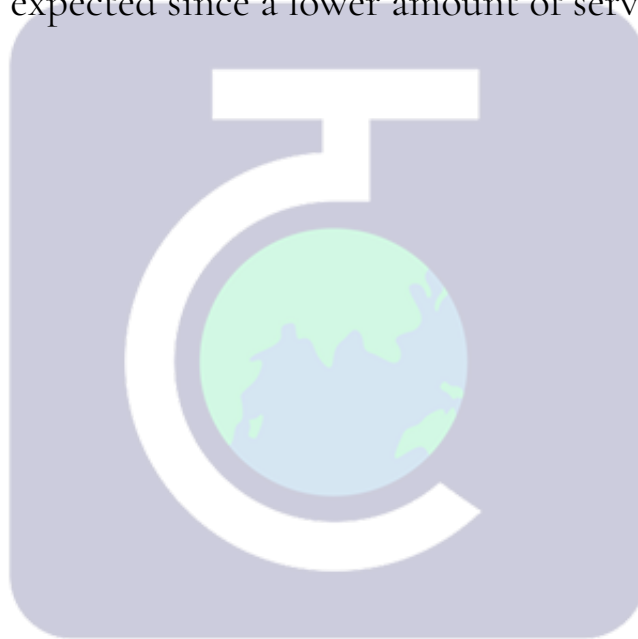
Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

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. • Drink plenty of fluids, particularly in high altitude zones, using only bottled or previously treated water. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. 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.



Index**39.Tipping basics**

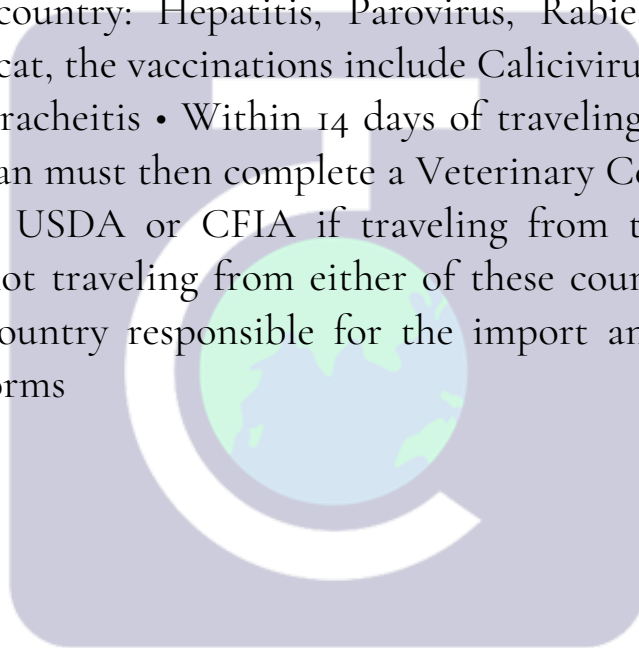
The tipping charge in Peru is around 10% which is pretty low compared to the rest of the world hence tipping is considered customary in the country. Taxis drivers need not be given any tip unless you have hired them on a full day basis, then a tip of 10% is expected to be given. In hotels it's upon you 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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40. 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



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

A major trade route connecting the highlands, deep jungles and coasts all around, the city of Chiclayo stands as the commercial heart of the region with laidback feels and friendly locals making this city one of the most vibrant in Peru. The monster market of the city standing as one of the highlights is a Narnia in itself with selling everything from pirated football jerseys to a shady witch market flooded with magical herbs, luck potions and other weird-yet-wonderful products. Fine dining restaurants, food kiosks and excellent bars and lounge surround the plazas. Tagged as a major archaeological site, Chiclayo is another history book dug into the chapters of the pre-Columbian past and the former cultures that ruled once upon a time. Being 4th largest city of the country, this capital of the Lambayeque region is a land of outstanding ancient civilizations reflected in its many traditional and magical constructions. Known for its beautiful colonial architecture today, the seafood served here cannot be missed at all due to the region's excellent location. For the beach lovers the nearby region of Lambayeque features extensive beaches that are a perfect getaway if bored with the chaotic city life. Chiclayo proudly stands as one of the intriguing regions of the country with its picturesque sceneries, vibrant culture and magnificent ruins giving a full fledged lecture to the travellers about the region. So grab your compass, that camera and a notebook and get started on your journal.

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