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### 1. Geographical location

The city of Cajamarca is the largest and capital city of the Cajamarca Region and lies 8,900 ft above sea level in the valley of the Mashcon river. Also located in the northern highlands of the country, this Peru city enjoys mild highland climate. Cajamarca is a town that falls under the western chain of Andes and stretches its hands to jungle areas and highlands.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

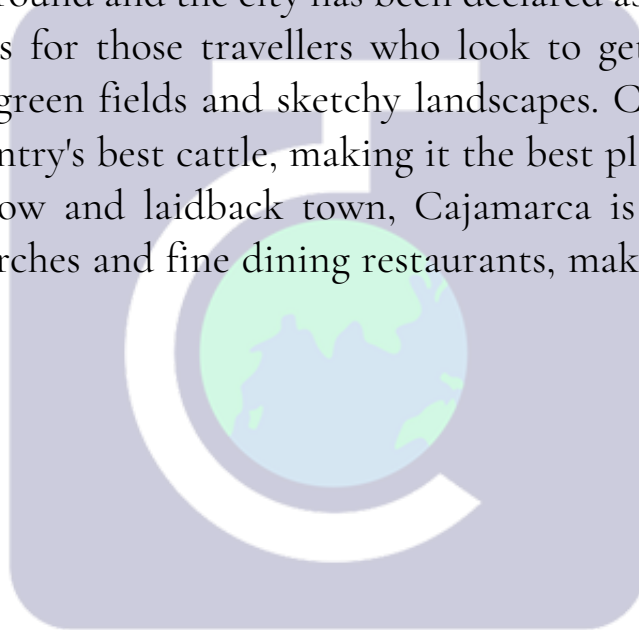
The Neighboring Towns To The City Are A Drive Away. One Can Go To Celending Lying About 107Kms Followed By Cajambamba At 125Kms And Closely Following The City Of Contumaza At 129Kms. Other Cities Includes Trujillo That Lies 120kms, Followed By Chiclayo At 153Kms, 213kms To Chimbote, Piura At 320Kms.



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### 3. Significance

The Perfect Picture – Lying in the history books of northern highlands, this magnificent town of Cajamarca surrounds itself with gorgeous landscapes and significant ruins giving you a glimpse into the past of the region. The largest city of the country, Cajamarca is home to around 150,000 inhabitants who are as diverse as the culture. This colonial cosmopolitan is enclosed by mighty mountains from all around and the city has been declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This is for those travellers who look to get lost in the arms of nature infused with green fields and sketchy landscapes. Cajamarca's fields give advantage to the country's best cattle, making it the best place for production of dairy products. A slow and laidback town, Cajamarca is carved with narrow streets, stunning churches and fine dining restaurants, making it a perfect blend of fun & history.



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### 4. History

The history of this city of the country lies in its many cultures that has been dominating for the last 2000 years with pre-Chavin and Inca Cultures to name a few. The area that was under Inca Empire from the period between 1463 and 1471, was conquered by the Spanish Conquistadors after a fierce Battle of Cajamarca, with the help of Indian allies, stands today as a site of Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Americas



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### 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 culture of Cajamarca can be seen in its annual celebration of Carnaval that brings out all the local customs and traditions out there on the streets. The town is dominated by the Spanish, Ayamara and Quechua communities. 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 colourfulness. 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

Cajamarca is home to Cutervo National Park that was established in the year 1961 and is home to animal species like the mountain tapir, the oilbird and the spectacled bear, complemented by plant species like the Andean wax palms. The city 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. Cumbemayo

Located at an altitude of about 3,500 meters above sea level, the Cumbemayo Archaeological Complex is a place of a wonderful combination of the highest hydraulic technology of atavistic Peruvian communities and the impact of time upon nature. Aqueduct, a stone cut from a volcanic rock is one of the major attractions of this site. Dating back to 1500 BC, this canal system was built by the pre-Incan nation to regulate water-flow and is one of the ancient man-made structures in the continent. You can hike through the caves and find yourself around large pillars, petroglyphs and rocks that will give you an insight into the history of the pre-Incan society.

Address : Cajamarca, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.183824699999999, -78.58027950000002

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero San Pablo Bus Station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Admission- General: PEN \$4.50, Reduced: PEN \$2; Tours: PEN \$25-\$35.

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

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

##### 7.1.2. Museo de Arqueológico & Etnografía

Situated inside the former women's hospital, Museo de Arqueológico & Etnografía displays the work of the Pre-Colombian era in the form stone statues, pottery and local costumes. It also features handicrafts made from wood, leather, bone and stone along with some musical instruments and clothes dug by the French Missioners in 1947.

Address : cnr Belén y Comercio, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1595479, -78.51720369999998

Contact : +51 76 362601

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero La Recoleta Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$5, Students of Higher Education: PEN \$2, School Students: PEN \$0.5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday 09:00hrs-13:00hrs and 15:00hrs-18:00hrs; Sunday 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### **7.1.3. Complejo Turístico Baños Del Inca**

Located only about 6 kilometres from the city of Cajamarca, is an attractive and historical complex of marvellous medicinal thermal hot springs, Baños Del Inca or the Baths of Inca. Known to be one of the wonders of Peru, it was the most important place of worship for the Cajamarca culture before the arrival of the famous Incas in the 14th and 15th centuries. The birth of the baths dates back to pre-Hispanic times when they were known for being the space of relaxation of the Incas and the major civil workers of the Tawantinsuyo. The waters of hot springs here are of more than 70°C and have therapeutic properties. Known to be the last place of rest of Atahualpa before being captured by the Spanish Conquistadors, today the baths feature swimming pools and waterslides of the Incas. The water sourced from the thermal springs of Los Perolitos and Laguna Seca or the Dry Lagoon is the biggest attraction for children.

Address : Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1629698000000002, -78.4642318

Contact : +51 964 001 737

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

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero UNC Bus Station

Entry Fee : Admission: PEN \$2. However, different activities cost around PEN \$6-\$150

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday Open 24Hours

Time Required : 8

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

#### 7.1.4. Windows of Otuzco

The old tombs of Cajamarca, set on a large cliff around 4 miles outside the city of Cajamarca, stand out in the middle of the natural setting. An ancient necropolis built by the native people of Cajamarca, Windows of Otuzco are carved structures that have been around for about 2,000 years. With ceramics dating back to 1400 BC, you will bump into the carved windows that narrate stories of the ancient Cajamarca culture. This site is an example of a magnificent and mystical architecture. Windows or Ventanillas of Otuzco refers to the appearance of rows of squares of around 337 funerary niches that are carved in a rocky surface of volcanic origin. However, these squares are actually 600-year old burial sites from traditional Cajamarca culture. This site is sure to impress you with its ancient history and enigma.

Address : Jr. Belen 631, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1212925, -78.45594419999998

Contact : +51 76 369656

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero Baños del Inca Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$3; Students & Senior citizens: PEN \$1.5

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

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

#### 7.1.5. Ransom Room

A place where the Incan Emperor Atahualpa was held captive by the Spanish in the 16th century, Ransom Room holds great importance in the history of the city. The emperor in order to exchange his freedom offered to fill the room with gold and other two rooms with silver, which the Spanish gladly accepted but still executed the emperor. You can hire a guide to know more about the room and the interesting stories of the emperor.

Address : Jiron Amalia Puga No 750, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1578641, -78.51647149999997

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cuarto-del-Rescate/169696163101922>  
Nearest Public Transport : Paradero La Recoleta Bus Station (not recommended)  
Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$5; Students: PEN \$2  
Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-20:00hrs  
Time Required : 2  
Expected Wait Time : 15-20minutes  
Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.6. Museo de sitio kuntur Wasi

Located in the archaeological site of Kuntur Wasi, this small yet simple museum features traditional handicrafts, golden crown earrings and some other regional pieces of pre-Inca Chavín era. The museum also showcases the samples of precious ceramics and metalwork of the civilization.

Address : La Copa | San Pablo, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1289162, -78.84612229999999

Contact : +51 976 679 484

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/museo.kuntur.wasi/about/>

Nearest Public Transport : Empresa de Transportes de Servicios Múltiples 3M S.A. Bus Station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: PEN \$4, Students: PEN \$2

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 Minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Museo de Arte Religioso San Francisco de Asis

Museo de Arte Religioso San Francisco de Asis displays an expansive collection of religious art along with traditional artefacts leading a path to the Pre-Incan period. The museum consists of 4 rooms arranged surrounding a central courtyard where you can have a look at the ancient images, furniture, clothing and other minor objects of liturgical use.

Address : Jiron Dos de Mayo 546, Plaza de Armas, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.157535299999999, -78.51636229999997  
Contact : +51 76 822994  
Nearest Public Transport : Paradero La Recoleta Bus Station  
Entry Fee : PEN \$2  
Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs  
Time Required : 1  
Expected Wait Time : 5-10 Minutes  
Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. Casa-museo Nicolas Puga

This site is located in an old house, filled with rich history about the town and Peru. The cultural exhibits are known to belong to the old Cajamarcan families that have been staying in the city since the emergence of Spaniards in the country in 1532. Hence, in Casa-museo Nicolas Puga, every room is a part of the city's tradition. The owner of the house provides a personal tour and sets you on a journey that takes you 2 centuries back in time.

Address : Jr. Jose Galvez 634, Cajamarca Caja 01, 06000 Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -6.999412, -78.849567

Contact : +51 976234433

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CasaMuseoNicolasPuga/about/>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Agencia Pasamayo Bus Station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Tour rates: Foregners: PEN \$20; Peruvians: PEN \$13; Children from 10-15years: PEN \$10; Free for children under 9years.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Plaza de Armas de Cajamarca

A social point to get into the historic chapters of the country, Plaza de Armas de Cajamarca was the square where the last Incan emperor was defeated by the Spaniards. The plaza surrounds itself with all the important buildings, colonial-era houses and a cathedral. Sit by the fountain and admire the beauty of the town as you listen to the tales of the emperor by the locals.

Address : Centro historico de Cajamarca, entre el Jr. Comercio y el Jr. 2 de Mayo, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1569886, -78.51749540000003

Contact : +51 944 280 552

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero La Recoleta Bus Station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Iglesia Belén

The fine architectural building is the center-piece attraction of the town. Established in the 18th century, Iglesia de Belen boasts of colonial Baroque architecture featuring detailed columns, single nave and a flat facade. Lose yourself in the arabesque lines, hewn stone designs and Moorish decor that are further complemented by stained-glass windows, paintings of religious scenes and a gold coated altar.

Address : Ubicada Entre Los Jirones Belen y Junin, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.158886200000001, -78.5169201

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero UNC La Recoleta Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. Cerro Santa Apolonia

Located at an altitude of about 2,700 meters on the western side of the city, Cerro



Santa Apolonia has been maintained as a sacred place of worship for many years. Recognised as an important landmark of the city, the site that was used in ceremonies to worship the lightning, rain and stars. Come here to strike a pose in front of the viewpoint that overlooks the city, enclosed by carved rocks and gardens that talk about the work of Incas. Climb the stairs and reach up the hill to gaze at the pre-Hispanic carved rocks dating back to the Chavin period. A little history lesson with jaw-dropping backdrops; what else do you need?

Address : Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.160278, -78.51944400000002

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero UNC La Recoleta Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. La Recoleta

Built in the 18th century, La Recoleta is decorated by slender triple arch boasting of a carved stone architecture and holds great historical importance. When the Chileans came to invade the city, they tried to enter the church to loot it; but due to an earthquake, they fled saving the existing religious relics that are housed till date.

Address : Av. Los Heroes con Av. El Maestro | San Sebastian, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1610339, -78.51274999999998

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero UNC La Recoleta Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Convento de San Francisco

A religious temple located in Plaza de Armas, Church of San Francisco began in 1699 using carved rocks from the nearby Santa Apolonia hill. The temple features 3 naves with a dome, accompanied by walls of great sobriety and stained glass windows with altars that are carved in bronze and wood, making the architecture



look beyond impressive.

Address : Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.157535299999999, -78.51636229999997

Contact : +51 971 726 719

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero La Recoleta Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Catedral de Cajamarca

Built in the 17th century, Catedral de Cajamarca boasts of a Baroque style architecture that features regal altar covered in gold leaf. Declared as a national monument in 1972, this church is for history and architecture lovers since it takes you down the historic road filled with interesting facts about the region.

Address : Se encuentra ubicada a un costado de la Plaza de Armas, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1565408, -78.51825339999999

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero La Recoleta Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Complejo Arqueologico Kunturwasi

Located at an elevation of 3,900 meters, this archaeological complex will take your breath away with its landscaping views from the top. Complejo Arqueologico Kunturwasi is home to a small museum that narrates a story about the predominant period, takes you through an unforgettable journey. Meaning “House of the Condor” in the Quechua language, the site has great influence of not only the pre-Inca Chavín expression but also of Cupisnique mainly in ceramics and gold-smithery.

Address : La Copa | San Pablo, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1289162, -78.84612229999999

Nearest Public Transport : Empresa de Transportes de Servicios Múltiples 3M

S.A. Bus Station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Hacienda La Colpa

Come to this farm to learn more about cheese processing. Surrounded by a beautiful artificial lagoon, this farm practices a rather unusual, yet well-known custom of "Calling the Cows", where every robust milk cow is summoned by their names. Take tours to find yourself around different cows amid the lush greenery and some Peruvian antiques. You can also buy different dairy products to take back home.

Address : Ubicada a 11 km. De la ciudad de Cajamarca, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.218408699999999, -78.4465515

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero UNC La Recoleta Bus Station

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 Minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. El Quinde

Located about 6 blocks from the main plaza, the El Quinde shopping center offers a large departmental store, food court, clothing, electronics and a lot more.

Address : Av Hoyos Rubio, Cajamarca, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1492954, -78.5096431

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Río San Lucas

Río San Lucas is a quaint little town speckled with street markets selling a variety of items from clothes to dairy products. It is believed that one shouldn't return without buying cheese from this town.

Address : Río San Lucas, Cajamarca, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.156472199999999, -78.52242999999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Artesanias El Rescate

Step onto the grounds of this open-air place featuring dozens of shops exclusively dealing with local crafts from the region. From woven bags and ponchos to traditional objects, Artesanias El Rescate will spoil you with options.

Address : Amalia Puga 750, Cajamarca, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.1578641, -78.51647149999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Mercado Central

Walk into the local market of Mercado Central de Cajamarca and choose from the wide variety of shops selling everything traditional. From food stalls, socks, clothes and souvenir shops, this local market takes care of it all.

Address : Mercado Central, Apurímac, Cajamarca, Peru

Zipcode : 06000

Location : -7.154875799999999, -78.51775279999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

There are no specific adventure sports played in the city of Cajamarca, however there are a number of hikes in and around the city, from the trails along the rivers of the region, to treks heading past Inca and pre-Inca ruins. Cumbemayo is a site where one can go for hiking and cover up the area with just a half day tour.

- **Biking -**

Address : Aventuras Cajamarca, 3N, Cerro El Castillo, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1937424,-78.375686999999

Contact No : +51 945 707 027

Website : <http://aventurascajamarca.com/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Paradero Baños del Inca Bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : Tours starting from PEN \$110

Time Required : 5

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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The country is dominated by Football so it goes without saying that the people of this town play this sport. The town is home to the football club Universidad Técnica de Cajamarca. Other sports played in the country includes – Taekwondo, Basketball, Rugby, Tennis and Volleyball.

- **Estadio Héroes de San Ramón:**

Address : Av Héroes de San Ramón, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.161901299999999,-78.51106340000001



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## 10. Spas and relaxation

The city has a few options to relax and reawaken the inner soul and mind. Some of them include –

- **Inka Sauna & Spa:**

Address : Jr. La República, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1737518,-78.4934735

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Inka-Sauna-Spa-178830535613545/about/>

- **Spa Janet Cajamarca:**

Address : Jr Clodomiro Cerna 325, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1633987,-78.4993786

- **Laguna Seca Hotel and Spa:**

Address : Av Manco Cápac 1098, Baños del Inca, Cajamarca 06000 Peru

Location : -7.1640454,-78.45832100000001

Contact No : +51 76 584300

Website : <http://www.lagunaseca.com.pe/the-hotel/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### New Years Day

Celebrated with much enthusiasm, people come out on the streets on Day 1 of the year. Restaurants and Bars are full with people and crowd bustling around. The fireworks scene is at its best.

#### Carnival

Celebrated in the city, this carnival takes place before the beginning of Lent and features authentic dances, parades and other cultural activities. It will be held from 27th February, 2017 to 1st March, 2017

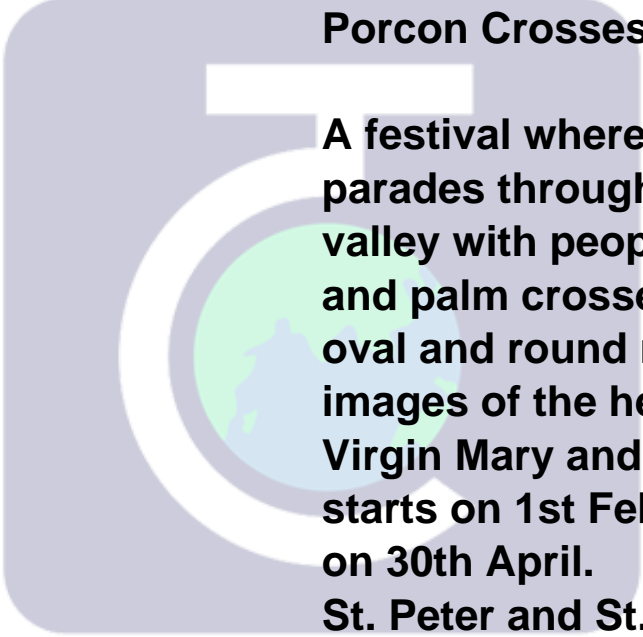
#### Porcon Crosses

A festival where one will find parades through out the Porcon valley with people carrying reed and palm crosses decorated with oval and round mirrors bearing images of the heart of Jesus, Virgin Mary and other saints. It starts on 1st February and ends on 30th April.

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**St. Peter and St. Paul**

**Also known as Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul this one is a liturgical feast in honour of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Celebrated on 29th June every year.**

### **Saint John the Baptist Feast**

**Celebrated in the honor of the St. John, the patron saint, this festival sees social and artisanal exhibitions along with religious**



**activities being held in and around the city. Celebrated on 24th June every year.**  
**Independence day**

**Celebrated on July 28 this National holiday is observed in the honor of the patriotism with numerous special events staged across the country.**

**Cajamarca FONGAL Fair**

**Taking place between 24th -31st July, find yourself surrounded by people selling agro-industrial products, livestock, handicrafts and a lot more stuff. Exhibitions are a mandatory and do not forget to participate in Marinera dancing competition or Peruvian paso horse contest**

**Cajamarca's Tourist Week**

**One of the most interesting festivals of the city for the tourists featuring folkloric and artistic shows along with commercial and agricultural fairs.**

**Lord of Huamantanga**

**Held between 23rd and 25th September this festival rather features various competitions**

like Miss Fair Huamantanga, National and Latin America dances and Pageants etc. Parades, Folkloric dishes are a common thing along with some sporting events on the menu.

**Battle of Angamos Day**

Falling on October 8th each year this festival commemorates the sea battle fought between the Navies of Chile and Peru.

**All Saints' Day**

It is a celebration of all Christian saints, specially of those who have no special feast days of their own. Celebrated on 1st and 2nd November.

**Christmas**

The residents of Cajamarca celebrate Christmas with a great deal and enthusiasm. All of the main tourist areas are lit up at night with lights and decorations

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

Unfortunately there are no local guides available in the area. However one can always opt for sightseeing tours.



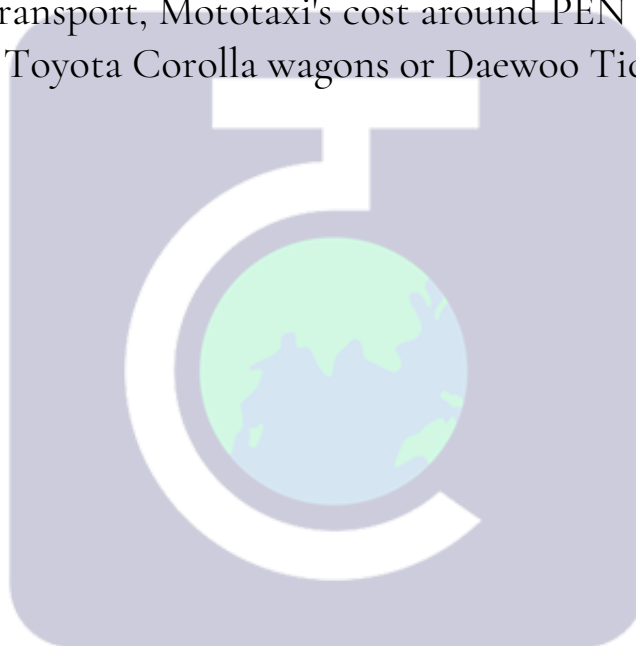
**Index****13. Transportation hubs**

Airport Mayor General FAP Armando Revoredo Iglesias Airport – The nearest airport to the town of Cajamarca is Mayor General FAP Armando Revoredo Iglesias Airport that is located in 6.7Kms away from the city. Bus Paradero UNC – The bus terminal of Paradero UNC is located 3kms away from the city and receives buses from the nearby towns. Terminal Civa, Cajamarca – Located 2Kms away from the main city, this bus terminal receives buses from all the major cities and towns.



**Index****14. Transportation cost**

Major parts of the city can be covered on foot, however one can always take local transport like micro bus, mototaxi and taxis to commute within the city. Micro Buses - Colectivos, Micro Buses or Combis whatever one calls them, these are the cheapest and the most convenient forms of transport to get around. One trip costs around PEN \$1. Mototaxi - Three-wheel converted motorcyles, another economical form of transport, Mototaxi's cost around PEN \$2 and \$3 Taxi - Most taxis are provided by Toyota Corolla wagons or Daewoo Ticos, the cost is around PEN \$3



**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

One can carry around heavy amount of luggage in taxis, however it is not recommended to carry heavy backpacks in buses or mototaxis since it can cause inconvenience to those around you.



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### 16. Must try food and local savouries

The regional food of this country is to die to for. Offering a wide variety from meat & fish dishes to traditional Peruvian meals, the country has got it all. Some of the dishes that cannot be missed at all – 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 zestiest 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.

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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **La Vaca Loca:**

Address : San Martín 330, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.158080699999999,-78.5183371

Contact No : +51 76 368230

Open / Close Time : Daily 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Restaurant Salas:**

Address : Amalia Puga 649, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1562354,-78.517221800000

Contact No : +51 76 362867



Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Chifa Hong Kong:**

Address : Jirón del Batán 133, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1562484,-78.517634899999

- **Heladeria Holanda:**

Address : Puga 657, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1516406,-78.5056042

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

- **El Zarco:**

Address : Jirón del Batán 170, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.156039799999999,-78.51724730000001

Contact No : +51 76 369022

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Castope:**

Address : Av Vía de Evitamiento Nte, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.147176900000001,-78.50760129999998

Contact No : +51 76 361353

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **Restaurant Don Paco:**

Address : Puga 726, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.157605999999999,-78.51681969999999

Contact No : +51 76 36 2655

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-22:30hrs, Monday closed.

- **El Querubino:**

Address : Jr. Amalia Puga 589, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.1564689,-78.51789099999996

Contact No : +51 76 34 0900

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:30hrs-16:00hrs and 19:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Usha Usha:**

Address : Puga 142, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.154074399999999,-78.52060139999998

- **Taita:**

Address : cnr Santisteban & Belén, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.159464600000001,-78.5168731

- **Mccuy's:**

Address : Jr. Amalia Puga 774, Cajamarca 06000, Peru

Location : -7.158009,-78.51640989999999

**Index****18. 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



## 19. Shopping

Shopping does not only mean stepping into shopping centers and buying numerous pair of clothes and shoes but also buying the specialties of the town and Cajamarca proudly boasts of its fine dairy products and excellent chocolates. One should definitely not go home without buying cheese from the town, one will find a lot of street markets in the Rio San Lucas area selling cloth, farm good and other items. If you want to fulfill your desire to enter a shopping center that has everything from a-z, then El Quinde shopping plaza is the place for you. Located about 6 blocks from the main plaza, the shopping centers offers a large departmental store, food court, clothing, electronics and a lot more. Step your foot onto the grounds of this open air place featuring a dozen of shops exclusively dealing with local crafts from the region. From woven bags, ponchos to traditional objects Artesanias El Rescate has got it all. Another place selling top quality crafts is Colors & Creations which is run and owned by a local artist. Walk into the local market of Mercado Central de Cajamarca and choose from the wide variety of shops selling everything traditional. From food stalls, socks, clothes, souvenir shops etc. this local market takes care of it all!

## 20. 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 Cajamarca. Unfortunately, no tourist cards are available in the region.



**Index****21. Essential local apps**

Unfortunately there are no local applications to come in handy while exploring the town.



**Index****22. Driving**

One can drive down and in-around the city without any stress. You just need a proper driving license to drive around the city, make sure that you have your passport, credit card and other documents all the time on you, since you can be pulled over anytime by the cops. However driving in the country is hazardous due to badly maintained roads and inadequate road lighting.



## 23. Travel essentials

Following are the necessary things to keep in mind while travelling in the country

- Adapter/Plug – The standard voltage in the country is 220V with a frequency of 60 Hz. Power sockets: type A / B / C in Peru. It is always advised to carry sufficient prescribed medicines as OTCs without a proper prescription may not be allowed. Altitude sickness medicines are a mandatory as most travellers complain about the same. One needs to carry a money belt in order to avoid theft or pick pocketing.





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**Index****25. Local currency**

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

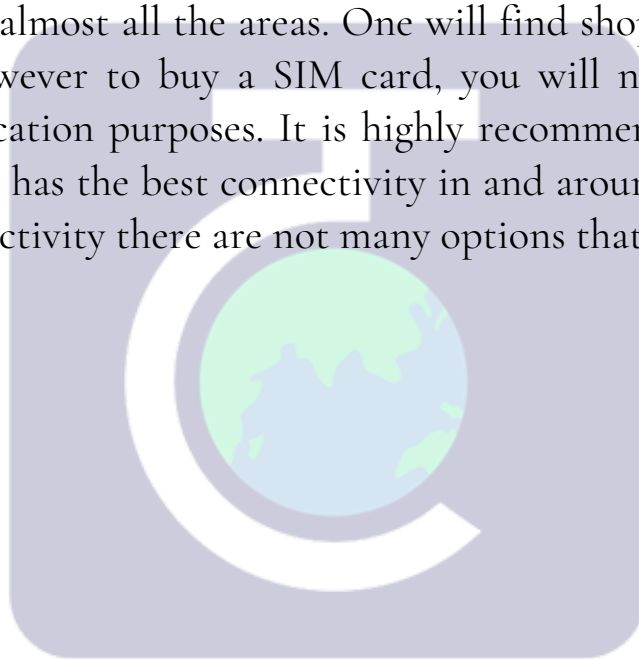


## 26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

The city is bustling with ATMs around. 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. Most 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. The commission charged on the currency exchange is around 2.5%, although some people might sell you at a higher price. Hence, make sure to beware of these vendors.

**Index****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 WiFi connectivity there are not many options that will be found.



## 28. Time Zone

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



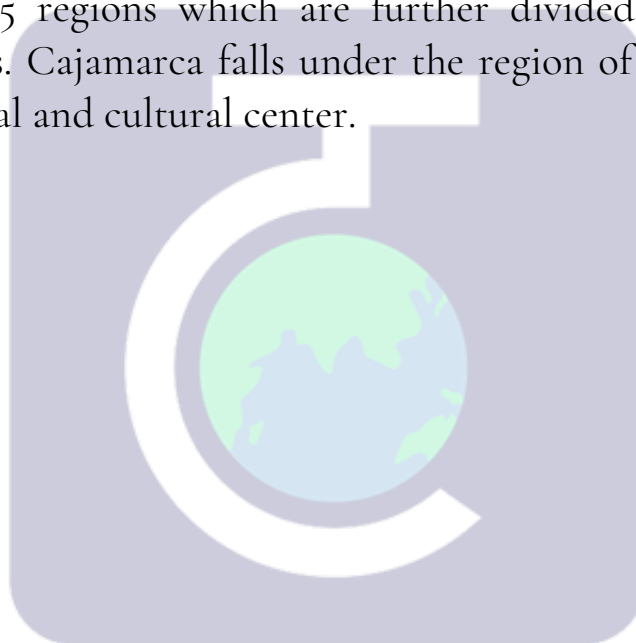
**Index****29. Languages**

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.



**Index****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 – 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. Cajamarca falls under the region of Cajamarca and is an important commercial and cultural center.



### 31. Economic Scenario

The economy of the town is a result of domination of agricultural goods, mainly that of dairy products. Yanacocha is another major gold mine that has boosted the economy of the town since 1990s. Tourism also remains a contributing factor to the economy of Cajamarca.





**Index****32. Religious belief**

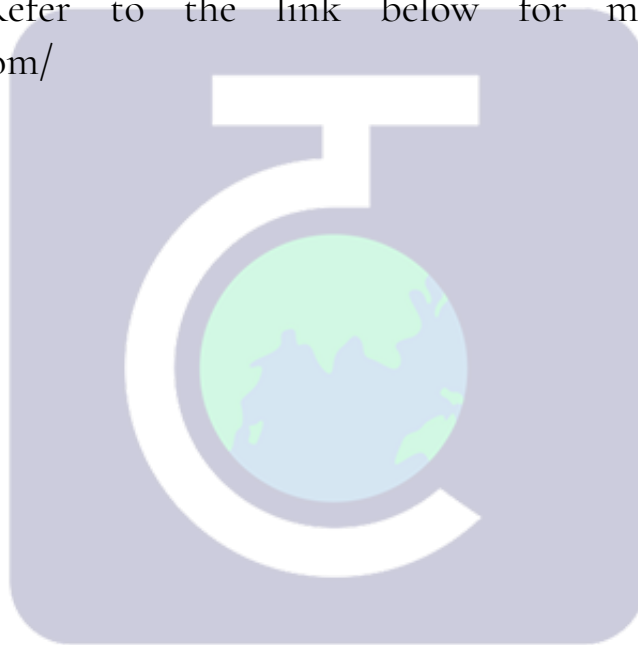
Roman Catholicism dominates the country with 77% of Catholics being devoted to the religion, followed by 10% of the population that identifies themselves as Protestants. The country is ethnically diverse, other religions include Buddhism, Bahá'í Faith, Aikido and Islam.



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### 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 Venezuela, some basic vaccines are suggested – • Yellow Fever • Typhoid Fever • Malaria • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B



**Index****35. Theft and Safety**

The city is relatively safe compared to other cities of the country. However petty crimes still prevail in the area hence it is recommended not stroll around alone after 8pm in the city. Since the city is situated on a high altitude it is possible to sometimes loose breath or get headaches, hence always keep a medicine in handy.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

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



**Index****37. Accessibility**

Cajamarca is not the best place for people with reduced mobility, since only some hotels and hospitals offers wheelchairs or assistance to the disables. Some places do offer a special discount on the entry fee for the disables, but when it comes to public accessibility of the wheelchairs, and other such stuff the town is a disappointment.



**Index****38. Emergencies**

Following hospitals can be reached by the travellers to get medical help – Hospital Regional Docente de Cajamarca Address: Av Larry Jhonson, Cajamarca 06000, Peru Essalud Hospital II Address: Mario Urteaga, Cajamarca 06000, Peru 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.



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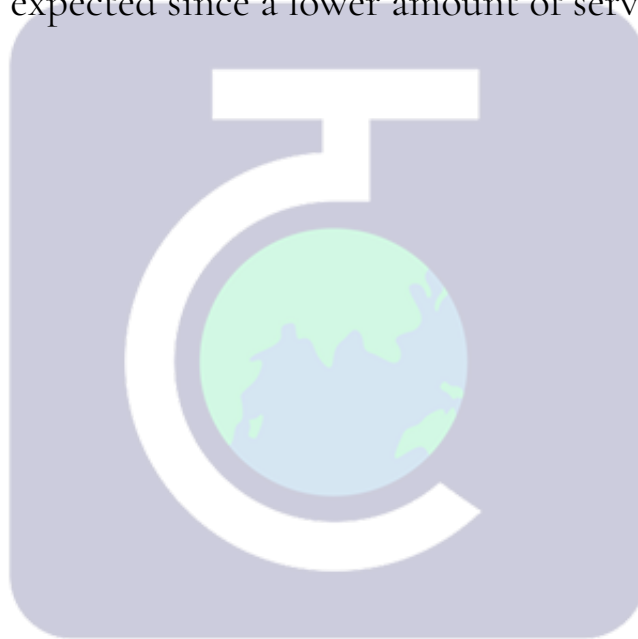
### 39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Do drink lots of water due to the high altitude location. • Do carry sunscreen and warm clothes for the changing weather of the town. • Do get immunizations for Malaria, Yellow Fever and Typhoid Fever. • Do see the Ancient Aqueduct that was built to bring Water to the town. • Do learn some basic Spanish words to communicate with the locals. • Do drink from the same glass as locals. It is considered as a symbol of friendship and trust. • Do shake hands and kiss men and women on cheeks as greetings. • Do expect to pay a higher price than locals. • Do 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 drink caffeine or alcohol in the first few days. • Don't carry expensive items with you since the cities of the country are relative dangerous. • DON'T use the words like 'indio or indios' to refer to natives. These words are considered as derogatory. • DON'T use an upward curled first finger to beckon someone over. It is considered an insult.



**Index****40.Tipping basics**

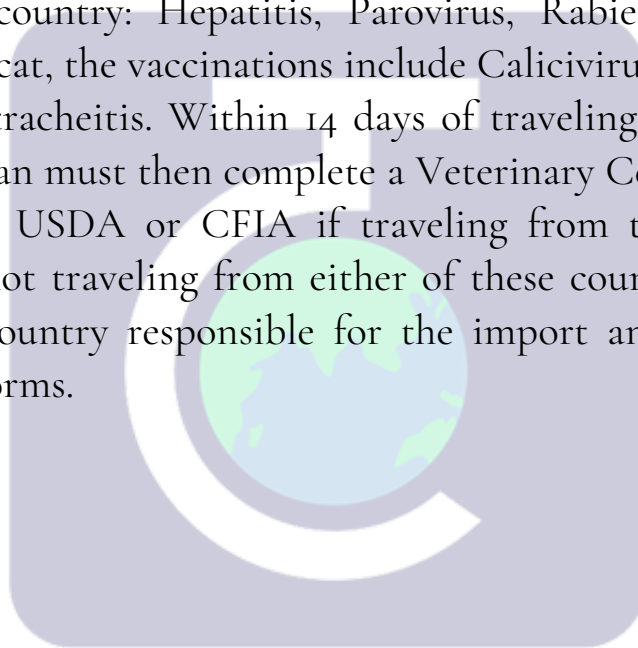
The tipping charge in Peru is around 10% which is pretty low compared to the rest of the world hence tipping is considered customary in the country. Taxis drivers need not be given any tip unless you have hired them on a full day basis, then a tip of 10% is expected to be given. In hotels it's upon you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

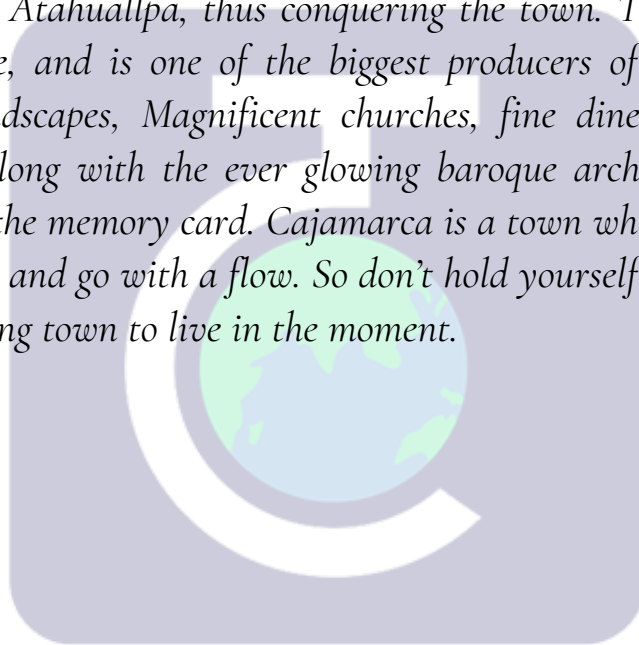
Following are the requirements one needs to keep in mind in order to bring in their pets in the country. • Unvaccinated pets will require an Import Permit to enter the country. • Since Peru does not recognize 2 or 3 years rabies vaccines, it is mandatory to get your pet vaccinated between 30 days and 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.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*A city with roots dating back to 3000 years ago, Cajamarca finds itself lost into the thoughts of its many archaeological sites that blabbers about the Incan dynasty. Many museums have found their home to the city along with monumental attractions making it one of the most prominent historical towns in the northern highlands. The site that was declared a city in the 18th century is a historical place for the Spanish conquistadors for its win over Inca chief Atahualpa, thus conquering the town. This laidback metropolis survives on agriculture, and is one of the biggest producers of dairy products in the country. Beautiful landscapes, Magnificent churches, fine dine restaurants and bars complement the city along with the ever glowing baroque architecture straining your eyeballs and filling up the memory card. Cajamarca is a town where one should just hold the hands of the nature and go with a flow. So don't hold yourself back and grab a cup of coffee in this mesmerizing town to live in the moment.*



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