

Peru

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel and exercise increased caution due to crime and civil unrest. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[51] (1) 618-2000; US Embassy in Lima, Avenida La Encalada cdra. 17 s/n, Surco, Lima 33, Peru; LimaACS@state.gov;

<https://pe.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

51

Local Emergency Phone

011, 5114

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Peru: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, yellow fever, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Varies from tropical in east to dry desert in west; temperate to frigid in Andes

Currency (Code)

Nuevo sol (PEN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, C



Type A



Type C

Major Languages

Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Ashaninka

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Christian (includes evangelical, other)

Time Difference

UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

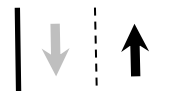
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Peru, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Machu Picchu; Cusco's architectural treasures; Lake Titicaca; Colca Canyon; Lima; Nazca Lines; Qhapaq Nan/Andean Road System

Major Sports

Soccer, volleyball, tennis

Cultural Practices

Greetings in Peru are quite important. For women, between friends, friends of friends and family, whether male or female, it is customary to give a kiss on the cheek (air kiss). If they are close friends or family this is usually accompanied by a hug.

Tipping Guidelines

Most restaurant and bar bills will include a 10% gratuity. It is customary to add an extra 10% tip if the service has been satisfactory. Tipping is not expected for taxis and fares are negotiated beforehand. One Nuevo sol per bag for porters is appreciated.

Souvenirs

Alpaca wool sweaters, scarves, and Chullo hats; pottery; sterling silver jewelry; leather goods; carved gourds

Traditional Cuisine

Ceviche — chunks of raw fish marinated in lime juice, mixed with onions, chili peppers, and garlic; fish bone broth, salt, and pepper are used for seasoning

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