

# Peru

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept 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. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

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

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required, but US citizens may obtain the visa upon entering the country.

### 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/>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

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

### Telephone Code

51

### Local Emergency Phone

011, 5114

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

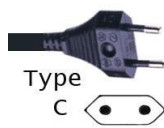
Varies from tropical in east to dry desert in west; temperate to frigid in Andes

### Currency (Code)

Nuevo sol (PEN)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



### Major Languages

Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Ashaninka

### Major Religions

Roman Catholic 60%, Christian 14.6% (includes evangelical 11.1%, other 3.5%)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

### Time Difference

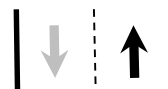
UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### 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.

### Tippling 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

