



USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT LIMA



Population

Perú has a population of over 30 million, of whom almost 9 million live in the capital Lima.



Currency

The currency in Peru is the Peruvian Sol (PEN); 1 USD = 3.25 PEN (April, 2016). We suggest that you only change money at the airport, hotels, banks and exchange agencies.



Credit Cards

All credit cards are used and accepted for withdrawing money and commercial transactions. Check with your bank if charges and commissions fees may apply.



Banking hours

09:00 / 18:00 Monday to Friday

09:00 / 12:00 Saturdays

ATM tellers are available 24/7 at several locations in Lima.



Local weather

The temperature in Lima in April and May are decreasing in ranges from 25 °C to 20 °C (77°F to 68°F).



Local time

GMT – 5



Electricity

The electricity supply in Peru is 220 Volts AC, 60 Hz. Most outlets are two-pin (European standard) but also accept the US type (with two flat parallel blades). Major hotels have 110 volt outlets for electric razors.



Drinking water

It is highly recommended to only drink bottled water.



Cabs services

Always take the taxis from the hotels. Taxis do not have a meter. You must ask for the price of the ride before boarding the vehicle.

Available at the airport:

CMV Servicio Ejecutivo S.A.

Phone: (51-1) 219-0266 / (51-1) 219-0277

Mitsoo S.A.

Phone: (51-1) 261-7788



Hotels

During your check-in procedure at your hotel, please do not forget to present your passport and your Andean Migration Card (which is a white card that you will receive at your arrival to Peru). The presentation of these 2 documents is very important in order to exonerate you of the 18% sales tax charged by all hotels. In case you do not present these documents, the hotels will charge the additional amount (18% directly in your invoice at check-out time).



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Shopping

Shopping hours, Sunday to Saturday, run from 11:00 to 22:00 hours.

Shops and markets in Lima offer a selection of most of Peru's fine handicrafts, such as hand-woven textiles, alpaca and llama rugs, sweaters and shawls, pottery, straw and basketwork and elegant woodwork. The quality of the gold and silver jewelry is excellent.

Gastronomy

Peruvian cuisine is delicious and diverse with jungle fruits, succulent fish and seafood, hot peppery sauces. There are traditional restaurants specializing in the famous "cebiche" -fresh fish marinated in lime juice-, or "anticuchos", shish-kebabs of spicy marinated meat cooked over charcoal, or Chifa restaurants which provide Peru's exotic alternative to Chinese cuisine.

Peruvian beer is excellent and the wine very good, but the national drink, of course, is the "Pisco Sour", made from grape brandy with lime juice and our secret formula.

Also try the delicious, non-alcoholic "Chicha Morada" made from local purple corn.

Our recommendation:



IK Restaurante

Peruvian

Address: Calle Elias Aguirre 179, Miraflores, Lima.

Phone: (511) 652-1692



La Tiendecita Blanca

Swiss

Address: Av. José Larco 111, Miraflores, Lima.

Phone: (511) 445-9797



La Mar

Sea food

Address: Av. La Mar 770, Lima, Miraflores, Lima.

Phone: (511) 421-3365



Tanta

Peruvian

Address: Av. 28 de Julio 888, Miraflores, Lima.

Phone: (511) 447-8377

Tipping

In restaurants, a 18% VAT and a 10% service charge are included, but you should give to the waiter an extra 5% or 10% for a tip. Bell captain services are normally tipped with a few soles or dollars.

Taxi drivers do not expect a tip.

Tours



Peru is a country full of experiences and delights. It offers travelers the opportunity to connect with the local culture and history through unique experiences, while browsing the current and modern side of the country to enjoy its varied cuisine, entertainment and art. It is the coast, the highlands and the jungle: culture, adventure and nature all in one place.



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Personal safety

We recommend to take precautions in public places and main tourist attractions as you would back home. Keep your valuables to a minimum; money, jewelry and take good care of your personal belongings. Deposit valuables in your hotel safety deposit box.
Avoid poorly lit streets at night.



Lima Telephone code

+511

Important telephone numbers in Lima:

Police: 105

Fire Department: 116

Medical & Ambulance Emergency Service: 110