

# PERU

## IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Preparation for travel

#### **U.S. Passports**

U.S. Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

Be sure your passport is up to date.

#### **Peru – Country specific information**

U.S. Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_998.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_998.html)

This link will provide you with important information before you begin your trip to Peru including country description, entry/exit requirements, safety and security, crime, information for victims of crime, medical facilities and health information, medical insurance, traffic safety and road conditions, aviation safety oversight, special circumstances, criminal penalties, children's issues and registration/embassy location.

#### **Peruvian Visa**

U.S. Department of State:

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_998.html#entry\\_requirements](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_998.html#entry_requirements)

A valid passport is required to enter and depart Peru. Tourists must also provide evidence of return or onward travel. U.S. citizens may enter Peru for short-term tourist- or business-related visits of up to 90 days; however, the actual period authorized is determined by the Peruvian immigration officer at the time of entry into Peru. After admission, travelers may apply to extend their visa for an additional three months. Persons who remain beyond their period of authorized stay without obtaining a visa extension or a residence visa will have to pay a fine to depart Peru. Visitors for other than tourist or short-term business visit purposes must obtain a Peruvian visa in advance.

#### **Peruvian Embassy**

1700 Massachusetts Avenue NW,

Washington, DC 20036

Tel: (202) 833-9860

<http://www.peruvianembassy.us>

#### **Health information for travelers to Peru - Vaccinations and other health precautions**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationPeru.aspx>

Be sure you read through this guide.

#### **Safety tips for traveling abroad**

U.S. Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips\\_1232.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html)

This is an important safety guide. Please make sure you read through this guide. Register your travel plans with the State Department at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> is recommended by the State Department.

**OVERSEAS CITIZENS SERVICES:** Call 1-888-407-4747 (from overseas: 202-501-4444) for answers related to questions concerning the:

- Death of an American citizen abroad
- Arrest/detention of an American citizen abroad
- Robbery of an American citizen abroad
- American citizens missing abroad
- Crisis abroad involving American citizens
- After-hours number for an emergency involving an American citizen abroad

### **U.S. Embassy in Peru:**

The U.S. Embassy is located in Surco, Monterrico, a suburb of Lima, at Avenida Encalada, Block Seventeen

Tel: 51-1-434-3000 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 51-1-434-3032 for after-hours emergencies

Fax: 51-1-618-2397 or 51-1-618-2724 (American Citizen Services Unit)

Web site: <http://lima.usembassy.gov>

The Consular Section is open for American Citizens Services, including registration, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. weekdays, excluding U.S. and Peruvian holidays.

The local Peruvian phone system has incorporated the following phone numbers to allow access to emergency services:

**General Emergencies should be dialed by pressing 116, and**

**Police Emergencies should be dialed by pressing 105.**

***Reminder:** Have your important documents, contact information, medications, a set of clothes and other necessities in your carry-on luggage in the event of lost or delayed luggage.*

## Cultural/national information for Peru:

### **Peruvian profile**

U.S. Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/35762.htm>

Information Includes geography, people, government, economy, history, political conditions, defense, foreign relations, U.S.-Peruvian relations, and travel and business information.

### **More information about Peru**

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Peru>

Information Includes religions, cities, other destinations, understand, get in, get around, talk, buy, eat, drink, learn, work, stay safe, stay healthy and respect.

### **Educational system**

- UNESCO - [http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/systems\\_data/pe.rtf](http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/systems_data/pe.rtf)
- Wikipedia - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education\\_in\\_Peru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education_in_Peru)

***Reminder:** Please check the educational system in which the visited institution resides and make sure the visited programs are postsecondary level in the host country.*

### **Business etiquette and protocol in Peru**

Executive Planet: <http://www.executiveplanet.com/index.php?title=Peru>

### **Peru people and preserved culture**

<http://www.peru-travel-adventures.com/people-culture.html>

## Other useful information and links about Peru

\* **Holiday Calendar** - <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/index.html?year=2009&country=47>;  
<http://www.qppstudio.net/publicolidays2009/peru.htm> or  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_holidays\\_by\\_country#Peru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_holidays_by_country#Peru)

\* **Currency** - the currency of Peru is known as the Peruvian Nuevo Sol (PEN) divided into 100 céntimos. Use the currency converter at <http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic> to compare to dollars, GBP or Euro.

\* **Money** – where to exchange money? Can I use traveller cheques or credit card? Get info at <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Peru/Currency>

\* **Airport/Transportation Guides** - <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Peru/Airports>

\* **Dialing Code** – The international access code for Peru is +51, and the outgoing code is 00, followed by the relevant country code (e.g. 0044 for the UK).

\* **Time** – Peru is -5 hours GMT. Get the time in Lima at <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=131>

\* **Weather** - visit Yahoo!'s up to date weather for Peru at [http://uk.weather.yahoo.com/Latin\\_America/Peru/](http://uk.weather.yahoo.com/Latin_America/Peru/)

\* **Language** – Spanish and Quechua are the official languages, but many other dialects are spoken. English is spoken only in major tourist centers and hotels. Want to pick up few Spanish words before the trip? Try this website <http://www.businessspanish.com/LECCION/greetings.htm>

\* **Electricity** - Electrical current is 220 volts, 60Hz (Arequipa 50Hz). Two-pin, flat blade and round plugs are standard.

\* **Tipping** - Some restaurants add a service charge of between 5% and 10%, which will be indicated by the words 'propina' or 'servicio' near the bottom of the bill. Even if service charge has been added the waiter can be offered an additional 10% for exceptional service; this is also the going rate for tipping where service charge has not been added. In hotels porters expect about US\$0.50 per bag. Taxi drivers are not tipped (the fare should be set before departure). Tour guides are customarily tipped. <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Peru/Basics>

\* **Translation Services** - if you need a Spanish Translation Service you can try this link at <http://www.atanet.org/onlinedirectories/individuals.php>

\* **News** - check out all the latest Google news on Peru at <http://news.google.co.uk/news?pz=1&ned=uk&hl=en&q=Peru>

\* **History** – read about the history of Peru at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Peru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Peru)