



## Country Profile: Peru

Peru is a developing country with an expanding tourism sector. A wide variety of tourist facilities and services is available, with quality varying according to price and location. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Peru for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	Peru
<b>Continent:</b>	South America
<b>Capital City:</b>	Lima
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	Clinica Pardo (Cusco), Clinica Montesur (Monterrico, Lima) Hospital de Apoyo Casma Minsa (Casma), Clinica del Pacifico (Chiclayo), Max Salud (Chiclayo), Hospital Regional Docente las Mercedes (Chiclayo), Hospital Regional de Cusco, Centro Medico Baltazar Caravedo (Chorrillos, Lima), Centro Medico Las Palmeras (San Isidro, Lima), Centro Medico San Judas Tadeo (San Miguel, Lima), Clinica Dos de Mayo (El Cercado, Lima), Clinica Anglo Americana (San Isidro, Lima), Clinica Arroyo (San Isidro, Corpac, Lima), Clinica Damos (Miraflores, Lima), Clinica El Golf (San Isidro, Lima), Clinica Gonzalez (Lince, Lima), Clinica Good Hope (Miraflores, Lima), Clinica Internacional (El Cercado, Lima), Clinica Javier Prado (San Isidro, Lima), Clinica Maison de Sante (Lima), Clinica Medica Zegarra (San Agustin, Lima), Clinica Morillas (Surco, Lima), Clinica Resurreccion (Lima), Clinica Ricardo Palma (San Isidro, Lima), Clinica San Bernardo (Pueblo Libre, Lima), Clinica San Felipe (Jesus Maria, Lima), Clinica San Lucas (San Burja, Lima), Clinica Santa Teresa (San Isidro, Lima), Clinica Tezza (Lima), Complejo Hospitalario San Pablo (Santiago de Surco, Lima), Instituto de Salud del Niño (Brena, Lima), Omnia Medica (Santiago de Surco, Lima).
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Lima, Cusco, Arequipa, Tacna, Ica, Puerto Maldonado, Callao, Huancayo, Matarani, Huánuco, Pucallpa, Chimbote, Trujillo, Chiclayo, Talara, Piura, Iquitos, Yurimaguas
<b>Country Size:</b>	1,285,220 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	28,674,757

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara, and a large number of minor Amazonian languages.
<b>Currency:</b>	nuevo sol (PEN)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Roman Catholic 81%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.4%, other Christian 0.7%, other 0.6%, unspecified or none 16.3%.
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Independence Day, 28 July (1821)

<b>Economic Status:</b>	Peru's economy reflects its varied geography - an arid coastal region, the Andes further inland, and tropical lands bordering Colombia and Brazil. Peru's economy reflects its varied geography - an arid coastal region, the Andes further inland, and tropical lands bordering Colombia and Brazil. Upon taking office, President GARCIA announced Sierra Exportadora, a program aimed at promoting economic growth in Peru's southern and central highlands.
<b>Security:</b>	Peruvian Army (Ejercito Peruano), Peruvian Navy (Marina de Guerra del Peru, MGP (includes naval air, naval infantry, and coast guard)), Peruvian Air Force (Fuerza Aerea del Peru, FAP).
<b>US Presence:</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Lima</a> Avenida La Encalada cdra. 17 s/n Surco, Lima 33, Peru Telephone: (51-1) 618-2000
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 237, Airports w/paved runways: 54  Callao – Jorge Chávez International Airport (LIM/SPIM) Lima Airport, Peru, Avenida Elmer Faucett, s/n Callao, Apartdo 680, Lima-Callao, 100, PERU Tel: +51 (0)1 575-0912, +51 (0)1 575 1434 Fax: +51 (0)1 575 1662 Website: <a href="http://www.corpac.gob.pe">www.corpac.gob.pe</a> Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +51 (0)1 465 5885, +51 (0)1 469 0058 Fax: +51 (0)1 465 5384

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