

## **PERU**

Peru, officially the Republic of Peru, is a country located in the northwestern part of South America, bordered on the north by Ecuador and Colombia, Chile to the south and west by the Pacific Ocean. Its territory, with a total area of 1,285,215.60 square kilometers, is more than twice the size of Spain and is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world; in Peru you can climb high in the Andes mountains, deserts or go soak in the grandeur of the Amazon. Peru 's population is 30.165 million people.

The capital, Lima, is the political and economic center of the country; The official language is Spanish, but other languages such as Quechua is also spoken. It is a nation that is often considered multiethnic because it has a very diverse population, from mestizo descendants of African slaves, descendants of Oriental (Chinese , Korean and Japanese ), white ... Peru is a country with a long history and this can evidenced by the still visible remains of the Moche cultures north and south of Nazca , whose traces are dated before 4000 BC.

Peru is a country where part of its economy is based on exports made to other countries ( including China, US, Japan , Chile, Spain , ... ) of products such as sugar , silver , cotton, ... so as mineral (and oil but not on such a scale as its neighbors Venezuela and Ecuador ) . Today, thanks to its rapid economic growth, it is producing a decrease in the difference between social classes, being increasingly large middle class . Peru is today one of the countries of the South American continent with the highest growth in gross domestic product, which is causing many international investors have an eye on this country to carry out their investments and businesses.

Before traveling to Peru, keep in mind the following :

**Vaccination:**

There are no compulsory vaccinations for travel to Peru ; only vaccination certificate is required from yellow fever to travelers from countries where there is a risk of yellow fever transmission . However , there are other recommended vaccines such as yellow fever ( whether to visit areas of the country below 2,300 meters (except for Cuzco and Machu Pichu ) ) , Hepatitis A and B, typhoid and tetanus.

For more information, it is best to turn to your nearest international.

**Visa:**

As for the visa , for most citizens do not need to apply for a visa , you just have to present a passport valid for at least 6 months and have a return ticket . At the airport , you will receive a visa valid for 90 days ; You can request an extension of stay to 90 days ( must be requested every 30 days each extension , to complete 90 days ) . This procedure is done at the General Directorate of Migration , Ministry of the Interior of Peru in Lima, before ending the period of authorized stay. The price of tourist visa is approximately 27 € (the cost of the visa may change).

- <http://www.peru.travel/plan-your-trip/entering-peru.aspx>

**Weather:**

Unlike other next to Ecuador countries , Peru is a country with great geographical contrasts (partly due to the cold Humboldt current and the Andes , which makes the climate is very different in each region ).

The area south coast of the country has a dry and arid climate, and is mainly characterized by low rainfall . In contrast, the northern coast has a tropical climate, with milder temperatures and heavy rains during the summer time . The area of the Andes unlike the coast is characterized by different climates (depending on the altitude at which we are ) : temperate sub humid, cold weather, climate and climate highlands of snow or icy weather.

In the area saw the rainy season is concentrated between the months of November to April, while the dry season runs from May to October. In the Amazon, the rainy season and the dry match the same as in the mountains ; the temperatures are usually hot and humid throughout the year .

For more information , well the following pages:

- <http://pe.gotolatin.com/spa/Info/Hbook/climate.asp>
- <http://www.senamhi.gob.pe/>

**Currency:**

The currency of Peru is the Nuevo Sol , more popularly called "suns " ; currently circulating coins are 1 , 5, 10 , 20 and 50 cents , there are 1, 2 and 5 soles . As for tickets, there are 10, 20 , 50, 100 and 200 soles. The best option is to travel with euros and change once you get there either at the airport or in an exchange.

<http://www.xe.com/ucc/es/>