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## Peru

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Peru due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Peru due to crime and terrorism. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting 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.

[51] (1) 618-2000; US Embassy in Lima, Avenida La Encalada cdra. 17 s/n, Surco, Lima 33, Peru

### US Embassy/Consulate

### 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



Type  
A



Type  
C



### Major Languages

Spanish 82.9%, Quechua 13.6%, Aymara 1.6%, Ashaninka 0.3%, other native language 0.8%, other 0.2%, none 0.1%, or unspecified .7%

### Religions

Roman Catholic 60%, Christian 14.6% (includes evangelical 11.1%, other 3.5%), other .3%, none 4%, unspecified 21.1%

### Time Difference

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

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### 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

### Cultural Practices

Slapping the bottom of one elbow with the open palm of the other hand

means someone is cheap.

**Telephone Code**

51

**Local Emergency Phone  
Numbers**

011, 5114

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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