

LIMA – QUICK FACTS

AVERAGE FEB TEMPERATURE : 27F/80C

ELECTRICITY : 220V 50HZ

LOCAL TIME: GMT/UTC -5 HOURS

CURRENCY: NUEVO SOL (PEN).....US DOLLARS ARE WIDELY ACCEPTED \$1 = 2.905 PEN

TAXES: SALES TAX KNOWN AS 'IMPUESTO GENERAL A LAS VENTAS' IS 18%

TIPPING: MOST RESTAURANTS AND BARS INCLUDE 10% GRATUITY

MAIN LANGUAGE: SPANISH

USEFUL WORDS:

YES – SI

HOW MUCH...? – CUANTO ES...?

NO – NO

DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? – HABLA INGLES?

HELLO – HOLA

WHERE IS...? – DONDE ESTA?

GOODBYE – ADIOS

I DON'T UNDERSTAND – NO ENTIENDO

PLEASE – POR FAVOR

BEER - CERVEZA

THANKYOU – GRACIAS

WINE – VINO

TAXIS: Taxis in the city are very cheap. There are no meters so you must tell the driver where you want to go and agree on a price before you get in. Be sure to take the yellow taxis.

DID YOU KNOW?

Because of the Humboldt Current, Lima is covered in fog seven months of the year. Lima gets very little rain throughout the year and the sky is almost always overcast.

Lima is home to the oldest higher learning institution in the New World, San Marcos University founded in 1551.

LIMA RESTAURANT GUIDE

Lima is known as Gastronomical Capital of the Americas. A centre of immigration and the centre of the Spanish Viceroyalty, Lima has incorporated unique dishes brought from the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors and the receiving of many waves of immigrants: African, European, Chinese, and Japanese. Peruvian cuisine, widely represented in Lima, holds various Guinness World Records, for its diversity and quality.

PERUVIAN CUISINE

BRUJAS DE CACHICHE

Calle Bolognesi 472. Miraflores tel: (51-1) 447 1133

www.brujasdecachiche.com/pe

ASTRID AND GASTON

Calle Cantuarias 175 tel: (51-1) 242 5387

www.astridygaston.com

LA HUACA

General Borgano Block 8, Huaca pucllana, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 445 4042

www.resthuacapucllana.com

INTERNATIONAL

LA GLORIA

201, Calle Arahualpa, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 445 5705

RAFAEL

San Martin 300, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 242 4149

FISH AND SEAFOOD

PESCADOS CAPITALES

La Mar 1337, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 421 8808

www.pescados-capitales.com

LA MAR

Av. La Mar, 770 Miraflores tel: (51-1) 421 3365

www.lamarcebicheria.com

LA ROSA NAUTICA

Espignon 4, Circuito de Playas tel: (51-1) 445 0149

www.larosanautica.com

CHINESE

CHIFA WA LOK

Jr. Paruro 864-878, Cercudo de Lima tel: (51-1) 427 2656

JAPANESE

OSAKA

Conquistadores 999, San Isidro tel: (51-1) 222 0405

ITALIAN

LA BODEGA DE LA TRATTORIA

Av. Primavera 710, Surco tel: (51-1) 372 7572

LA FONDA

San Fernando 380, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 241 5945

LIMA SHOPPING

Lima is a good place to buy traditional Peruvian handicrafts. Miraflores has several handicraft shops around Avenida La Paz or in the large emporia on Avenida Petit Thouars 53-54.

For Local Gifts:

KUNTUR WASI, Calle Ocharan 182

ANTISUYO, JAVIER TACNA 460

ALPACA III, Avenida Larco 671

INKANTATIONS Avenida Larco 1180

For International Shopping:

RIPLEY DEPT STORE, Parque Kennedy, Miraflores

Shopping Mall:

LARCO MAR

US-style shopping mall with ten-pin bowling, a multiplex cinema, snack bars, restaurants, discos and live music.

Inka Market:

The Inka Market offers many local gifts to remind you of your trip to Peru. Goods include Alpaca blankets and shawls, silver accessories, ceramics and wood carvings.

Shops are generally open Monday to Saturday 0930-1230 and 1500-2000 with many shops open on Sundays with restricted hours.

LIMA BAR GUIDE

RAFAEL (Bar and Restaurant in Miraflores)

Calle San Martin 300, Miraflores

(Not open on Sundays)

ASTRID & GASTON (Bar and Restaurant in Miraflores)

Calle Cantuarias 175, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 242 5387

(Not open on Sundays)

HUARINGAS (Bar in Miraflores) Specialises in Pisco Sours

Calle Bolognesi 460, Miraflores tel: (51-1) 467 5210

(Not open on Sundays and Mondays)

BIZARRO (Bar and Discoteque in Miraflores)

Calle Francisco de Paula Camino 200 tel: (51-1) 466 3508

(Not open on Sundays and Mondays)

WHAT TO SEE/WHERE TO GO

Historical Center of Lima: (declared "World Heritage Site" by UNESCO). During the colonial time, the city of Lima, headquarters of the Viceroy, was walled, and in this area the main Spanish constructions were built constituting invaluable historical monuments. San Francisco's Convent, also declared "World Heritage Site" for the artistic jewels that it possesses and for their beautiful architecture.

Archaeological places in Lima: The geographical area of Lima before the Spanish foundation in 1535, was inhabited by diverse pre-Inca towns and then dominated by the Incas, who have bequeathed magnificent constructions and temples, conserved and restored, outstanding Caral the new Cultural World Heritage Site (UNESCO June 2009), Pachacámac, Puruchuco, Cajamarquilla, Huaca Pucllana, among others.

Museums in Lima: To come closer to the millennial Peruvian culture, Lima has diverse museums, the best ones of Peru, on which you would be transported in the archaeological, historic and artistic ambits. The museums of Lima keep the richest collections in the whole Peruvian past. Museo Nacional de Antropología, Arqueología e Historia, Museo Larco, Gold of Peru Museum

Rímac: Urban center located in the north bank of the Rímac river, in which you will be able to find beautiful colonial constructions, museums and the famous "Plaza de Toros de Acho" (Bullfight Plaza of Acho).

Barranco: District of Lima called "The city of the Mills", gentle place visited by poets, artists and bohemians. At nights it offers big cultural and amusement shows.

San Isidro and Miraflores: These are two districts of Lima that are characterized by the modernity of their constructions and services, and today they concentrate most of the best hotel establishments, restaurants, shopping centers, show centers, and the banking, commercial and managerial system.