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Peru, is a country in western South America. It is bordered in the north by Ecuador and Colombia, in the east by Brazil, in the southeast by Bolivia, in the south by Chile, and in the south and west by the Pacific Ocean. Peru is a megadiverse country with habitats ranging from the arid plains of the Pacific coastal region in the west to the peaks of the Andes mountains extending from the north to the southeast of the country to the tropical Amazon Basin rainforest in the east with the Amazon river. Peru is the 19th largest country in the world, and the third largest in South America.

Population

32,97 million

Languages

Spanish

Total area

1,285 millones Km²

GDP (percapita)

6.126,87 USD

Main Industry

Mining

Currency

Sol

Capital city

Lima



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Activities

Peru's spectacularly varied landscapes offer endless opportunities for outdoor activities and sports: trekking, rafting and mountain biking are just a handful of the activities on offer. Home to the world's longest continental mountain range, Peru also possesses the Amazon jungle and a long Pacific coastline, meaning adrenaline junkies will be able to find their next fix at every corner.

Peru's most popular trekking area is undoubtedly around Cusco, which attracts scores of travelers who come to trek to the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu. The mountain ranges around Cusco have snowy peaks, offering wonderful scenery of glacial lakes, pre-Inca ruins, and isolated villages.

Peru's long stretch of Pacific Coast has waves to suit all abilities, from amateur to advanced surfers. Surfing in Peru has been a popular activity for thousands of years, with fishermen in Huanchaco to this day paddling out to sea and surfing on reed boats that look very similar to surfboards.

Places to visit

Cusco

Archeological ruins take center stage in this erstwhile Incan empire. There are many places to visit in Cusco, Peru such as the Inca complex, Sacsayhuaman and Coricancha. You can also explore sites like the 17th century Cusco Cathedral and the vibrant Plaza de Armas that plays host to events and festivals.

This Peruvian city lies amidst the mountains of Andes. Cusco once was considered to be Inca Empire's capital and therefore is a home to various archaeological remnants. The architecture here features Spanish colonial influence.

Machu Picchu

One of the most famous tourist places in Peru is Machu Picchu. It's home to the iconic ruins of an Inca citadel. The best thing to do here is to hike and explore the stunning remains, which are world-famous for their spectacular beauty.

This Incan citadel has been established atop the Andes Mountains of Peru and overlooks the valley of Urubamba river. Machu Picchu was established in 15th century and was abandoned after some time. The dry stone walls attract the most tourists around it.

Lake Titicaca

Nestled between Peru and Bolivia is Lake Titicaca, a gorgeous stretch of water that's incidentally also the highest navigable water body in the world. It's also a home to the man-made Uros Islands, which are one of the best places to visit in Peru.



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Food

Below you will find a list of some of the most traditional Peruvian foods and beverages which are must haves on any trip to the Latin American nation:

Ceviche

The national dish and one of the most popular foods in Peru, ceviche can cause instant obsession. Other nations (Mexico, Ecuador) have their own variations on the dish, but this cooked fish served cold traditionally includes sea bass (corvina) marinated for a few minutes in lime juice, onion, salt, and hot chillies (aji) is Peruvian to the core.

Lomo salteado

Coming in second only to ceviche in popularity, lomo saltado is a mix of Chinese stir-fry and classic Peruvian cuisine. Tender strips of beef (occasionally you will find it made with alpaca meat) are marinated in soy sauce and add to onions, tomatoes, aji chillies, and other spices.

Aji de gallina

Imagine a shredded chicken prepared curry-style in a thick sauce made with cream, ground walnuts, cheese, and aji amarillo. This mild but flavorful sauce, with just a hint of aji heat is tempered by the cream and cheese. The chicken, vegetables, and sauce are often served on a bed of rice, boiled potatoes, and black olives, giving it a rich, chowder-like consistency when everything is plated.

Entertainment

Peru has other entertainment on offer, providing you with other options to consider for your evenings in the vibrant city. Some examples of such venues include:

1. Sacsayhuamán
2. Sacred Valle
3. the valley of the Urubamba River
4. Chinchero market

Most expensive neighbourhoods

- Surco
- San isidro



Rentist residency

This visa is granted to people who have a regular and permanent income of at least US\$ 1,000/month. This income must not be a salary. However, it may originate from any country, excluding Peru.

The following groups of people are eligible to apply for a rentista visa in Peru:

1. A person who receives a pension in his country of origin and wants to retire in Peru.
2. A person who receives regular and permanent dividends from one or several companies.
3. A person who has bank assets which generate interests of at least US\$ 1,000/month.

If you're married or/and have children, the minimum amount required to apply rises by US\$ 500 per dependent person.

Requirements

- Passport: It needs to be valid for at least another 12 months when starting the application process.
- Apostilled proof of income. If you're a retired US citizen, this will be your social security certificate, for example. Please note that the required apostille is valid for 6 months, so make sure you don't get it too early.
- Apostilled marriage certificate or birth certificates of children if they are to be included in the rentista visa.

Investors Residency

The key requirement to have an investment visa in Peru is the capital investment of \$30,000 dollars in a company registered in Peru. This investment must be a lump-sum bank transfer to be made simply from a bank account in the name of the investor/visa applicant. At the same time, a business plan must be submitted for the company and certified as viable by a local certified economist. Finally, the investor / visa applicant must commit to employ a minimum of (5) local staff within the first year of activity.

An investment visa is legal for one (1) year and renewable on the basis that commitments are shown to have been fulfilled during this first year. A foreign person with an investment visa does not have the right to work in Peru, but to live in the country as a business investor. This subject is required to be contemporary in Peru for at least (183) days in the year (although the immigration office may grant a particular permit for extra time outside the country under certain circumstances).



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Peru passport

Benefits

The Peruvian passport currently ranks on the 36th place according to the Guide Passport Ranking Index. It provides visa-free access to 138 countries. Peruvian passport holders have visa-free access and visas on arrival to countries such as Philippines, Singapore, Russia, Turkey and the entire European Union. Peruvian citizens do however require a visa to enter about 91 destinations in the world. Some countries where a visa is required are China, India and the USA. The passport mobility score is considered good.



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