



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Peru - Cajamarca

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Lima
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish / Indigenous
- ✓ **Sq km:** 392,47
- ✓ **Population:** ± 284.00
- ✓ **Currency:** Nueva Sol (S)
- ✓ **Country code:** +51 (44)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 105 (police), 116 (fire), 117 (ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / DTP / Yellow fever / Malaria prevention

History Recap Over 1 Drink

6000BC: Nomads. Pre-Chavin: Cumbe Mayo & Kuntur Wasi. Inca's 1471 in Cajamarca (Tupac Inca):, area: Ecuador to central Chile. 1531: Spanish, brought diseases (8,6mln Inca's died). Pizarro: *coupe d'état*, Battle of Cajamarca. Christianity introduced. Colonial land-tenure structure. 1542: Viceroyalty of Peru in favor of Spain. 18th Century: Incan rebellion (Tupac Amaru II/Atahulpa). 19th Century: Creole rebellion. 1810-24: Wars of Independence, led by San Martín (Argentina) / Bolivar (Venezuela), financed by Chile. 1824: Peru independent. 1836-39: Peru-Bolivian Confederation (reunite) → War of Confederation. 1879-84: War of the Pacific, lost land to Chile. 1884- 1930 Aristocratic republic → reforms under Piérola. 1929: Economic crisis → numerous governments: APRA (Haya de la Torre)-Communist Party (Mariategui)-Rivero-Odria-Haya de la Torre - Godoy (military)-Belaúnde-Velasco-Bermúde-Belaúnde-Garcia-Fujimori ([Shining Path](#))-Toledo-Garcia-Humala. Corruption. 1982-83: El Nino. 1986: Cultural Heritage Site of Americas. 1988-90: Hyperinflation.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dry								cool				
Wet	wet	te	st								warm	
Best												
Budget												

Altitude: 154m.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Walk up the the starts to Cerro Santa Polonia for free panoramic views.
- ☺ Visit the market to be overwhelmed with the unorganized chaos of Peruvian culture.
- ☺ People-watching at Plaza de Armas.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Baños del Inca: Private bath s/6, massage s/20. Take a cheap *colectivo*, 3 blocks north from Plaza de Armas, to get there.
- 👉 Cumbe Mayo: Walk 4 hours and pay s/5 entrance, or book a tour for as cheap as s/20.

Tourist Trap Alert

- ☹ Although tourism hasn't really infiltrated Cajamarca yet, cheap tours are offered. Baños del Inca & Otuzco can easy and cheaper be visited by public transport.

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- ☠ Cajamarca is not unsafe, but never wander around alone at night or off the main streets. Buy a lock for your bag.

Budget Bites

⌘ Market: Cheap fruit, veggies and meals... and a sneak-peak in Peruvian culture. Take a *colectivo* to the Mercado or walk.

⌘ Streetfood is dirt cheap. Tasty: salteñas, lomo saltado, quinoa, cuy (guinea pig), rocoto relleno, anticuchos, pollo a la brasa, picarones.

⌘ Order a *menu del dia* in a local restaurant for as little as 5,5-10 soles.

Free-Riding?

■ The centre of Cajamarca is walkable.

■ Buses serve long-distance destinations, all companies are located at Av. Atahualpa. *Colectivo's / combo's* run everywhere except at Plaza de Armas (take one 3 blocks north). A sign indicates the direction. Watch pick-pockets!

■ Motortaxi's bring you everywhere in town, except of Plaza de Armas, and are cheaper than taxis. Take one from the bus terminal.

■ Taxi's are everywhere, also at Plaza de Armas. If you use them, try to use official radio taxi's which are safer.

Tip: Download the free Triposo Peru app for an offline map, offline guide & more. If you download the Google Maps you want when you have wifi and don't close it, it remains available offline.

Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostal Plaza, +5176362058, Puga 669 (Plaza de Armas)

❖ El Cumbe Inn, +5176366858, Atahualpa 345.

❖ Go [Couchsurfing!](#)

Festivals

⚙ Cajamarca Festival: Music - dance, Feb-Mar.

⚙ Fongal Fair: Livestock, 24-31 Jul.

Knowledge I'm Taking Home

📖 Hable español: [Amauta](#).

Next?

➔ In Peru: Trujillo, Chiclayo, Huaraz.

➔ International destinations closeby: Ecuador.

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