



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Peru - Huacachina

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Lima
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish / Indigenous
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 0,2
- ✓ **Population:** ± 115
- ✓ **Currency:** Nueva Sol (S)
- ✓ **Country code:** +51 (56)
- ✓ **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. 2500BC: Caral first city. Civilizations developed → Inca's (1438-1532) most powerful, capital: Cusco, language: Quechua, 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. 1950: Earthquake Cusco. 1982-83: El Nino. 1988-90: Hyperinflation.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Wet (hot)												
Dry (cold)												
Best						high	sea-	son				
Budget												

Altitude: 1430m.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Climb the sand dunes for nice views on the oasis. Don't wear flip-flops or sandals.
- ☺ Stroll around the (smelly / artificial) lake. Have fun!

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Sand boarding: Shop around for a tour / or DIY.
- 👍 Sand buggy: Compare prices.

Tourist Trap Alert

- ☹ The fake oasis of Huacachina is one big tourist trap. Avoid if you can't stand that.
- ☹ Don't lose your pride in the 'pedalo's'.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Banana's Adventure, +5156237129, Angela de Perotti.
- ❖ Salvatierra, +5156232352, Balneario de Huacachina.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing!](#) (in Ica)

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Huacafuckingchina, Av. Angela de Perotti.
- ◆ Casa de Arena bar, Av. Angela de Perotti.
- ◆ The Silva House, Av. Angela de Perotti.

Festivals

- ☼ Festival Nacional de la Sirena: 23-Feb.

Mama Said

- ☠ Stay at the main streets and don't wander around alone after sunset.
- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Smartphones are popular.
- ☠ Take precaution with taxi's →
- ☠ Take day buses. Night buses are more dangerous in sense of accidents, robberies and hijackings.
- ☠ Be careful with drugs. Dealers cooperate with corrupt police officers.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Streetfood is dirt cheap but less available in Huacachina. Tasty: salteñas, lomo saltado, quinoa, cuy (guinea pig), rocoto relleno, anticuchos, pollo a la brasa, picarones.
- ⌘ Go to local restaurants or market in Ica and order *almuerzo* (lunch) or *menu del dia* for 4-10 soles (3-course)

Free-Riding?

- All distances in tiny Huacachina are walkable.
- The bus system is used for long-distance travel. There are several terminals in Ica, depending on the destination. Check before departure.
- Taxi's are cheap, but can be very dangerous in Peru. Armed muggings are common. Only use official companies, let your hostel call a radio taxi. Never go in a cab with strangers. As a woman, go with men you know.

Tip: Download the free Triposo Peru app for an offline map, offline guide & more.

Next?

- In Peru: Nazca, Lima, Arequipa, Puno, Cusco, Sacred Valley.
- International destinations closeby: Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador.

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