



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Peru - Lima

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Lima
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish / Indigenous
- ✓ **Sq km:** 2672
- ✓ **Population:** ± 7,6 mln.
- ✓ **Currency:** Nueva Sol (S)
- ✓ **Country code:** +51 (1)
- ✓ **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

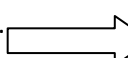
6000BC: Nomads. 2500BC: Caral first city. Civilizations developed → Inca's (1438-1532) most powerful, capital: Cusco, language: Quechua, area: Ecuador to central Chile. 1531: Spanish, brought diseases (8,6mln Inca's died). Pizarro: *coupe d'état*, Battle of Cajamarca. Christianity introduced. Colonial 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. 1940: Earthquake Lima. 1982-83: El Nino. 1988-90: Hyperinflation.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Summer												
Winter												
Best	High	sea	so	n								High
Budget												

Altitude: 154m.

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ 'Free' (tip-based) walking tours via [FWT Peru](#) (11:00 @ entrance Kennedy Park / 12:20 Plaza de Armas)
- ☺ Free museums: [Fundacion Museo Amano](#) / [Museo de la Nacion](#) / [Museo del Banco Central de Reserva](#) / [Museo del Congreso y de la Inquisición](#) (so-so) / [Casa de la Literatura](#) / [Museo Nacional de Arqueología Antropología e Historia del Perú](#). Free guided tour through [Palacio Municipal](#) in weekends (sign up before).
- ☺ Free sights: Plaza de Armas, Parque el Olivar, Palacio de Gobierno, El Parque del Amor / Exposición. 
- ☺ Free churches: Santa Rosa de Lima, La Merced.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Excellent museums: [Pedro de Osma](#), [Museo de Arte Contemporáneo](#) (S/1 Sunday!), [MATE](#), [Huaca Pucllana](#), [Museo Larco](#). Bring your (fake) student card for big discounts.
- 👍 [Circuito Mágico del Agua](#) @ Parque Reserva.
- 👍 Hire a guide to visit Marcahuasi & Caral.
- ☺ Visit art galleries for free: pick up a free Peru Guide at I-Peru tourist office with a route.
- Check [TripAdvisor](#) for a complete overview.

## Tourist Trap Alert

⊗ Unless you are disabled or over 70 years old, you can't be in the tourist bus without losing your dignity.

## Budget Bites

⌘ Mercado Central: Cheap fruit, veggies and meals... and a sneak-peak in Peruvian culture.

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

⌘ Don't eat in Miraflores or at the Barranco tourist strip. Walk a bit further off / to Central Lima and order *menu del dia* for 4-10 soles.

⌘ Self-catering at Metro Supermercados.

## Festivals

⊙ Anniversary of Lima: Folklore, 18-Jan.

⊙ Carnival: Religious, Feb.

⊙ Caballo de Paso: Horses / Folklore, April.

## Mama Said

⊗ Lima is not a safe city, except of Miraflores & Barranco. Visit other parts only during daytime and never wander around alone at night or off the main streets.

⊗ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Smartphones are popular.

⊗ 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.

## Next?

→ In Peru: Arequipa, Huaraz, Amazon.

→ International destinations closeby: Ecuador, Chile.

## Sleep Cheap

❖ Pariwana Hostel, +5112424350, Av. Larco 189.

❖ Lima Backpackers, [contact here](#), Albacete 293.

❖ Go [Couchsurfing!](#)

## Nights Best Spent

◆ The Barranco area is the party hub. For example: Ayahuasca, Av. Prolongacion San Martin 130.

◆ Cohibo Club, Av. de Ejercito 681.

◆ Join the [Pisco Crawl!](#)

## ... Seated Down

◆ [Gran Teatro Nacional](#), Av. Javier Prado Este 2225.

◆ Centro Cultural Ricardo Palma, Av. Jose Larco 770 (many free activities!).

◆ Teatro Segura,, Huancavelica 265.

## Free-Riding?

■ Lima is big. Stick to just 1 area per day and walk.

■ Buses & micro's (small vans) run everywhere, a sign indicating the direction. Ask locals which one to take, as there's no clear system. Watch pick-pockets!

■ Lima Metro: [Check map](#).

■ Metropolitano (metro bus): [All info here](#).

■ 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.

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

## Knowledge I'm Taking Home

📖 Hable español: [Peruwayna](#).

📖 Dance the salsa: Free @ [Pariwana Hostel!](#)

📖 Peruvian kitchen: [Skykitchen](#) or DIY.

The Earth Becmes My Throne