



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Peru - Puno

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Lima
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish / Indigenous
- ✓ **Sq km:** 8560 (Lake Titicaca)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 149100
- ✓ **Currency:** Nueva Sol (S)
- ✓ **Country code:** +51 (051)
- ✓ **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: Cuzco, 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 problem. 1982-83: El Nino. 1988-90: Hyperinflation (sol→inti→nueva sol).

### Travel Seasons

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

Altitude: 3827m. Hot days, cold nights.

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Plan your time around the free festivals to make Puno an interesting destination.
- ☺ Watch the city life & sights at the central plaza.
- ☺ Visit Casa del Corregidor.
- ☺ [Museo Naval](#) has free entrance.
- ☺ Visit Catedral de Puno.
- ☺ Work those glutes and climb the Mirador de Kuntur Wasi.
- ☺ Visit the Laguna Lagunillas, taking public transport.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Explore the islands by boat: [Titicaca Lake Peru](#) has good reviews.
- 👉 Choose a museum: [Museo Carlos Dreyer](#) (archeology) & [Museo de la Coca](#).

### Festivals

- ⚙ Epiphany: Religious, 6-Jan.
- ⚙ Virgen de la Candelaria: Religious, 2-Feb.
- ⚙ Puno Day: Folklore, 5-Nov.

## Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Kamizaraky Rock Pub, Pasaje Grau 158.
- ◆ Ekeko's, Lima 355.

## ... Seated Down

- ◆ [Cineplanet Puno](#), Jr. Los Incas/Cuadra 02.

## Free-Riding?

- All distances in tiny Puno are walkable.
- The bus system is used for long-distance travel. In the city or region *collectivos* are used. On the front you can find the destination.
- 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.
- Expensive trains leave from Puna, La Torre 224, but aren't very reliable. Check [Peru Rail](#).

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

## Next?

- In Peru: Arequipa, Cuzco.
- International destinations closeby: Bolivia, Peru.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostal Vylena, +51051351292, Jiron Ayacucho 503.
- ❖ Quechuas Backpackers, +51051352194, Calle Independencia 301.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing!](#)

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Streetfood is dirt cheap. Tasty: salteñas, lomo saltado, quinoa, cuy (guinea pig), rocoto relleno, anticuchos, pollo a la brasa, picarones.
- ⌘ Go to local restaurants and order *almuerzo* (lunch) or *menu del dia* for 4-10 soles (3-course meal).
- ⌘ [Mojsra Restaurant](#), Jr. Lima 635 (2nd floor).

## Mama Said

- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Smartphones are popular.
- ☠ NEVER take an unofficial taxi or go in a cab with strangers. Let your hostel call one. Kidnapping, assault and robberies are a serious threat.

## Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Hable español: [Caminante School](#).

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