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On the coastline of Peru, fringed by the blue waters of the Pacific lies one of South America's best kept treasures. The vibrant city of Lima reveals itself to the world through the colors of its colonial facades, the flavors of its exquisite gastronomy, but most of all, through the hospitality and warmth of its people.

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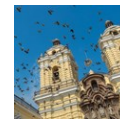
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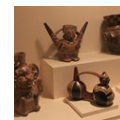
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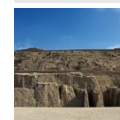
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## THE CITY



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Peru's capital encompasses thousands of years of history. Founded in 1535 by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro, the "City of Kings" as it is known, was once the political, administrative, and religious heart of South America, although its origins date far further back than the colonial presence in the country, evidenced by the large number of archaeological sites in the area.

Today, Lima is a sprawling metropolis with a hectic lifestyle that knows how to keep a good balance when it comes to embracing the new without letting go of the old.

There are plenty of reasons for you to make Lima your next destination, even if it's just a quick stop on your way to Machu Picchu.

## DO & SEE



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Kick off your visit to Lima with a walk around the colorful and bustling city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site--home to many historical buildings and churches.

Delve into the country's rich past in one of the many museums around. Once you've soaked up the local history, explore the city's districts: Miraflores on the beachfront is the trendy one, while Barranco is more artsy and bohemian.

Day trips to ancient sites in the surroundings are always fun too.

### Plaza de Armas (Plaza Mayor)



There is no better way to start your visit to Lima than where it all began. The Plaza de Armas or Plaza Mayor is the birthplace of Peru's capital and still the city's main hub. Around the square, you'll find many of Lima's historic landmarks such as a 17th century Cathedral, the Government Palace (the official residence of Peru's president), the Archbishop's Palace, the Municipal Palace, the Palace of the Union, and the Casa del Oidor - it's a great place to admire many of the colonial architectural gems Lima boasts. Embellishing the center of the plaza is a

beautiful 1650 bronze fountain, set on what once was the grounds of the city's gallows. At noon, walk to the Presidential Palace to watch the traditional changing of the guards and just a few minutes from there is the historic Gran Hotel Bolivar, where many Hollywood stars, singers, politicians and famous authors have stayed. The list includes: former American President Nixon, Ernest Hemingway and Mick Jagger, among others.

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Address: Plaza de Armas, Cercado de Lima

### Lima's Churches



The amount of churches in Lima can be overwhelming to a first-time visitor.

Wherever you look, you'll find great religious

buildings rich in both architectural detail and history, especially when walking around the city center.

We have selected 5 of those well worth visiting:

1. Catedral de Lima. In the city's main square, the cathedral is not only Peru's most important catholic church but also the first one ever built, dating back to the foundation of Lima in 1535. Inside the cathedral lie the bones of the city's conquistador, Francisco Pizarro.

2. Basílica y Convento de San Francisco (pictured). A curious fact about this church is that it was built on top of catacombs which served as a cemetery during colonial times. A visit to its basement will surprise you with bones and skulls of around 25 thousand people.

3. Santuario de Santa Rosa de Lima. Erected in

the exact place where Santa Rosa was born. Here, you can explore the grounds where the city's patron lived and treated the poor.

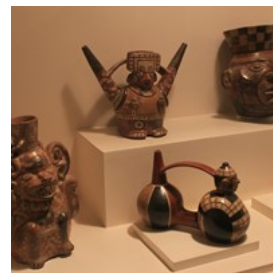
4. Basílica y Convento de San Pedro. Many consider it to be the most beautiful church in Lima. Check out its magnificent interior and see for yourself.

5. Parroquia Santa María Reina. Its unusual oval shape is the big draw here.

Bonus: Basilica y Convento de Nuestra Señora de la Merced: even if you decide not enter this one, just take your time admiring the stone carvings on its beautiful facade.

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### Larco Museum



Showcasing over 45,000 artifacts that span over 5,000 years of Peruvian pre-Columbian history, this museum is a true cultural experience not to

be missed while in Lima. Its location is as historic as the treasures on display inside. It was built over a 7th century pre-Columbian pyramid and is housed in a 18th century vice-royal mansion. Ceramics, textiles, gold and jewels are presented throughout its rooms, but the most unique room here is, by far, the Erotic Gallery, where ceramic pieces depicting sexuality, fertility and maternity are shown. Pay a visit to its beautiful garden and to the restaurant overlooking the pyramid for a taste of Peruvian cuisine.

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Address: Avenida Simón Bolívar 1515, Pueblo Libre

Opening hours: Daily: 9h - 22h

Phone: +51 1 461 13 12  
Internet: [www.museolarco.org](http://www.museolarco.org)  
Email: [info@museolarco.org](mailto:info@museolarco.org)

### Circuito Mágico Del Agua



At night, the Parque de la Reserva comes alive with a magical show of water, music and light put on by thirteen cybernetic fountains. The shows take place from Tuesday to Sunday at 19h15, 20h15, and 21h30. There is a small entry fee and it is advised to bring a plastic bag along so you can keep your belongings dry. A must-see attraction especially if you're traveling with kids.

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Address: Jirón Madre de Dios, Parque de la Reserva, Lima

Opening hours: Tue - Sun: 15h - 22h30

Phone: +51 1 424 08 27

Internet: [www.circuitomagicodeagua.com.pe](http://www.circuitomagicodeagua.com.pe)

Email: [circuitomagicodeagua@emilima.com.pe](mailto:circuitomagicodeagua@emilima.com.pe)

### Huaca Pucllana



In the heart of Miraflores lie the remains of a pre-Inca pyramid, built around 500 AD and said to have served as a ceremonial and administrative center for a coastal indigenous civilization. Visits to the complex are also possible at night, when the setting gets even more dramatic. Don't miss the Huaca Pucllana Restaurant, which offers you a front row seat to the ruins (mentioned in the Dining section of this guide).

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Address: Calle General Borgoño 8, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon: 9h - 17h, Wed - Sun: 9h - 17h, 19h - 22h

Phone: +51 1 617 71 48

Internet: [www.huacapucllanamiraflores.pe](http://www.huacapucllanamiraflores.pe)  
Email: [huacapucllana@miraflores.gob.pe](mailto:huacapucllana@miraflores.gob.pe)

### Puente de los Suspiros (Bridge of Sighs)



A rich young woman falls in love with a street sweeper. Forbidden by her father to be with the love of her life, she spends her days sighing from her window hoping to see him again. That's just one of the legends surrounding the origins of this small pedestrian bridge's name. Today, legend has it that if you can hold your breath while walking the length of the entire bridge, which is 144-feet (44 meters) long, your wish will come true. This one is a truly breathtaking attraction in the artsy district of Barranco. Whether you decide to try your luck or not, a visit to the area will never be wasted, as it is home to many nice eateries and pubs. And if you keep walking past the bridge, you'll ultimately end up at the Barranco Beach.

Photo: Christian Vincas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jirón Batallón, Ayacucho 271, Barranco

### Casa de Aliaga



Across from the Government Palace sits one of the city's historic jewels. Casa de Aliaga is not only the oldest colonial mansion in Lima, but also the oldest house in America, which was owned by Jerónimo de Aliaga since 1535, and still serves as a home for his descendants eighteen generations later. Richly decorated salons, vintage furnishings and some artifacts, including the sword used by Jerónimo de Aliaga when he conquered Peru are showcased here.

Make sure to book a guided tour:

### Lima Tours

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Address: Avenida Nicolás de Piérola 589, Piso 18-20, Cercado de Lima  
Phone: +51 1 619 69 00  
Internet: [www.limatours.com.pe](http://www.limatours.com.pe)  
Email: [sales@limatours.com.pe](mailto:sales@limatours.com.pe)

### Caral



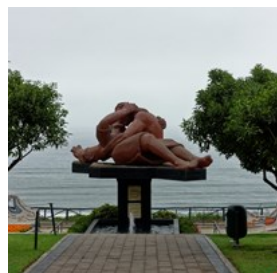
Book a tour and visit the grounds of the oldest city in the Americas. Located 200 kilometers north of Lima, The Sacred City of Caral offers you a chance to explore the remnants of the Norte Chico civilization, which dates back to more than 5,000 years. Even though it is a long drive from Lima, it is well worth the trip.

One of the companies that offers both group and individual tours departing from Lima is:

### Haku Tours

Photo: Quismanco/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Oficina 711, Calle Porta 170, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 8h30 - 18h30, Sat: 9h30 - 15h30, Sun: 8h30 - 15h30  
Phone: +51 1 444 20 77  
Internet: [www.hakutours.com](http://www.hakutours.com)  
Email: [info@hakutours.com](mailto:info@hakutours.com)

### Parque del Amor (Park of Love)

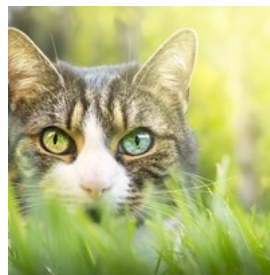


If you're looking for a nice spot to watch the sunset, come for a stroll along this small and charming park overlooking the coast.

Flowers and colorful benches bedeck the area while a big sculpture of a couple kissing helps set the romantic mood.

Photo: KimonBerlin/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)  
Address: Malecón Cisneros, Miraflores  
Opening hours: 24/7

### Parque Kennedy



Named after the former U.S. President, this park in the heart of Miraflores is a nice quick stop while in the area. Mostly known for being home to countless stray cats, this small park also serves as a stage for many street performers, food vendors and a daily flea market.

Photo: VICUSCHKA/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Diagonal 176, Miraflores  
Opening hours: 24/7

### Museo de Arte de Lima - MALI



Soak up 3,000 years of Peruvian history with an impressive collection of paintings, textiles, ceramics and furniture that spans the period from pre-Columbian to Republican times.

Nearby, you'll find the Museum of Italian Art, and if you're into modern and contemporary art, head south to Barranco and pay a visit to the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Lima (MAC), the only one of its kind in the city.

Photo: ene/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Parque de la Exposición, Paseo Colon 125, Cercado de Lima  
Opening hours: Tue - Fri: 10h - 19h, Sat: 10h - 17h, Sun: 10h - 19h

Phone: +51 1 204 00 00  
Internet: [www.mali.pe](http://www.mali.pe)  
Email: [informes@mali.pe](mailto:informes@mali.pe)

### Museo Mario Testino



Founded by Peruvian-born fashion photographer Mario Testino, this museum displays a permanent collection of his work, including a room dedicated to Princess Diana alongside temporary exhibitions of Peruvian and international contemporary art.

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Address: Avenida Pedro de Osma 409, Barranco  
Opening hours: Tue - Sun: 10h - 18h30  
Phone: +51 1 200 54 00  
Internet: [www.mate.pe](http://www.mate.pe)  
Email: [info@mate.pe](mailto:info@mate.pe)

### Paragliding



Go on a soaring adventure and enjoy a spectacular bird's eye view over Lima with this unique paragliding experience. The flight lasts between 10-15 minutes and once you land, you'll receive an SD card with the video bound to ignite envy in those you later show it off to.

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Address: Explanada Costa Verde Magdalena, Circuito de playas, Lima  
Opening hours: Daily: 11h - 17h  
Phone: +51 947 392 102  
Internet: [www.condorxtreme.com](http://www.condorxtreme.com)  
Email: [contacto@condorxtreme.com](mailto:contacto@condorxtreme.com)

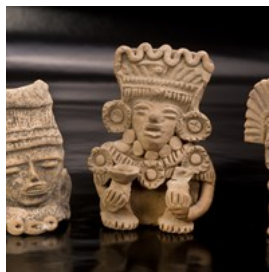
### Barrio Chino



Home to a large Chinese population, it would be only appropriate for Lima to have its own version of a Chinatown. This is the place where visitors come to try the authentic Chifa, the Chinese-Peruvian fusion cuisine. However, keep in mind that this is not much like your typical Chinatown: it is smaller, very chaotic and somewhat rough around the edges. But if you feel like venturing into the hustle and bustle of this neighborhood, you'll be rewarded with traditional dim sum, Peking duck and many other Asian delights.

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Address: Blocks 7 and 8 of Jirón Ucayali, Cercado de Lima

### National Museum of the Archaeology, Anthropology, and History of Peru



Peru's oldest and largest museum houses nearly 300,000 artifacts covering the country's pre-Hispanic and colonial past until the early Republican days. Guided tours can be booked in Spanish, English and Italian. If you're into history and culture, this place will provide you with an impressive learning experience.

Photo: [W. Scott McGill/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/W.ScottMcGill)  
Address: Plaza Bolivar, Pueblo Libre  
Opening hours: Daily: 8h45 - 17h  
Phone: +51 1 321 56 30  
Internet: [www.mnaahp.cultura.pe](http://www.mnaahp.cultura.pe)  
Email: [comunicaciones-mnaahp@cultura.gob.pe](mailto:comunicaciones-mnaahp@cultura.gob.pe)

## Pachacamac



Transport yourself back in time by the ruins of what once served as the most important religious center for indigenous people on the Peruvian

coast. Situated 40 km southeast of Lima, the archaeological site of Pachacamac is a good day trip from the city where you get to explore the remains of pyramidal temples as well as other impressive ancient constructions.

Below are a few companies offering tours from Lima to Pachacamac:

Viator  
[www.viator.com](http://www.viator.com)

GetYourGuide  
[www.getyourguide.com](http://www.getyourguide.com)

On The Go Tours  
[www.onthegotours.com](http://www.onthegotours.com)

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## DINING



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Stretching from the Andean Mountains to the Amazonian jungle and to the fresh waters of the Pacific, the Peruvian cuisine is a true reflection

of the country's incredible biodiversity. Lima, as the center of it all, presents you with a top-notch gastronomic experience.

Known as the "Gastronomy Capital of Latin America," this city is a genuine culinary hot spot. From tiny holes-in-the-wall to three restaurants on the list of the world's best, food here is a serious matter.

At the forefront is the good old ceviche, the country's national dish. Also worth trying is the lomo saltado (stir fried beef), anticuchos de corazón (skewers of grilled heart), and the ají de gallina (spicy chicken stew), this apart from the popular fusion cuisines Nikkei and Chifa.

## Astrid y Gastón



Inside a historic elegant hacienda, diners feast in real style at this fine-dining restaurant. Sourcing the best possible local ingredients,

Astrid y Gastón offers modern and creative dishes based on traditional Peruvian flavors. A wine list featuring over 250 options and top-notch service complete your experience. Reservations are strongly recommended.

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Address: Avendia Paz Soldán 290, San Isidro

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 13h - 15h, 19h - 23h, Sun: 12h30 - 15h30

Phone: +51 1 442 27 77

Internet: [www.astridygaston.com](http://www.astridygaston.com)

Email: [restaurante@astridygaston.com](mailto:restaurante@astridygaston.com)

### Mercado 28



At this food market located inside the Balboa Strip Mall you'll be able to savor flavors coming from all around the world. You can have local tapas at Aima and Peruvian dishes are served at La Patarashkita, but you can also try out Italian gelato at Blu and Massamabile, as well as French treats at La Verité Patisserie.

Photo: lunamarina/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 755 Vasco Nuñez de Balboa Road, Miraflores, Lima  
Opening hours: Sun-Mon 11am-11pm, Tue-Wed 11am-Midnight, Thu-Sat 11am-1am  
Phone: +51 981 370 730  
Internet: [www.mercado28.pe/en/home](http://www.mercado28.pe/en/home)  
Email: [info@mercado28.pe](mailto:info@mercado28.pe)

### Costazul Seafood



Celebrate the flavors of Lima's coast at this family-owned Miraflores restaurant. The owner Carlos and his team are extremely passionate about what they do and it truly shows in every bite. Costazul offers you a chance to have an amazing seafood experience, without leaving a big hole in your wallet. Not sure what to choose? Try one of the chef's recommendations such as their signature ceviche, the parihuela soup or the mushame de pulpo.

Photo: Douglas Rodrigues Jose/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle Berlin 899, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 12h30 - 20h30  
Phone: +51 1 241 79 34  
Internet: [www.costazulseafood.com](http://www.costazulseafood.com)  
Email: [calimoscol@hotmail.com](mailto:calimoscol@hotmail.com)

### Central Restaurante



If you can manage to get a table at this world-class restaurant, you are in for a treat. Chef Virgilio Martínez - featured on Netflix's Chef's Table - is at the helm of this innovative Peruvian restaurant, where each dish takes you on a culinary expedition over the country's diverse ecosystem. The courses are identified according to the altitude of origin the ingredients were gathered at, and a see-through kitchen window lets you peak at the chefs in action. As one can expect from a restaurant that has been consistently voted as one of the best in the world, a dinner at Central comes at an eye-watering price, but it is worth every penny. The high-quality service and elegant ambiance are other pluses that will make your dining experience even more memorable.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Pedro de Osma 301, Barranco  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 12h45 - 13h30, 19h45 - 20h30  
Phone: +51 1 242 85 15  
Internet: [www.centralrestaurante.com.pe](http://www.centralrestaurante.com.pe)  
Email: [reservas@centralrestaurante.com.pe](mailto:reservas@centralrestaurante.com.pe)

### La Mar



Indulge your taste buds in Peru's national dish at this buzzing ceviche mecca located in Miraflores. Fresh seafood on the menu neighbors on beloved Peruvian-Asian fusion flavors, which are completed by an amazing selection of cocktails, including the famous pisco sour.

La Mar is usually packed to the brim, and since they don't accept reservations, try to get here



early.

Photo: Ildi Papp/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Mariscal La Mar 770, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Thu: 12h - 17h, Fri - Sun: 12h - 17h30  
Phone: +51 1 421 33 65  
Internet: [www.lamarcebicheria.com](http://www.lamarcebicheria.com)  
Email: [lamar@lamarcebicheria.com.pe](mailto:lamar@lamarcebicheria.com.pe)

### Maido



Experience the Nikkei cuisine at its finest at this acclaimed restaurant signed by Peruvian chef Mitsuharu Tsumura.

Fusing Japanese with Peruvian ingredients, each course at Maido is a true feast for the eyes and mouth - a parade of flavors matched only by the superb atmosphere and service. As it is always listed as one of the world's best restaurants, expect a long waiting list when making your reservation.

Photo: prapass/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle San Martin 399, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 12h30 - 16h, 19h - 22h45, Sun: 12h30 - 17h  
Phone: +51 1 313 51 00  
Internet: [www.maido.pe](http://www.maido.pe)  
Email: [informes@maido.pe](mailto:informes@maido.pe)

### Rafael



World-renowned chef Rafael Osterling is the creative mind behind the menu of this high-end Miraflores restaurant, which takes his name and

offers an eclectic mix of Italian and Peruvian dishes as well as Asian fare. Make sure to add Rafael on your list when traveling to Lima for an impeccable dining experience. Reservations are highly recommended.

Photo: DGLimages/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle San Martin 300, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Wed: 13h - 15h, 20h - 23h, Thu - Fri: 13h - 15h, 20h - 24h, Sat: 20h - 24h  
Phone: +51 1 242 41 49  
Internet: [www.rafaelosterling.pe](http://www.rafaelosterling.pe)  
Email: [info@rafaelosterling.pe](mailto:info@rafaelosterling.pe)

### JOSELO by Rigoletto



When it comes to Italian cuisine, Rigoletto never disappoints. Except for pizza, you'll find all your Italian classics along with traditional Peruvian

staples at this cozy Miraflores restaurant. The interior is tastefully decorated and the service is up to par with the top-notch food served here.

Photo: Alexander Baitelman/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle Colón 161, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 12h - 23h  
Phone: +51 981 483 975  
Internet: [www.restauranterigoletto.com](http://www.restauranterigoletto.com)  
Email: [reservas@restauranterigoletto.com](mailto:reservas@restauranterigoletto.com)

### Punto Azul



Fresh seafood dishes are always under the spotlight at Punto Azul, but their ceviche is, hands down, what keeps locals and tourists coming

back for more.

Since reservations are not possible and this is a very popular restaurant, be prepared to wait.

Photo: Carla Nichiata/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle San Martin 595, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Daily: 11h - 22h  
Phone: +51 1 445 80 78  
Internet: [www.puntoazulrestaurante.com](http://www.puntoazulrestaurante.com)  
Email: [info@puntoazulrestaurante.com](mailto:info@puntoazulrestaurante.com)  
More Info: 2nd location in Miraflores at Avenida Benavides 2711

## ámaZ



Treat your palate to unique and exotic flavors at this upscale Miraflores restaurant, where food pays homage to the rich ingredients of the Amazon. The portions at ámaZ are large, so sharing can be a fun way to taste their interesting creations, such as jungle-inspired ceviches, giant river snails, the patarashca (Amazonian fish grilled in a bijao leaf), and the pato casharo (creole duck stew in chocolate sauce), all major hits among diners. Vegetarian options are also available; be sure to book ahead.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida la Paz 1079, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon - Thu: 12h30 - 23h30, Fri - Sat: 12h30 - 24h, Sun: 12h30 - 16h30

Phone: +51 1 221 93 93

Internet: [www.amaz.com.pe](http://www.amaz.com.pe)

Email: [reservas@amaz.com.pe](mailto:reservas@amaz.com.pe)

## Cala



Offering diners spectacular waterfront vistas and beautifully crafted dishes that combine Peruvian flavors with a Mediterranean touch, Cala is a true feast for the senses. The menu features a selection of seafood fare, including the classic ceviche, as well as risottos and pasta. Head downstairs to their modern lounge bar to end your special night while you listen to the sound of the waves crashing and feel the sea breeze. Reservations are highly recommended.

Photo: Mazur Travel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Circuito de Playas, Barranco

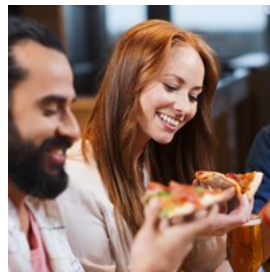
Opening hours: Sun - Wed: 12h - 0h, Thu - Sat: 12h - 2h30

Phone: +51 1 477 20 20

Internet: [www.calarestaurante.com](http://www.calarestaurante.com)

Email: [reservas@calarestaurante.com](mailto:reservas@calarestaurante.com)

## La Linterna



Serving up consistently good pasta and thin crust pizza, La Linterna - in the heart of San Isidro - is customer satisfaction guaranteed to those in the mood for Italian fare.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Los Libertadores 311, San Isidro

Opening hours: Mon - Thu: 12h30 - 15h30, 18h30 - 23h, Fri - Sat: 12h30 - 15h30, 18h30 - 0h, Sun: 12h30 - 16h, 18h30 - 22h30

Phone: +51 1 440 36 36

Internet: [www.pizzerialalinterna.com](http://www.pizzerialalinterna.com)

More Info: Other locations: Avenida Grau 689, Barranco; Avenida Caminos del Inca 459, Chacarilla

## El Charrúa



At El Charrúa meat is taken seriously and only the most select cuts are served here. A welcoming atmosphere, a great wine list and an equally top-notch service complete your dining experience. A bit on the pricey side, but if you're craving quality meat, it's well worth the splurge.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Javier Prado Este 5898, La Molina

Opening hours: Tue - Thu: 12h - 22h, Fri - Mon: 12h - 23h

Phone: +51 1 434 55 03

Internet: [www.elcharrua.com](http://www.elcharrua.com)

Email: [administracion@elcharrua.com](mailto:administracion@elcharrua.com)

### Restaurant Huaca Pucllana



Named after the archaeological ruins which it overlooks, Huaca Pucllana wows its clientele not only with its beautiful backdrop but

also with its take on traditional Peruvian cuisine. Get a seat on the terrace and satisfy your taste buds while you appreciate the view, which becomes even more romantic at night. Complete your experience by booking a guided tour of the ancient ruins. Reservations are essential!

Photo: Paulo JC Nogueira/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: General Borgoño cdra. 8, Huaca Pucllana, Miraflores

Opening hours: Daily: 12h - 16h, 19h - 0h

Phone: +51 1 445 40 42

Internet: [www.resthuacapucllana.com](http://www.resthuacapucllana.com)

Email: [huacapucllana@gmail.com](mailto:huacapucllana@gmail.com)

### Titi



This is the place for authentic Chifa fare, where Chinese flavors play with Peruvian ingredients creating this unique and delicious

fusion cuisine. Don't worry if the menu options leave you overwhelmed, you can't go wrong with anything here. Having said that, don't leave without trying their mouth-watering roasted duck. Reservations are a must.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Javier Prado Este 1212, San Isidro

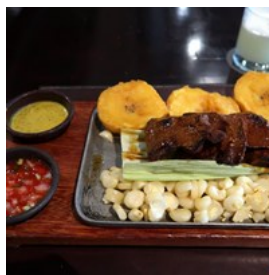
Opening hours: Tue - Sat: 13h - 15h, 19h - 22h, Sun: 13h - 15h30, 19h - 21h

Phone: +51 1 224 81 89

Internet: [www.chifatiti.com](http://www.chifatiti.com)

Email: [titi@chifatiti.com](mailto:titi@chifatiti.com)

### El Tio Mario



One of the most traditional foods in Peru is called anticuchos, skewers of grilled meat - usually beef heart - marinated in vinegar and

spices. El Tio Mario in Barranco is known for serving probably the best ones in town. Step inside this anticuchos temple overlooking the Bridge of Sighs and treat yourself to a portion of these tender and flavorful delights. Just remember to save some room for a couple of crispy picarones, the Peruvian version of a doughnut made with squash and sweet potato and covered in spiced syrup.

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Address: Jirón Zepita 214, Barranco

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 17h - 2h

Phone: +51 1 477 03 01

Internet: [www.anticucheriatiomario.com](http://www.anticucheriatiomario.com)

Email: [reservas@anticucheriatiomario.com](mailto:reservas@anticucheriatiomario.com)

### Papacho's



Sometimes all you're after is a good American style burger and Papacho's delivers it like no other place. Plus, they give a Peruvian touch to your patty just to remind you of where you are.

On the menu you'll also find a great selection of salads, tacos, Sundaes with homemade ice cream and for the herbivores out there, they grill up some pretty tasty veggie burgers as well. Great service and a fun atmosphere complement your Papacho's experience.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida la Paz 1045, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 12h - 0h, Sun: 12h - 22h

Phone: +51 1 253 64 60

Internet: [www.papachos.com](http://www.papachos.com)  
Email: [papachos@papachos.com](mailto:papachos@papachos.com)

## CAFES



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Due to its geographical position, Peru produces some of the best coffee beans in the world and, as most Latin Americans, Lima residents also enjoy taking their time and chatting over a good cup of coffee.

### La Bodega Verde



Take a break from all the sightseeing and come enjoy a peaceful time at this cozy cafe where nature embraces you and good food fuels you up for

more adventures. Açai bowls, smoothies, salads, and healthy sandwiches served on artisan bread make up their menu, along with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Get a free cappuccino if you can master an origami heart and don't leave without trying their popular lucuma milkshake.

Photo: [Kite\\_rin/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: Jiron Mariscal Jose Antonio de Sucre 335A, Barranco  
Opening hours: Mon - Thu: 8h - 20h, Fri - Sun: 8h - 22h  
Phone: +51 1 247 88 04  
Email: [reservas@labodegaverde.com](mailto:reservas@labodegaverde.com)

### El Pan De La Chola



The art of bread making is taken to another level at this hip bakery and coffeehouse in the Miraflores district. Delicious pastries, organic coffee, tea, craft beer, wine and refreshing juices are served here, but the star of the house is definitely their artisan sourdough bread, which is made without yeast. Drop by for a bite of their rich sandwiches and a cup of coffee and see for yourself why El Pan De La Chola has become a Lima institution.

Photo: [Bobex-73/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: Avenida Mariscal La Mar 918, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 8h - 22h, Sun: 9h - 19h  
Phone: +51 1 221 21 38  
Email: [info@elpandelachola.com](mailto:info@elpandelachola.com)

### Panadería Carmelitas



Serving the Miraflores community for over 35 years, Carmelitas will spoil you for choice. From their French bread, known as the best in

Lima, to their empanadas and juices, every item on the menu not only looks but tastes delicious. Try the local's favorite, the chicharrón, which consists of fried pork with onions, sweet potato, and homemade chilly sauce served on a crusty artisan bread. Make sure to bring cash as they do not accept cards.

Photo: [bonchan/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: Avenida 28 de Julio 1328, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Daily: 6h30 - 21h30  
Phone: +51 1 444 71 05

### Buenavista Café



Nestled on the cliffs overlooking the sea, Buenavista Café is the perfect spot to take a break from Lima's bustling streets, sit back with a steaming cup of coffee and a snack while you watch the surfers. In case it gets chilly, they provide blankets and heat lamps so you can warm yourself up and enjoy the view a little longer.

Photo: frantic00/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malecón de la Marina 316, Miraflores

Opening hours: Tue - Sat: 10h30 - 23h, Sun: 9h50 - 22h

### Arabica



The aroma of freshly roasted beans welcomes visitors to this small and homey cafe a few blocks from Kennedy Park. An urban gem in the local coffee scene, Arabica is known for its passion for coffee accompanied by friendly service. A nice place to stop by before or after a day exploring Miraflores. Be sure to try the highly recommended carrot cake.

Photo: successo images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Gral Recavarren 269, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 8h - 23h, Sat: 9h30 - 23h, Sun: 15h - 21h

Phone: +51 1 447 09 04

Email: arabicaperu@gmail.com

### Crem dela Crem



Nothing beats a good creamy gelato on a warm day, right? Even better if they are made fresh daily using only natural ingredients. That's the recipe for success behind Crem dela Crem, a popular ice cream parlor at Plaza de Armas in Barranco. Whichever flavor you ultimately choose, rest assured you can't go wrong here. Cakes, milkshakes, and coffee are also on the menu.

Photo: Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parque Municipal 109, Barranco

Opening hours: Mon - Thu: 12h - 22h, Fri - Sat: 12h - 23h, Sun: 12h - 21h

Phone: +51 1 396 21 24

Email: gelato@cremdelacrem.pe

### Miss Cupcakes



Small bake shop offering a great selection of rich and colorful cupcakes. A true paradise for those with a sweet tooth. Pop in for some hot chocolate and a red velvet cupcake, both a big hit among visitors.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida 28 de Julio 810, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 8h30 - 21h30, Sun: 10h - 18h

Phone: +51 1 241 75 45

Email: pedidos@misscupcakes.pe

### Puku Puku



Puku Puku's coffee strives to be just like the morning bird it's named after – a pleasant matinal melody helping you begin your day. Stop by Puku

Puku for your caffeine fix before hitting the streets of Lima. Regional coffee beans acquired from Peruvian micro-producers is what you can expect here, aside from the cute decor and laid-back atmosphere.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Narciso de la Colina 297, Lima

Opening hours: Mon - Sat :7h - 21h

Phone: +51 1 242 91 46

Internet: [www.pukupuku.pe](http://www.pukupuku.pe)

Email: [cafe@pukupuku.pe](mailto:cafe@pukupuku.pe)

### Raw Café



Specialized in vegan fare, Raw Café strives to improve your nutritional health without compromising on taste in all of its dishes. Pop into

one of their four locations and treat yourself to sandwiches, wraps, pizzas, as well as many other vegan and raw options and wash it all down with a large selection of green smoothies and detox drinks.

Photo: LStockStudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Independencia 596, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 9h - 21h, Sun: 10h - 18h

Phone: +51 1 446 94 56

Internet: [www.rawcafe.com.pe](http://www.rawcafe.com.pe)

Email: [rawcafelima@gmail.com](mailto:rawcafelima@gmail.com)

More Info: 2nd location in Miraflores at Calle Mariano Odicio 432. Other locations: Calle Los Sauces 511, La Molina; Av. Primavera 1821, Monterrico Surco

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE

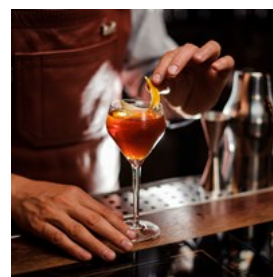


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When it comes to partying, Limeños surely know how to have a good time. In Lima, nightlife kicks off around 23h and most bars and clubs are located in Miraflores and Barranco. From local watering holes and fancy cocktail bars to the traditional peñas, there is something for every mood around here. And the pisco sour – Peru's national drink – still reigns supreme.

Be aware that some nightclubs might be brothels in disguise and also that prostitution is legal in Peru. If possible, avoid the city center at night.

### Ayahuasca



Housed in a beautifully decorated historic house, Ayahuasca is your quintessential cocktail bar. Comfortable sofas, dimmed lights,

high-quality food and an extensive list of pisco-based drinks are all part of the experience here. The Ayahuasca sour is a local favorite!

Photo: Maksim Fesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida San Martín 130, Barranco

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 20h - 3h

Phone: +51 1 247 67 51

Internet: [www.ayahuascaarestobar.com](http://www.ayahuascaarestobar.com)

Email: [reservas@ayahuascaarestobar.com](mailto:reservas@ayahuascaarestobar.com)

### Dada Bar



Turn-of-the-century mansion turned into a funky restobar where multiple rooms, each decorated with a different theme invite you to a fun

and unforgettable night. Added to this are an outdoor patio, a vibrant terrace and a healthy dose of live music topped off with their beloved brick oven pizza.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida San Martin 154, Barranco

Opening hours: Mon: 19h - 1h30, Tue: 19h - 3h, Wed - Sat: 18h - 3h

Internet: [www.dada.com.pe](http://www.dada.com.pe)

Email: [reservas@dada.com.pe](mailto:reservas@dada.com.pe)

### La Noche de Barranco



Conceived as a bar and a cultural center, this old restored mansion in Barranco is probably one of the best venues to catch a live show in Lima.

Local bands take the stage while the bar offers an array of drinks and the kitchen caters an assortment of appetizers. Mondays are reserved for jazz, free of charge. Visit their website for a complete list of upcoming events.

Photo: Roman Voloshyn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Boulevard Sanchez Carrion 199, Barranco

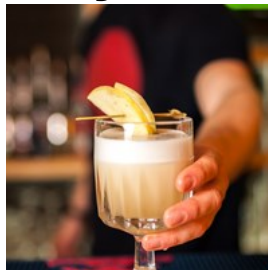
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 19h30 - 3h

Phone: +51 1 247 10 12

Internet: [www.lanoche.com.pe](http://www.lanoche.com.pe)

Email: [reservas@lanoche.com.pe](mailto:reservas@lanoche.com.pe)

### Huaringas Bar



When it comes to pisco-based drinks, Huaringas gives most Peruvian bars a run for their money. Located on top of the Brujas de

Cachiche restaurant in Miraflores, this modern bar is the perfect spot to unwind with a few cocktails after a day exploring the city - especially when you combine them with flavorful appetizers and a charming atmosphere.

Insider tip: try the passion fruit pisco.

Photo: Yemets/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bolognesi 460, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon: 19h - 24h, Tue - Thu: 19h - 1h, Fri - Sat: 19h - 2h30

Phone: +51 1 243 81 51

### Open Tapas Bar



On a typical evening here, you'll find a young-at-heart party crowd sipping cocktails while tapping their feet to the greatest hits from the

80s and 90s. Drinks are a bit on the pricey side, but the exquisite atmosphere matched by tasty tapas make it all worth it.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Francisco de Paula Camino 280, Miraflores

Opening hours: Tue - Thu: 20h - 1h, Fri - Sat: 20h - 2h

Phone: +51 989 168 074

### Barra 55



Primarily known for its extensive selection of gin, Barra 55 is the perfect spot to either start or end a night out. In addition to various well crafted cocktails, they also offer a mouth-watering tapas menu and relaxing jazz playing in the background.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 De Julio 206, Barranco

Opening hours: Tue - Thu: 18h - 1h, Fri - Sat: 18h - 2h30

Phone: +51 1 986 634 193

Email: administracion@barra55.com

### BarBarian



A youthful and boisterous vibe is what you can expect from BarBarian, where beer bottles from all over the world adorn the wall and over 20 rotating taps of craft beers flow freely into late hours. The real treat here is being able to choose from its unique variety of in-house brews infused with traditional Peruvian flavors, plus your favorite bar foods to satisfy your munchies.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Manuel Bonilla 108, Miraflores

Opening hours: Sun - Thu: 12h - 1h, Fri - Sat: 12h - 3h

Phone: +51 997 338 448

Email: reservasmiraflores@barbarian.pe

### Peña Don Porfirio



For an authentic criollo and Afro-Peruvian experience, be sure to book a table at Peña Don Porfirio. Performances by local dancers

accompanied by live music continue to attract both locals and tourists every Friday night. The food menu is also worth exploring although the highlight of your night will definitely be the lively fiesta taking control of your hips.

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Address: Manuel Segura 115, Barranco

Opening hours: Fri: 21h - 3h

Phone: +51 941 374 654

Email: informes@donporfirio.pe

## SHOPPING



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Shopping may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Lima, but visitors soon discover that the city has no shortage of stores guaranteed to get your money's worth. From your typical western malls to more traditional markets, the shopping scene in Lima is diverse and fits any kind of budget.

Avenida de la Paz in Miraflores is known for its antique shops. Designer boutiques can be found at Calle de Los Conquistadores in San Isidro. Craft shops abound, offering that colorful handmade souvenir you desperately want to take home. Bargain hunters, that's your cue! And no trip to Peru is complete without that soft baby alpaca garment.



### Mercado Indio's



When looking for Peruvian souvenirs head to the lively Mercado Indio in the heart of Miraflores. Here, you'll find a wide mix of small stores packed with just about anything you could ever wish for. Alpaca knits, colorful ponchos, handmade bags, jewelry, ceramics, musical instruments and many other knick-knacks to remind you of your trip to Peru. Just remember to take your time and browse before shopping and make the most of your haggling skills.

Photo: Christian Vinces/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Petit Thouars 5245, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Daily: 9h30 - 20h

### Larcomar



Perched on a cliff overlooking the Pacific, Larcomar is Peru's hot spot when it comes to shopping and dining. Walk around and enjoy the refreshing sea breeze while your wallet gets tempted by the great selection of top brands. Be sure to take in the scenic view at one of the many great eateries and bars. A theater, arcade games and an art gallery provide entertainment for the entire family.

Photo: Dragan Grkic/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Malecón de la Reserva 610, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Daily: 11h - 22h  
Phone: +51 1 625 43 43  
Internet: [www.larcomar.com](http://www.larcomar.com)  
Email: [atencionlarcomar@paraucos.com](mailto:atencionlarcomar@paraucos.com)

### Alpaca Knitwear



While in Peru you'll find a handful of stores and vendors devoted to selling one of the country's best treasures, the alpaca fleece.

However, its quality and authenticity may vary dramatically depending on where you shop, so don't be fooled by knock-offs and be willing to spend a few extra soles when acquiring genuine garments.

Here are a few stores specialized in selling high-quality wool clothing items:

#### Sol Alpaca

Centro Comercial Larcomar

Sun - Thu: 10h - 22h, Fri - Sat: 10h - 23h  
+51 1 651 74 51

#### All Alpaca

Avenida Jose Larco 1005, Miraflores  
Mon - Sat: 10h30 - 20h, Sun: 11h - 19h  
+51 1 242 80 51

#### Kuna

Avenida Jose Larco 671, Miraflores  
Daily: 10h30 - 20h  
+51 1 447 16 23

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### Dédalo



When in the Barranco area make sure to stop by this lovely art gallery/gift shop to check out their colorful and original collection of home decor, clothing, jewelry as well as traditional and contemporary art all made by local designers.

Even if you don't plan on buying anything, it's a great place to browse leisurely. Plus, they have a charming courtyard cafe and on Wednesdays, pizza and live music spice up the night.

Photo: Christian Vinces/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Jirón Sáenz Peña 295, Barranco  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 10h - 20h, Sun: 11h - 19h  
Phone: +51 1 477 51 31  
Internet: [www.dedalo.pe](http://www.dedalo.pe)  
Email: [info@dedalo.pe](mailto:info@dedalo.pe)

### La Feria



Local vendors and independent artists came together and created La Feria, a weekend outdoor market in the Barranco district that offers an eclectic array of clothing items, arts and crafts, together with great food and good music in a friendly and laid-back atmosphere.

Photo: Jack Frog/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Jirón Unión 108, Barranco  
Opening hours: Fri: 12h - 22h, Sat - Sun: 11h - 22h  
Phone: +51 965 165 689

### Mercado Surquillo No.1



Catch a glimpse of Lima's daily life at this bustling local market where at every turn, stalls of the freshest fruits, vegetables and seafood are presented. A genuine sea of colors, smells and sounds. Stop by for a taste of authentic and fresh Peruvian food at great prices and familiarize yourself with the local produce. Guided tours of the market are also available.

Photo: Sergio TB/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Paseo de la República & Narciso de la Colina, Surquillo

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 7h - 17h, Sun: 7h - 16h

### Jockey Plaza



Give your credit card a good workout at this huge upscale mall featuring domestic and international shops, including famous designer brands together with eateries and movie theaters.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Javier Prado Este 4200, Santiago de Surco  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 7h30 - 22h, Sun: 8h - 22h  
Phone: +51 1 716 20 00  
Internet: [www.jockeyplaza.com.pe](http://www.jockeyplaza.com.pe)  
Email: [contacto@jockey-plaza.com.pe](mailto:contacto@jockey-plaza.com.pe)

### Las Traperas



What started out as friends exchanging clothes has grown into an environmentally conscious second hand shop that aspires to promote responsible consumption. Las Traperas operates under 3 Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle and at their cute little shop in the bohemian district of Barranco, you'll find a variety of women's clothing and accessories. Bring your own pieces and exchange them for up to half of the price.

Photo: STUDIO GRAND WEB/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Jirón Colina 108, Barranco  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 11h - 20h, Sun: 11h - 18h  
Internet: [www.lastraperas.com](http://www.lastraperas.com)  
Email: [lastraperas@lastraperas.com](mailto:lastraperas@lastraperas.com)

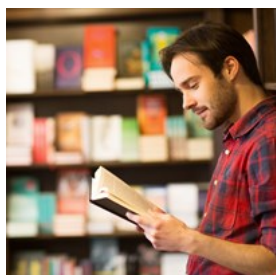
### La Regalería



La Regalería, which translates to "The Gift Shop," is a quirky little place offering a rich supply of creative and interesting gift ideas ranging from household goods and office decor to skincare products and toys.

Photo: panatta/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Jirón Colina 110, Barranco  
Opening hours: Daily: 10h - 20h

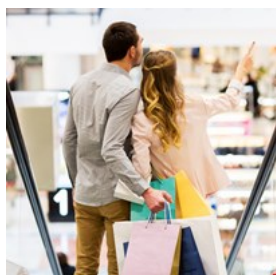
### Librería El Virrey



Independent bookstore offering an impressive array of Peruvian titles as well as a decent selection of books in English, travel guides, and children's books. A local treasure in the Miraflores district with a Starbucks next door and a resident cat to keep you company while you browse for a good read.

Photo: Nestor Rizhniak/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Bolognesi 510, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 9h30 - 20h30, Sun: 11h - 19h  
Phone: +51 1 713 05 05  
Internet: [www.elvirrey.com](http://www.elvirrey.com)  
Email: [info@elvirrey.com](mailto:info@elvirrey.com)

### Real Plaza Salaverry



In the heart of San Isidro, Real Plaza is retail therapy done right. One of the most complete malls in Lima offers a variety of shops that will satisfy all your shopping desires. Plus, a gorgeous terrace with plenty of restaurants.

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Address: Avenida Gral. Salaverry 2370, Jesús María  
Opening hours: Daily: 10h - 22h  
Phone: +51 1 611 82 00  
Internet: [www.realplaza.pe/salaverry](http://www.realplaza.pe/salaverry)

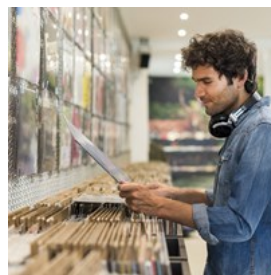
### Artesanías Las Pallas



Private home offering rooms filled with one-of-a-kind Peruvian artworks carefully curated by a friendly and knowledgeable British expat. Las Pallas is not your typical mass produced souvenir shop, only original artisan handicrafts are found here. A true hidden gem in the Barranco district.

Photo: Eteri Okrochelidze/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Cajamarca 212, Barranco  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 10h - 19h  
Phone: +51 1 477 46 29  
Email: [laspallas@gmail.com](mailto:laspallas@gmail.com)

### VINILOS



Vinilos is the place that music fans and collectors flock to when hunting for both vintage and contemporary records. Wooden crates categorized into different music genres showcase their impressive selection of vinyls, all kept in good condition and sold at great prices.

Photo: LDprod/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida 28 de Julio 462, Miraflores  
Opening hours: Mon: 10h - 17h, Wed - Sat: 11h - 21h  
Phone: +51 1 329 11 77  
Internet: [www.vinilos.pe](http://www.vinilos.pe)  
Email: [pedidos@vinilos.pe](mailto:pedidos@vinilos.pe)

## El Cacaotal



For the largest selection of Peruvian chocolates, pay a visit to El Cacaotal, the place where chocolate lovers have no trouble satisfying their sweet tooth cravings. More than just a chocolate wonderland, this shop aims to provide a true immersion into the world of this sweet delight. Here, you learn not only about the roots of each chocolate bar and the manufacturing process but also about the artisans behind them. Great place to stock up on treats for the friends back home.

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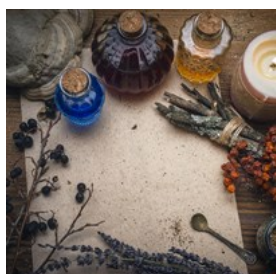
Address: Jirón Colina 128, Barranco

Opening hours: Mon - Thu: 11h - 20h, Fri: 11h - 19h, Sat: 11h - 20h, Sun: 11h - 18h

Internet: [www.elcacaotal.com](http://www.elcacaotal.com)

Email: [elcacaotalperu@gmail.com](mailto:elcacaotalperu@gmail.com)

## Mercado de Brujas



Tucked away in the Gamarra Market - and actually unknown to some locals - is a peculiar area guaranteed to give you a bizarre, yet curious shopping experience. The Mercado de Brujas or Witches' Market specializes in traditional folk remedies as well as ritual items. It doesn't matter what kind of illness may be afflicting you, you're most likely to find an indigenous medicine to cure it. And as for the ingredients, expect something out of a Disney's witch potion. Frog juice, snake fat, monkey skulls, and dried llama fetus are just some of the main products here.

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Address: Below the Gamarra Station

More Info: The market is situated north of the Gamarra train station, on the east side of the street

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Lima is from December to April. Remember that the city lies in the Southern Hemisphere, thus its summer runs from

December to March and its winter from June to September.

Overall, the weather in Lima is mild and warm, with plenty of fog, humidity and practically no rain. That's right, Lima is known for being the second driest capital in the world.

Summer offers you sunny days and clear skies, consequently it also brings many tourists, increasing accommodation and flight rates, so be prepared. For the rest of the year, expect a misty fog covering the skies and cool temperatures.

Some interesting events throughout the year:

January: Anniversary of Lima

February: Carnaval and National Pisco Sour Day

March: Vendimia Wine Festival

June: Marcha del Orgullo Lima (Gay Parade)

August: Día de Santa Rosa de Lima

September: Mistura (Food Festival)

October: Fiesta del Señor de los Milagros

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### Jorge Chávez International Airport



Situated in Callao, about 11 km from central Lima, the Jorge Chávez International Airport (LIM) is Peru's main airport, the major hub for

both domestic and international flights.

The best way to get to your accommodation in Lima, which most likely will be in the Miraflores district, is by taking an Airport Express bus, the city's official airport service. You can buy your ticket online, on the bus (cash only), or inside the airport at their official counter located in the international and domestic arrivals hall. They run every 30 minutes, they are safe, quick, and comfortable. Plus, there's free Wi-Fi on board as well as USB chargers.

If you're staying in another district, the most convenient way is to take a taxi (read our Taxi section for more information on taxi services in Lima).

Here are a few taxi companies providing airport services:

Taxidatum (Book your taxi online)

Taxi 365

+51 1 219 02 71

Taxi Green

+51 1 484 40 01

You can pay for your taxi ride inside the airport at their sales point (the price is fixed). Both the airport bus and taxis are located right after the exit doors to the street.

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Address: Avenida Elmer Faucett s/n, Callao

Phone: +51 1 511 60 55

Internet: [www.lima-airport.com](http://www.lima-airport.com)

Email: [comunicaciones@lima-airport.com](mailto:comunicaciones@lima-airport.com)

### Taxi



Taxis are, undoubtedly, the safest and most convenient way to travel around Lima. Although finding a cab will not be hard, there are a few

things to keep in mind before hopping into one.

More than half of the taxis in Lima are unregulated, so when offered or hailing a cab, first check if they are yellow or have checkers on the side.

Keep an eye out for a license number painted on the side of the vehicle, as well as a SETAME sticker on the windscreen.

Official taxis can be found at taxi stands or be called by phone.

Rush hours, Sundays, public holidays, early mornings and late at night tend to be more pricey. Also, since they don't have taximeters, fares should ALWAYS be negotiated beforehand.

Here are a few taxi services in Lima:

TaxiReal

Avenida Sánchez Carrión 615 Of. 501, Jesús María  
+51 1 215 14 14

Easy Taxi App

Taxi Satelital App

Photo: Taxi

### Public Transport



The public transport system in Lima has improved in the last few years, but it's still not the best and most convenient way for tourists to move

around the city. Learn more about traveling in Lima under the "Taxi" section of this guide.

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### Passport/Visa



Overall, citizens of all countries within the European Union and Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, North America,

South America, citizens of most Central American countries (except Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic), and citizens from the following Asian countries: Brunei, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand DO NOT need a tourist visa. Simply a passport valid for 6 months from the date of entry to Peru.

Other citizens are required to apply for a tourist visa at their nearest Peruvian Consulate. Citizens of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela may

enter with only a valid national identification document. The maximum stay in Peru on a tourist visa is 183 days without the permission to work. For longer periods or other purposes, a visa is required.

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### Electricity



In Peru the standard voltage is 220 V at 60 Hz and power plugs are type A (two flat parallel pins) and C (two round pins).

Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Telephone



Country code: +51 Area code: 1

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Post



The national Peruvian postal service or Serpost is notorious for being a bit unreliable. In case you need (or want) to send some mail, send it as 'registered,' just to be on the safe side. Visit their website for more information and to discover your nearest agency.

In Miraflores, you'll find an agency at the following address:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Avenida Jose Larco 868, Miraflores

Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 9h15 - 13h, 13h45 - 16h45, Sat:

8h15 - 13h, 13h45 - 15h45

Phone: +51 1 242 78 99

Internet: [www.serpost.com.pe](http://www.serpost.com.pe)

Email: [webmaster@serpost.com.pe](mailto:webmaster@serpost.com.pe)

## Pharmacy



Boticas or Farmacias can be easily found throughout Lima and you shouldn't have any difficulties finding your medicine here.

Prescription medication can be bought over the counter. Keep in mind that brands and names may vary.

In case you happen to go to a hospital, remember that they most likely will have a pharmacy on site. Some major pharmacies even offer a 24-hour delivery service.

These are just a couple of them:

### InkaFarma

Plaza Vea Miraflores 4651

+51 1 314 20 20

Daily: 8h - 22h

### Mifarma

Malecón Balta 626, Miraflores

+51 1 612 50 00

Daily: 8h30 - 23h

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## Population

9,751,717

## Currency

1 Nuevo Sol = 30 cents (\$)

US Dollars are widely accepted as a form of payment as well.

## Opening hours

Shops are usually open from 9h30 - 20h (Mon - Sat) and on Sundays from 11h - 18h. Regarding entertainment venues, they usually stay open until 1h on weekdays and until 3h on the weekends, while restaurants tend to remain open until 22h.

## Newspapers

El Comercio

La República

Perú 21

Andean Air Mail & Peruvian Times (news in English)

## Emergency numbers

Police: 105

Ambulance: 106

Fire Brigade: 116

## Tourist information

iPerú Tourist Information and Assistance

+51 1 574 80 00 (24 hours)

Office at the Larcomar Mall in Miraflores

Plaza Gourmet Nivel 1, Stand 211

+51 1 234 03 40

Mon - Sun: 11h - 21h

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