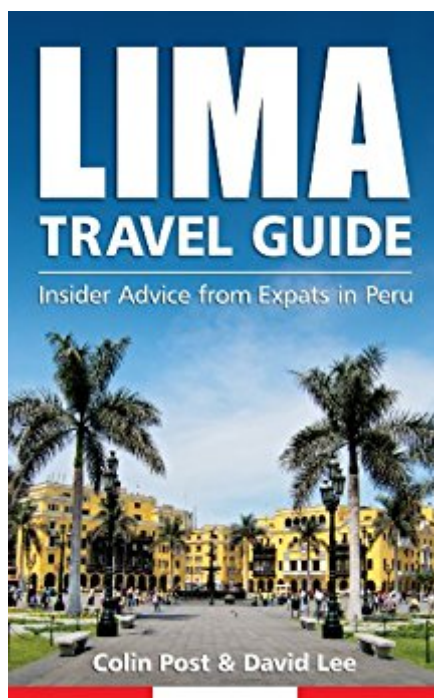


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Lima Travel Guide: Insider Advice From Expats In Peru



Synopsis

Lima Travel Guide is the best source of information on the market for visiting the City of Kings (La Ciudad de Los Reyes). The book's tourism recommendations include all the must-see destinations as well as off-the-beaten-path options, including three walking tours and a bike tour with detailed instructions and links to the routes on Google Maps. An entire chapter is devoted to Peru's leading gastronomy, which features profiles of the most typical dishes plus reviews of the best restaurants in Lima – several of which are ranked among the top 20 in Latin America. The guide also includes detailed information about how to take public buses, the Metropolitano bus rapid transit system, the Metro light rail and private taxi cabs. Written by two expats who publish leading travel blogs about life in South America, Lima Travel Guide is packed with useful tips including weather and what to wear, festivals and events, money and visas, neighborhoods and safety, hotels and hostels, nightlife, museums and other tourist attractions. Whether you stay in Lima for one day or one year, you will find this guide enhances your stay in Peru's City of Kings.

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Customer Reviews

There's a blog I really like called Expat Chronicles. I've read the whole site, it's packed with fascinating stuff. Recently I found out that the blog's owner, Colin Post, wrote a travel guide on Lima. As a resident of Miraflores I decided to check it out. Lima Travel Guide: Insider Advice from Expats in Peru is one of the best travel guides that I've ever read. Instead of trying to cover every single point of interest within the country, something that companies like Lonely Planet always try to do, this book focuses on a single location. By narrowing the content down to Lima the information becomes a lot deeper and more significantly more detailed. Restaurants and bars that barely get mentioned in bigger tour books are laid out in detail here. The other night I was trying to find a restaurant near my apartment. Knowing that my Lonely Planet guide had some good suggestions I decided to thumb through the restaurant section. To do so I had to find the name of each dinner, read the description, and then flip 20 pages back to look at a map showing where each place was located. Lima Travel Guide is very convenient and doesn't have this issue. Most venues are hyperlinked so that you can see pictures and get a better idea as to where you are going. This was really helpful as it saved me a lot of time and frustration. One click would give me a whole slew of additional data. Another thing that I really liked about the book was Colin's expertise. There are a lot of horrible travel guides that were made by copying and pasting information from Google. The information in here is actually backed by legitimate knowledge. Everything feels well researched and there are quite a few tips that I've never seen anywhere else. Lastly, I had been a bit worried that this book was going to turn into a "bro" guide. There are quite a few eBooks floating around that specialize in niches like "Where to buy the best drugs in country X?" or "Brothels of nation Y." Since Colin has had some pretty wild adventures in the past I was a little worried that I'd end up with a guide to scoring drugs or haggling with prostitutes. This never happens and the book offers practical advice on legal activities throughout. Overall I liked Lima Travel Guide: Insider Advice from Expats in Peru a lot. The information is solid and more in-depth than my Lonely Planet guidebook. If you're interested in moving to, or visiting, Lima you should definitely check this out. It has great content and I learned quite a bit from it.

This is an excellent travel book, with lots of valuable information for your visit to Lima, Peru. The walking tours, and information on historical buildings, parks and other tourist attractions were really helpful for my own visit. There was some discussion in the book about how widely credit cards are taken. In my experience, in both Lima and Cusco credit cards are taken just about everywhere. In smaller villages, such as in the Sacred Valley, acceptance was limited to the main tourist sites,

restaurants and hotels. Your US cards (those without the chip-and-pin system) are not a problem. You swipe them in the little machines and they print out a receipt for you to sign, just as in the US. For ATM's however, a debit card with a chip sometimes is necessary. Also, to change US dollars or Euros in Lima, look for the money changers walking the streets in Miraflores; they give rates much better than the banks and hotels. The book also raises concerns about security, especially about certain parts of Lima and about the use of "unauthorized" taxis. While I understand there are problems in most big cities, I never felt a concern in the main areas of downtown Lima and Miraflores. There are police on every corner (or so it seems), and most public buildings and hotels have their own private security guards. Be safe, but don't worry too much about it. Get this book and enjoy your trip.

This book was an excellent, up-to-date, succinct guide for my week-long stay in Lima before going to Brazil for the World Cup. The best parts for me were the depictions of the character of Lima's neighborhoods as well as details on La Punta de Callao. Callao is a hidden gem of sorts, featuring a major port and upscale venues in an area with a bad reputation. I followed the authors' advice to the letter, saw some great sights, felt safe and had great ceviche lunch besides. I think others would benefit from this book as I did.

Read before and after my trip and for the most part, spot on. Recommend this read if you're traveling to Lima. Presented logically and easy to follow. Lima is a big city with many districts, each with their own personality. Mira Flores, Baranco and Surco are the nicest, but most will gravitate to the coastal Mira Flores areas.

I only had three days in Lima and this helped me make the best of it. The links to the walking tour sites were great. Especially the one for the Barranco neighborhood. This is a must buy.

Good practical advice—the hotels recommended were the only thing questionable as they were not rated well on trip advisor so I will not go with. Like the neighborhood info and the DO NOT GO TO section. Overall very helpful

Good information at all times. It names and suggests lots of places to visit. That is great help for all tourists and people wishing to visit Peru. Great guide but, where are a must on a Travel Guide. Each is worth a thousand words and motivates or at least explains what is all about. Other than that

I fully recommend this Travel Guide.

Easy to read, insightful, and you feel like a couple of friends are giving you travel advice about their home town. The authors don't try to tell you everything about the city but instead focus on what they know and what they think Americans should know about visiting this gem of South America.

Combine it with a good map and maybe a Lonely Planet and you will be good to go.

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