

Peru



Peru is a potentially wealthy country with a rich and varied cultural and architectural heritage. Facing the Pacific, it is an important link between Southeast Asia and Brazil. Peru is rich in deposits of copper, silver, lead, zinc, oil and gold. It also enjoys spectacular and varied scenery, including Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake, and has a strong Inca and pre-Inca heritage, which includes the ancient Incan capital of Cuzco and the lost city of Machu Picchu.

PERU FACTS

Population: 27.1 million (UN, 2003)

Capital: Lima

Major languages: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

Major religion: Christianity

Life expectancy: 67 years (men), 72 years (women) (UN)

Monetary unit: 1 nuevo sol = 100 centimos

Main exports: Fish and fish products, copper, zinc, gold, crude petroleum and by-products, lead, coffee, sugar, cotton

Average annual income: US \$1,980 (World Bank, 2001)

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Flag Description: three equal, vertical bands of red (hoist side), white, and red with the coat of arms centered in the white band; the coat of arms features a shield bearing a vicuña, cinchona tree (the source of quinine), and a yellow cornucopia spilling out gold coins, all framed by a green wreath. For more information go to <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/pe.html>