



PERU

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ART,
CULTURE, SIGHTS & FOOD



Where is Peru in the world?



Peru is a country in South America. The capital city is Lima.

Peru is next to Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, Chile and Bolivia.

It is about the same size as the state of Alaska in the United States.



What does Peru look like?

It has:

Lake Titicaca



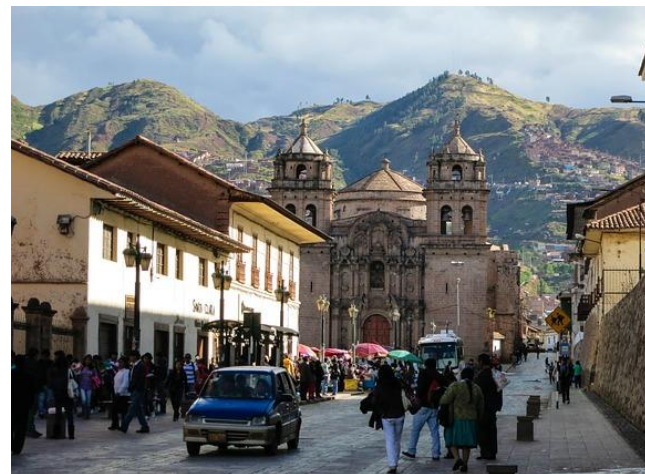
Villages



Andes Mountains



City of Cuzco



What are the main languages in Peru?

SPANISH and QUECHUA

84% of Peruvians speak Spanish. 13% speak Quechua.
Quechua is the language spoken by the native people of the
Andes Mountains in Peru.

English

Hello

Good morning

Thank you

Goodbye

Spanish

Hola

Buenos dias

Gracias

Adios

Quechua

Rimaykullayki

Wuynus diyas

Solpayki

Tupananchiskama

History of Peru



*Atahualpa, Fourteenth Inca,
painted between 1750-1800*

Native people called the Incas ruled Peru from 1300- 1535. They built roads and cities like Cuzco. Spain conquered the Incas and made them their slaves. By the late 1700s, the people of Peru fought back against the Spanish and in 1821, Peru became free from Spain.

What are some **FOODS** from Peru?

Ceviche

(raw fish and lime juice)



Empanada

(meat turnover)



Anticucho

(barbecued meat)



Picarones

(pumpkin donuts)



Most meals contain:

Potatoes

Peppers

Corn

Beans

Rice or quinoa

POTATOES

Over 99% of all the potatoes in the world came from a type of potato from Peru. This type of potato has developed into thousands of varieties that vary by size, shape, and color.



What are some of the traditional **CLO+hes** like?



Montera (hat)



Pollera (full skirt) and Manta (wrap around the shoulders)

Chullo
(wool cap with
ear flaps)



Poncho (blanket with a hole
cut out to fit over the head)

What are some interesting things
I'd see in Peru?



Beautiful landscapes

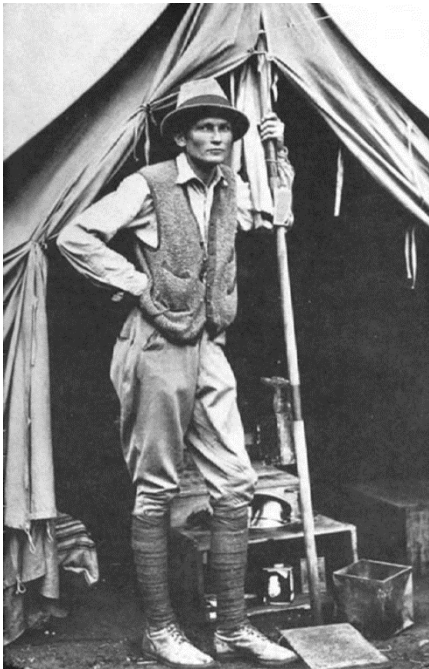
Andes Mountains

The Andes Mountains are the world's second highest mountain range. Most of Peru is too steep, dry, or wet for farming. Only 2% of the land in Peru is used for farming.



MACHU PICCHU

The most popular tourist destination in South America is Machu Picchu. It is a city that was built by the Inca civilization around 1450. Until 1911, it was hidden in the Andes Mountains. Explorer Hiram Bingham discovered it.



Hiram Bingham



Machu Picchu was built as an estate for the Inca emperor Pachacuti.

LLAMAS

Llamas are animals that are common in Peru. They are used to help carry goods and their coat is used to make clothes and hats.



Amazon River

The Amazon River starts in Peru and then flows through Colombia and Brazil. It is the longest river in the world. It is 4,345 miles (6,992 km) long.



Piranhas

Piranhas are fish that live in the Amazon River. They have sharp teeth, powerful jaws, and like to eat meat. Schools of these fish have been known to eat large animals like cows or even humans.



Homes

Most families have small houses and they usually do not have running water or electricity. Their homes are made of materials they can find in nature.



Inti Raymi

Inti Raymi is a special holiday that Peruvians celebrate. It means the **Festival of the Sun**. They burn fires all night long on the longest night of the year. They pray for the sun to return. This is a festival that the Ancient Incas celebrated.



FLOATING ISLANDS

Lake Titicaca is so big that it looks like a sea. The Uru people have been living in the lake on 70 islands for the last 10,000 years. The islands are man-made from matted tortora reeds.



What kind of art is made in Peru?

SCULPTURE and CARVING

Artists in Peru work with clay or carve statues from stone or wood. They also carve designs on dried pumpkins or gourds.



Metalwork

Silver and gold are used to mold crosses and cups for church services. Artists also make jewelry like pins, earrings and necklaces.



Necklace



Ceremonial Knife

Weaving

Hundreds of years ago the Inca wove images of animals and gods into their cloth. Today some Peruvians still weave. They use wool from llamas and alpacas.



Ceremonial
Mantle,
100 BC-100 AD

QUIZ Time!

Which animal's coat is used to make clothes and hats in Peru?

- A. bear
- B. rabbit
- C. llama

Answer

Which animal's coat is used to make clothes and hats in Peru?

C. llama

QUIZ Time!

Which river starts in Peru and is the longest river in the world?

- A. Amazon River
- B. Mississippi River
- C. Nile River

Answer

Which river starts in Peru and is the longest river in the world?

A. Amazon River

QUIZ Time!

What is a very dangerous type of meat-eating fish that lives in the Amazon River?

- A. catfish
- B. piranha
- C. trout

Answer

What is a very dangerous type of meat-eating fish that lives in the Amazon River?

B. piranha

QUIZ TIME!

Name a type of art that is made in Peru.

Answer

Some types of art made in Peru are clay sculptures, statues, carvings, gold or silver metalwork, jewelry and weavings.



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