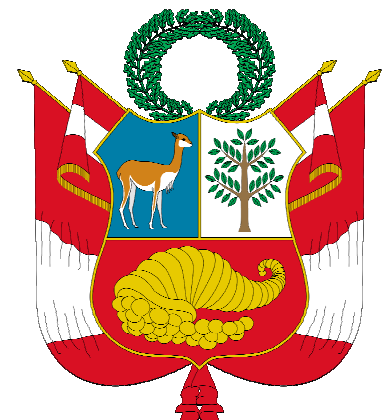


# Country Fact File: PERU



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the national animal



<b>Name of country</b>	República del Perú 'Perú' is thought to come from the native American name 'Birú'.
<b>Continent</b>	South America
<b>Hemisphere</b>	southern
<b>Borders</b>	Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile
<b>Capital City</b>	Lima
<b>Official languages</b>	Spanish, Quechua, Aymara
<b>Population</b>	31,151,643 (2015 estimate)
<b>Area</b>	1,285,216 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Currency</b>	Sol
<b>Time Zone</b>	UTC -5
<b>Motto</b>	Firme y feliz por la unión
<b>National Anthem</b>	Himno Nacional del Perú
<b>Highest mountain</b>	Huascarán Sur 6768 m above sea level
<b>Longest river</b>	Ucayali 1771 km
<b>National sport</b>	football

## Other Peru facts

- ◆ Home to the Incas, who were at their most powerful in the 15th century. Their capital was in Cuzco and their most powerful emperor was Pachacuti.
- ◆ Machu Picchu is a 15th century Inca citadel. Its name means "old peak".
- ◆ Inti Raymi, an old Incan festival, is still celebrated on June 22nd - the Winter Solstice - each year.
- ◆ Peru has three geographical regions - the coast, the highlands and the jungle.
- ◆ Peruvians eat up to 65 million guinea pigs a year.
- ◆ Lake Titicaca is the largest lake in South America.

## Famous Peruvians

Mario Vargas Llosa	Mario Testino
Javier Pérez de Cuéllar	César Vallejo
Atahualpa	Nolberto Solano
Yma Sumac	José María Mariátegui