



U.S. Embassy in Peru

COVID-19 Information

The Department of State advises U.S. citizens to reconsider travel abroad due to the global impact of COVID-19. For more information, see the Department's [Global Health Advisory](#).

March 30 Update:

To date, approximately 2,800 Americans have departed Peru. Two flights will be departing today, one each from Lima and Cusco. Buses bringing U.S. citizens from the Ica region (Ica City, Pisco, and Paracas) are currently en route to Lima for the citizens' return to the United States. A similar operation will bring travelers from the Trujillo area to Lima tomorrow. The approximately 120 Americans repatriated from Arequipa have now reached the United States.

We are aware of cases in which Americans were placed under quarantine in facilities where they are staying. Quarantine measures due to the outbreak of COVID-19 are enforced by Peru's Ministry of Health (MINSA), and exceptions are not made for international tourists. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Julie Chung and Chargé d'affaires Denison Offutt spoke with Peruvian government officials at the highest levels to address the issue. We are working to ensure that travelers placed under quarantine have access to appropriate food and healthy living conditions. In the meantime, we remind all U.S. citizens to adhere to the Peruvian government's quarantine measures.

If you still seek our assistance in returning to the United States, even if you have contacted us before via email, we ask that you please fill out this online flight registration immediately for EACH member of your party so that we can continue to assist you. **Only complete the form ONCE.** If you have already completed the form, we have your information.

[U.S. Embassy Lima – Repatriation Flight Registration \(https://bit.ly/3bx5ons\)](https://bit.ly/3bx5ons)

Once our team has flagged you for a flight, you will receive a follow-up email with instructions and flight information, including the date and time of your flight and the meeting point for travelers. Check your email regularly and read instructions carefully. Please note that we cannot arrange connecting flights in the United States. Once you have been repatriated, it is your responsibility to arrange your travels from the repatriation point to your final destination.

Occasionally, not all members of the same group are manifested on the same flight. If someone in your family did not receive a travel notification, you should all proceed to the designated meeting location. Non-manifested family members will be placed on a standby list. If we are unable to accommodate your group on the given flight, our team will make sure that you all are manifested together on a future flight. We are making every effort to fly families together and to ensure that all available seats are filled.

Please note, flights are not free, however, you will not be asked to pay upfront. See here for more details on costs and the promissory note process. The amount billed to evacuees is based on the cost of a full-fare economy flight to the designated destination(s) that would have been charged immediately prior to the events giving rise to the evacuation.

On March 26, the Peruvian government approved repatriation flights through April 1. Priority considerations are given to older adults, people with underlying health conditions (such as diabetes or heart and lung disease), minors traveling without a parent or legal guardian, as well as other adults in need of medical assistance.

On March 26, 100 citizens were repatriated from Iquitos in the Peruvian Amazon. On March 28 the embassy arranged 5 buses to bring a large group of travelers from Arequipa to Lima for repatriation flights. We are working with Peruvian officials to ensure safe passage for all Americans to Lima and Cusco for repatriation flights. You should shelter in place until you receive flight information and transportation details from the Embassy.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemispheres Affairs Julie Chung arrived in Peru on March 27. She is actively engaged Peruvian officials and senior leadership in Washington in support of our aggressive repatriation efforts.

Beware of scams. Up-to-date and credible information can be found on the U.S. Embassy's website (<https://bit.ly/3awsHh6>) and social media platforms.

In general, we do not provide evacuation assistance to non-U.S. citizens. Exceptions may be made to accommodate special family circumstances, such the spouse or other close relative of a U.S. citizen traveling with the U.S. citizen family member. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) accompanying unaccompanied minors or those with medical conditions, as well as medical and health professionals working on the COVID19 worldwide response such as doctors and health professionals, may be eligible for the charter flights.

We are working hard to bring **#AmericansHome**.

Country-Specific Information:

- **As of 11:00 AM Peru local time on Monday, March 30, 2020, the Peruvian Ministry of Health (MINSA) has 852 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Peru, with 18 reported deaths.**

Entry and Exit Requirements:

The Peruvian government declared a national state of emergency (<https://bit.ly/33Y4WvR>) on March 15, 2020, at 8:00 PM Peru local time. Under the state of emergency, Peru enacted 15 days of mandatory quarantine, starting at 00:00 on March 16, 2020. Peruvian President Martín Vizcarra announced at 12:22 p.m. on March 26 that Peru will extend its state of national emergency for 13 more days until April 12, 2020. The Government of Peru has closed all international travel in and out of the country and restricted internal domestic travel. Quarantine measures and border closures will continue. The U.S. Embassy recommends U.S. citizens in Peru adhere to all quarantine measures due to the outbreak of COVID-19. We will continue to schedule flights for U.S. citizens to return home to the United States.

- On March 17, Jorge Chávez International Airport in Lima closed to the public.
- The Peruvian government issued a decree on March 14 suspending the docking of all cruise ships in Peruvian ports for 30 days.
- American Airlines announced via its website (<https://bit.ly/3awsZVe>) on March 14 that it will suspend service from Dallas/Fort Worth and Miami to Lima, Peru effective end of day March 16, after flying all legs scheduled through the end of that day. This suspension will last through May 6.
- On March 13, the Peruvian government issued a decree to suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia, beginning on March 16, for 30 days.
- On March 12, President Martín Vizcarra announced the suspension of classes at university and vocational educational institutions, following his March 11 announcement suspending primary and secondary school classes through March 30.

Quarantine Information:

- As of 05:00 on Thursday, March 19, the Government of Peru fully implemented its movement restrictions as part of their national quarantine strategy:
- A mandatory daily curfew from 8:00 pm – 05:00 am.
- Inter-regional travel by road has been restricted unless authorized by the Government of Peru.
- Private vehicles are prohibited from driving around Lima.
- Peruvian security services deployed to enforce the national quarantine throughout the country.
- The Quarantine policy (<https://bit.ly/33Y4WvR>) severely restricts all movement but some exceptions include:
 - Traveling to the supermarket or pharmacy
 - Traveling to provide assistance to the elderly or small children
 - Traveling to the hospital for emergencies
- Patients presenting symptoms of COVID-19 should dial the toll-free number 113, send a WhatsApp to +51-952-842-623, or send an email to infosalud@minsa.gob.pe. Responses may be in Spanish only.

Resources:

- What the Department of State Can and Can't Do in a Crisis
- Peruvian Ministry of Health information on preventing COVID-19 transmission
- CDC page on COVID-19
- COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov
- Country Information and Travel Advisory page on state.gov
- Department of Homeland Security's website
- World Health Organization website
- Pan American Health Organization-Peru

Travelers currently in-country should consult [iPeru](#) for the latest guidance for tourists. iPeru has a WhatsApp number that will respond to questions in English: (+51) 944 492 314.

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