

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet

Country:

Peru (PE)

Sex & Dating

- Machismo is less prevalent now but is still a part of everyday life
 - Catcalling and harassment are technically illegal
- Predominantly Roman Catholic country, with conservative values
- Communication typically involves indirectness, with limited personal space

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
 - Drinking in public is generally illegal
- Cannabis (marijuana) recreational is generally illegal
 - Medicinal use is legal in most areas

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- PE has not legalized same-sex marriages
 - Stigmatized in many areas, and a generally hostile perception
- Some queer spaces in larger cities
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 17 million
- Currency: Peruvian sol
- Official Language: Spanish
 - Indigenous languages (such as Quechua and Aymara) are utilized more predominantly in rural areas
- "Usted" is expected in formal situations, communal situations use "tú"
- Common to greet others with a cheek kiss

Resources

105 Police / 106 Fire / 116 Fire

+51 Country code

- International SOS
 - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
 - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](https://www.internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): travel.state.gov



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