Peru Facts

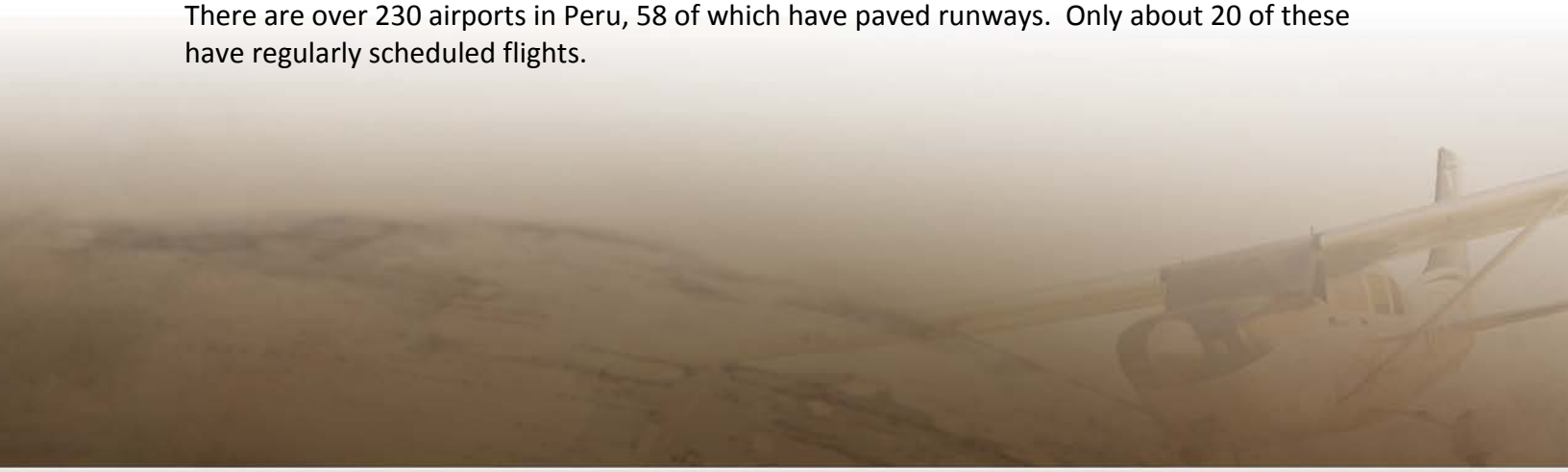
The Republic of Peru is a country on the west edge of South America, with a population of approximately 30 million people, of which approximately 9 million live in Lima, the capital city. It is slightly smaller than the state of Alaska. The official language is Spanish, although many Peruvians also speak Quechua. The government is a representative democratic republic and has a President, a Prime Minister, and a Congress. It is stable and has good relations with its neighboring countries. Peruvians can travel freely to Ecuador, Columbia, and Bolivia, making it a great place to start reaching South America.

Peru's geography varies from arid plains on the Pacific Coast to the tropical forests of the Amazon Basin. Splitting the country North to South are the Andes Mountains, extremely rugged and tall. In the Lima area, the lowest passes to the other side of the Andes are at 16,000 feet altitude. The Andes peaks reach 23,000, feet with the highest peak in Peru reaching 22,000 feet.

The primary religion claimed by 81 percent of Peruvians is Roman Catholic, although it is a very watered-down variety, as it has been blended with traditional Peruvian beliefs. Seventy-six percent of the population lives in urban areas. Literacy is estimated at 93 percent. Primary and secondary education is compulsory and free in public schools.

The economy of Peru is listed as the 39th largest in the world by the World Bank. This is mostly due to exports. Even with this economy, 31 percent of the population is poor, including 9.8 percent who live in poverty.

There are over 230 airports in Peru, 58 of which have paved runways. Only about 20 of these have regularly scheduled flights.



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