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Peru Luxury Tours Starting in Lima by [Chuck Todd](#)

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Most trips to Peru begin in Lima by default because it is where the country's main international airport is located. However, very few travelers take the time to explore and understand Peru's largest city. This is a shame, because behind its bluster and bad reputation, Lima is a wonderful place to spend a few days.

Although the city is welcoming to both backpackers and luxury travelers, the city probably has more to offer to higher end travelers with extra income to spend on the city's classy restaurants and well organized museums. And because Lima drives Peru's economy, there are plenty of four and five star hotels to choose from.

One of the classic things to do during a Peru luxury tour in Lima is to dine at one of Gaston's famous restaurants. Gaston is by far Peru's most famous chef and is typically credited with spreading the fame of Peruvian cuisine beyond the country's border by opening up Peruvian restaurants in various countries. The classic Lima dish is ceviche, a simple dish of white fish marinated in lime juice and served with onions and chili. Complement this with a pisco sour, Peru's national cocktail made from grape brandy and mixed with egg whites. Or perhaps you'd rather wait for an after dinner drink along the coast. The up-scale shopping district of Larcomar in Miraflores offers lovely views in addition to several good restaurants and shopping options.

Another main feature of Lima tours is a visit of the city's historic center. Lima's center square features colonial buildings, including the Presidential Palace where you can see the changing of the guard every day at noon. Casa Aliaga is the perfect addition to a luxury tour, because it takes you through a luxurious private home, the oldest home in the Americas that has been owned and inhabited by a single family.

Peru is a country full of rich history, and there are numerous museums that wonderfully display and share the country's past. The Larco Museum is one of the nicest in this capital city, with clear and clean displays that outline Peru's numerous ancient cultures and how they related to or influenced modern day Peru.

Although Lima is a bustling capital city, there are plenty of quiet places perfect for a stroll. The seaside walkway called the Maleon takes you through numerous parks and past small cafes. In the San Isidro district there is also an Olive Grove park with a small pond which is one of the most beautiful places in the entire city.

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