

Callao, Lima Region, Peru

Peru's main port opens the door to Lima — a city that punches above its weight in history, art, and gastronomy. Expect colonial grandeur, pre-Columbian gold, cliff-top parks, and ceviche so good you'll plan your return trip around it.

Docked (Muelle Norte pier)

Typical call: 8–12 hrs

Peruvian Sol (USD widely accepted)

Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Muelle Norte terminal, Port of Callao — multipurpose berths, large ships docked directly

Best For: History lovers, foodies, museum enthusiasts, and culture seekers

Walk to centre: Port area is industrial — taxi/Uber 30–60 min to Lima's Miraflores or Historic Centre

Don't Miss: Larco Museum's pre-Columbian collection and a proper ceviche lunch in Miraflores

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~\$20–35 USD · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Cabify, DiDi · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Turibus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **UNESCO Historic Centre of Lima** — The Plaza de Armas, Lima Cathedral (with Francisco Pizarro's tomb), and the San Francisco Monastery with its haunting underground catacombs are the...
 - **Larco Museum** — One of South America's finest museums, housed in an 18th-century viceregal mansion.
 - **Miraflores & Barranco Districts** — Miraflores offers cliff-top Malecón parks with sweeping Pacific views, the ancient Huaca Pucllana
- pyramid rising from the modern city, and upscale...

 - **Lima Food & Pisco Sour Experience** — Lima is consistently ranked among the world's top food cities.
 - **Fortress of Real Felipe & Callao Monumental** — Built in 1747 to defend against pirate raids, the star-shaped Fortress of Real Felipe now houses the Army Museum with panoramic port views.

BEST WALKS

- **Miraflores Cliff Walk** 2–3 km · Easy · Ocean views — From Larcomar shopping centre, stroll north along the Malecón de Miraflores cliff-top promenade past Parque del Amor and Parque Kennedy.
- **Barranco Neighbourhood Stroll** 1–2 km · Easy · Bohemian vibe — Wander from the Puente de los Suspiros (Bridge of Sighs) down to Bajada de Baños, passing colonial-era mansions, street murals, and artisan shops.
- **Plaza Mayor Loop — Lima Centro** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · Flat — Start at Plaza Mayor (Plaza de Armas), take in the Government Palace (watch the changing of the guard at noon), Lima Cathedral, and the Archbishop's Palace.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	76°	67°	2d
Jun	69°	61°	0d
Aug	67°	59°	0d
Sep	67°	59°	0d
Oct	68°	60°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:13AM–6:02PM · Jun 6:26AM–5:51PM · Aug 6:21AM–6:04PM · Sep 6:02AM–6:04PM · Oct 5:43AM–6:05PM

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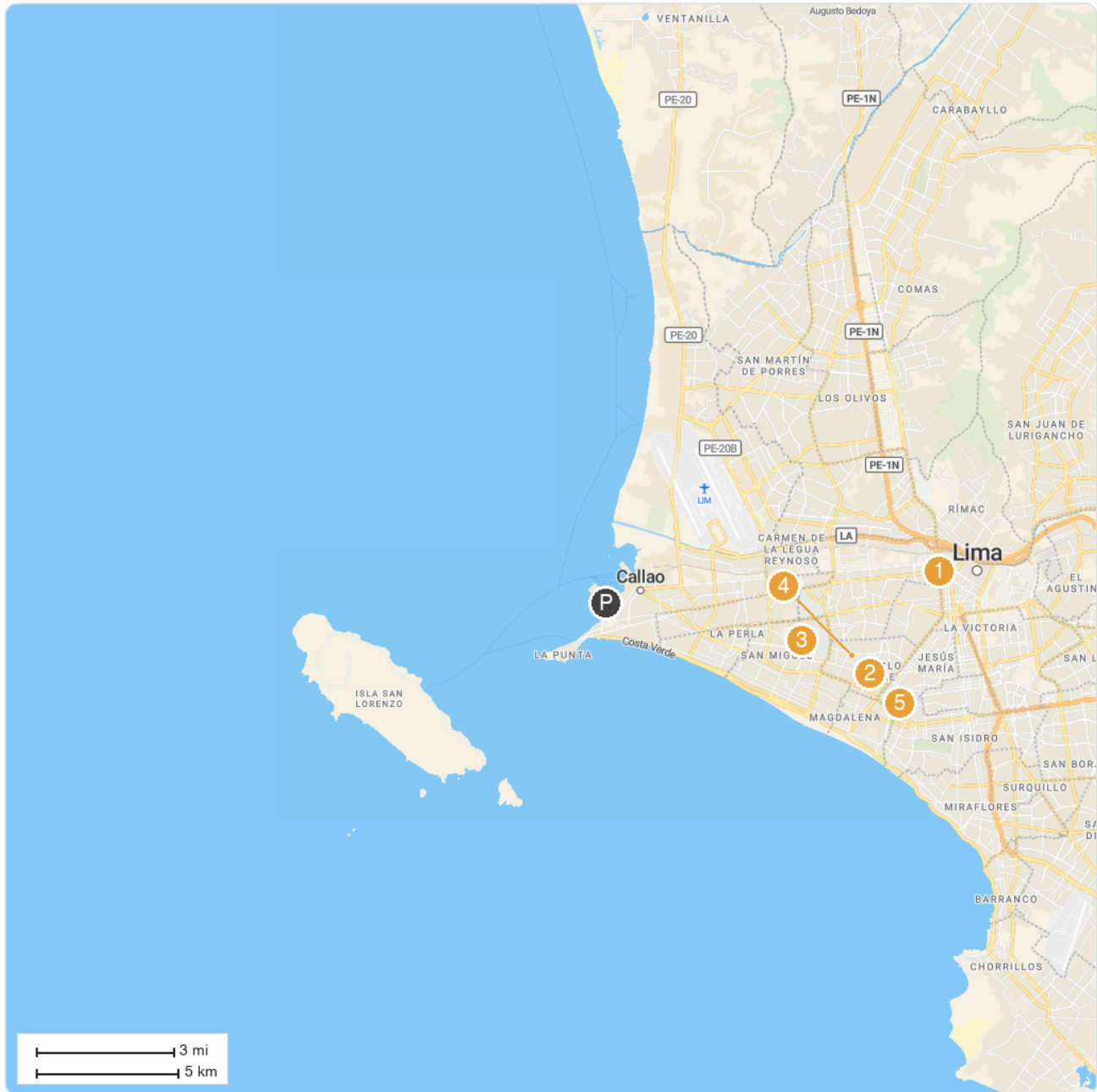
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't walk outside the port gates. The immediate surroundings of Muelle Norte are industrial and not safe for independent wandering. Use Uber, a pre-arranged taxi hailed through the terminal desk or your ship, or a reputable app (Cabify, inDrive) — street taxis in Callao carry a higher risk of overcharging or worse.
- Both Soles and USD are widely accepted across Lima's tourist districts, but the Peruvian Sol (PEN) gets better value than paying in USD everywhere. Use GlobalNet ATMs (inside the port terminal or in Miraflores) for the best rates; street money changers (green jackets) are common but count carefully.
- Lima traffic is real. Allow 45–60 min each way from the port to the Historic Centre, and slightly less to Miraflores. Build a buffer before your all-aboard — Lima can eat time without warning.
- Eat ceviche. Lima is the ceviche capital of the world and lunch is the best time to eat it. Look for a cevichería in Miraflores or Barranco with a packed local crowd — avoid the airport.
- Don't be fooled by coastal fog (garúa).
- Book ahead.

Callao, Lima Region, Peru — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Plaza Dos de Mayo | Grand historic plaza with a central monument. | 2 La Cruz del Viajero Park | Peaceful park featuring a significant cross for travelers. |
| 3 Park of the Legends Zoo | Large zoo showcasing Peruvian wildlife and ancient cultures. | 4 Larco Museum | Museum displaying ancient Peruvian pre-Columbian art and artifacts. |
| 5 Peruvian-Japanese Cultural Center | Cultural center promoting Peruvian and Japanese arts and heritage. | P Cruise port / terminal | |