

Morning Star Missions Trip Travel Information

Morning Star Children's Home is located in northern Peru in the village of Pueblo Nuevo outside of Ferrenafe, 16 KM from Chiclayo. When planning your trip, much of the arrangements can be made stateside via the internet. Please contact Morning Star at info@morningstarperu.org with any questions or concerns and to provide Morning Star with your travel itinerary.



General Info:

- Currency in Peru is the "Nuevo Sol". For conversion and current exchange rates, visit <http://www.gocurrency.com/?keyword=currency%20converter&CMP=SFS-7016000000CwVRAA0>. Select the "Peruvian Nuevo Sol" in the pull down menu.
- After passing through Immigration, there are Currency Exchange desks near the baggage carousels. Exchanging approximately \$100 USD should be enough until getting to Chiclayo. The Currency Exchange desks are open as early as 4:00 a.m. Throughout the Lima airport are yellow Global Net ATMs which dispense funds in Soles and \$USD for an ATM fee of \$1.50USD. There is a bank located near the Hostal Happy in Lima on Av. Brasil.
- When exchanging \$USD, ensure that the money is new or as new as possible without tears or blemishes. Money having tears or blemishes will not be accepted. On the streets of Peru you will also come across "money changers", it is best to deal with a bank, ATM or a currency exchange desk at the airport.
- Notify your credit card company prior to your trip to let them know you will be overseas.
- Unless your phone provider uses GSM technology, your cell phone will not operate in Peru.
- Because Peru sits south of the Equator, the seasons are reversed. Therefore, the school year at Strong Tower begins in March and ends in December. Volunteers are needed all year round with a greater need during the school year months, specifically for teachers.
- Time change - during their winter months, Peru is behind 1 hour, EST. During their summer months, Peru does not follow day light savings time so it will be the same as EST.
- A "Travel Check List" has also been created for your convenience at <http://www.morningstarperu.org/travelchecklist.pdf>.

Documentation Required:

- Valid passport
 - <http://www.travel.state.gov/passport>
- No VISA is required for tourist stays up to 90 days.
- Inoculations are not required. However, if you plan on traveling east of the Andes during your stay you will need to have the appropriate vaccinations. Check with your local health department or the CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

Airlines to Peru:

Most airline carriers to Peru depart from Miami or Ft. Lauderdale. The average cost, not including your departure city to Miami, is \$550.

- American Airlines <http://www.aa.com/aa/homePage.do>
- LAN <http://www.lan.com/index-en-us.html>
- Spirit Air <http://www.spiritair.com/>
- Continental <http://www.continental.com>
- Delta <http://www.delta.com>
- Taca Airlines <http://www.taca.com>
- Copa Airlines <http://www.copaair.com>

Luggage Requirements:

- Check with your carrier prior to your trip. As of 2009, Spirit Air would only allow you to check one bag. You can pay for an additional bag but there is no guarantee Spirit will allow it on the flight the day of departure. American Airlines allows two checked bags for their international flights. Visit the website for the carrier you will be traveling for current luggage requirements and carry on restrictions per the TSA.
- Most carriers set a weight limit for international travel of 50 pounds for checked luggage and 40 pounds for carry on. If you are planning to fly in Peru with an in-country carrier, the weight limitations are less than 50 pounds. Please check with the carrier to verify weight limitations. If you are above the weight limit, be prepared to pay an additional fee in Peru.
- The weight limitation for Cruz del Sur (the bus service to Chiclayo) is also less than 50 pounds per bag. Upon presenting your bus ticket and checking your luggage at the "baggage check and claim", you will be asked to pay an additional fee. For example, during a June 2009 trip with 4 bags checked an additional fee of 20 Soles was paid.

Airline Documentation:

- Once you are at cruising altitude, the flight attendants will pass out the following documents to be filled out and handed in upon landing:
 - Health Statement - Due to recent pandemic, per Peruvian government, the airlines will ask you to fill out a Health Form prior to landing. Good idea to have address for the Clarks and Morning Star with you.

- Andean Immigration Card - to be turned in at Immigration; the bottom half is perforated and is necessary for you to retain in a secure place. You will be asked to produce it to Immigration when you exit Peru.
- Baggage Sworn Declaration Form - Arrival - to be turned in at the baggage check out area, after you have retrieved your luggage.

Domestic Air Travel in Peru:

- LAN
 - <http://www.lan.com>
 - Airport in Chiclayo, Jose Abelardo Quinones Gonzale Airport
 - Plan to pay a modest exit tax of approximately \$4USD upon your departure.

Arriving in Lima:

- Jorge Chávez International Airport
 - Phone:
 - Switchboard: +51 (1) 517 3100. Flight Information: +51 (1) 595 0666.
 - For current information visit, <http://www.lap.com.pe>
- Airport info:
 - Jorge Chávez International Airport is very crowded, congested and lacks restroom facilities when exiting the aircraft en route to Immigration. Immigration in Lima does not distinguish between nationals and visitors. Therefore, everyone is lumped together and the process can be slow.
 - Once you have been cleared by Immigration to enter the country, the Immigration's Agent will hand you the bottom half of your Andean Immigration Card. It is necessary for you to retain this portion in a secure place. You will be asked to produce it to Immigration upon your departure from Peru.
 - As in any airport since September 11, 2001, please allow additional time for security processing.
- Airport Location & Facilities:

The airport is situated 10 miles (16km) north west of Lima and has a variety of services for all passengers: phone booths, banks, post office, money exchange offices, VIP lounges, travel insurance, baggage safeguarding, ATMs which dispense in both Soles and \$USD, restaurants and coffee shops, retail shops, left luggage and a tourist information desk. There is also a Ramada located at the airport; visit <http://www.ramada.com> for more information.

Transportation from the Airport to Lodging:

- TAXI GREEN is a reliable taxi service.
 - The taxis are located outside baggage and to the right. Look for your name on a placard, if arrangements have been made prior to arrival through the hotel or Morning Star.

Accommodations in Lima:

- Hostal Happy
 - Av. Javier Prado Oeste
 - No 128
 - (Cruce con Av. Brasil)
 - Magdalena del Mar
 - Telf 461-8900; Fax 462-1161
 - If you are not fluent in Spanish, a Morning Star representative can make these reservations.
 - The accommodations at the Hostal Happy are clean and secure for your stay in Lima and 20 - 30 minutes from the airport.
 - The hotel can arrange transportation to/from the airport to be included with the cost of your room, as well as transportation to the bus station for your trip to Chiclayo.
 - Cost for room and transportation to the bus is approximately \$40 USD.
 - Breakfast is also available, upon request.
- Golden Tower Hotel
 - Av. Universitaria 883
 - San Miguel Lima, Peru
 - www.goldentowerhotel.com
 - Cost for a standard room is about \$30USD per night.
 - Nearby are restaurants and shopping.
 - 20 - 30 minutes from the airport.
 - Reservations can be made online.
 - Mira Flores only a few miles away by local bus. The cost is 2 Soles for local buses.

Sightseeing in Lima:

- Lima is the capital of Peru and it is very spread out.



- Mira Flores is situated on the Pacific Ocean and is a modern neighborhood in Lima with shopping at the Parque Kennedy and pre-Columbian history at Huaca Pucliana. It can be reached by taxi or local bus.

- For more information on Peru, visit:
 - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/peru>
 - <http://www.perutragelguide.org/>
 - <http://www.alltravelperu.com/>
 - <http://www.go2peru.com>

Transportation to Chiclayo:

- Domestic air carriers such as LAN service Jose Abelardo Quinones Gonzale Airport in Chiclayo. The flight is approximately 1 hour 15 minutes. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.lan.com/index-en-us.html>. All reservations can be made stateside and charged to a major credit card. Print your confirmation at home and pack with your carry on documents.
- Bus: Expresse Cruz del Sur
 - Located at Av. Javier Prado N° 1109 - San Isidro
 - http://www.cruzdelsur.com.pe/inicio_2.php
 - Cost is approximately \$35 USD for First Class. Upper level seats cost approximately \$26 USD.
 - It is a very nice ride and is the most cost effective mode of transportation to Chiclayo. Breakfast, lunch or dinner is served. There are movies, bingo, an attendant, reclining seats comfortable enough to sleep in, a pillow and blanket are provided and two bathrooms (upper and lower level).
 - The trip takes approximately 12 hours. The night bus which departs Lima at 9:30 p.m. and it arrives Chiclayo around 10:00 a.m. is recommended so that you can get a good night's rest.
 - If you are not planning on staying in Lima upon your arrival to Peru or you arrive early in the morning, i.e. 4:00 a.m., there is also a morning bus which departs Lima approximately 8:00 a.m. Travel time from the airport to the bus terminal is approximately 20 minutes and cost \$25 USD per car load including a tip.
 - If you are on either the day or the night bus, suggest having some additional snack food with you; especially for the day bus. The last food service on the day bus is served at 1:00 p.m. and it's another 5 - 7 hours until your arrival in Chiclayo. There is a cafeteria at the bus station that opens up at 7:00 a.m. along with phone and internet access.
 - For more information on schedules, cost and reservations visit, http://www.cruzdelsur.com.pe/inicio_2.php.
 - Print your travel voucher at home and pack in your carry on documents. You will need to exchange your internet travel voucher for hard copy Cruz del Sur tickets once arriving at the bus terminal at the "Caja" desk.
 - The airlines allow up to 50 lbs. per luggage but Cruz del Sur does not. Therefore, be prepared to pay an additional fee once presenting your ticket and baggage to the "baggage claim and check" desk. For example, during a June 2009 trip with 4 bags checked an additional fee of 20 Soles was paid.
 - While going through security for the bus as you board, don't be alarmed if you see Bus Security Personnel video taping everyone. This is a precaution for the bus company so that they have a visual of all their passengers.



Arriving Chiclayo:



- A representative from Morning Star will meet you at the bus station in Chiclayo and take you to your lodging. They can also provide you with a pre-paid cell phone making contact with them readily available should you need anything during your stay.

Contact Information in Chiclayo:

Tom Clark

Calle Jose Rodriguez #215,

Urb. San Martin, Chiclayo

Peru

Peru number +5174-235720

US number (407) 371-3935 (rings in Chiclayo)

Email: tc@speedy.com.pe

Accommodations in Chiclayo:

Hotel Tumbas Reales

Andalucía N° 208 - Urbanización San Jan

(Entre Saenz Peña y Pedro Ruiz)

Teléfono: 074-227267

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- The hotel is clean and reasonably priced. For more information or to make reservations, visit <http://www.hoteltumbasreales.com/principal.html>

Morning Star Children's Home

Calle Alberto Exebio #701

Pueblo Nuevo, Ferrenafe



- Volunteers are asked to bring their own linens and towels.
- Mid-day meal provided onsite.
- Access to kitchen and laundry facilities available onsite.
- Internet access.

Transportation in Chiclayo:

- Getting from Chiclayo to Morning Star in Pueblo Nuevo, Ferrenafe can be arranged through Morning Star depending upon the group size. Local bus and minibus service is readily available and accessible to Pueblo Nuevo, Ferrenafe. The Morning Star representative will be able to assist you with these details upon your arrival in Chiclayo.
- If you are staying at Morning Star, this transportation is also available for you to Chiclayo.



General Information on Chiclayo and Peruvian Culture:

- A very busy and compact city of over 700,000 inhabitants, Chiclayo has mild weather most of the year. With highs in the dry mid nineties during the day and mid seventies at night during the months of January & February, highs in the mid seventies and night lows in the mid fifties during the months of July & August. There are ATMs readily available and among the franchises travelers might recognize are Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut & Starbucks. There are several large grocery stores and the equivalent of a Home Depot. There is not much in the way of consumables that can't be found. Phone service and internet are readily available with internet booths every other block where an hour will cost about 30 cents USD. Taxi service costs about \$1 USD anywhere in town and taxis can either be called or just roam the streets all day and night.
- Spanish is the primary language in Peru. You can get around without any knowledge but some general expressions would be helpful.
- Don't be afraid to bargain - it's expected.
- When drinking water, use bottled water. Water from the tap to brush your teeth is fine, just don't swallow.
- In both Lima and Chiclayo, vehicular traffic is very chaotic but more so in Chiclayo which is a smaller city. This is due to the lack of traffic lights and regulations. When walking, proceed with extreme caution! Crossing at the corner can be hazardous to your health; it is safer to cross in the middle of the block - the cars make very quick and sharp turns around the curbs.
- Following are several good sites for information on Peru:
 - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/peru>
 - <http://www.perutravelguide.org/>
 - <http://www.alltravelperu.com/>
 - <http://www.go2peru.com/index.html>

Return Trip:

- Reservations for any additional in-country travel, including transportation or lodging.
- If you choose to fly from Jose Abelardo Quinones Gonzale Airport, Chiclayo to Jorge Chávez International Airport in Lima, you will be expected to pay a modest exit tax of \$4USD upon your departure.
- Foreign travelers are required to pay an exit tax of \$30USD before boarding an international flight. Please check your plane tickets, some carriers include the cost of the exit tax in the fare and some do not (American Airlines includes the exit tax in the cost of the ticket). If not, you will be asked to pay the tax just before going through security en route to Immigration and airside.
- REMINDER . . . when going through Immigration, this is the time you will need to retrieve that small, white immigration slip that you received when entering the country that you placed in a safe place!



- If you have an early morning flight back to the states and don't want to stay at a hotel, try staying at the Lima Airport ... it's like a 24 hour mall! Many businesses are open all night and you can even get a massage after you have "napped" on the floor ... a travel pillow and mat is helpful. Visit <http://www.lap.com.pe> for a complete list of services and layout of the Jorge Chavez International Airport.

From all the volunteers who have gone before you, we know that the Lord will work mightily during your trip as you serve the children and families of Morning Star Children's Home and Strong Tower School ... May the Lord Bless You!

