

Everything you ever wanted to know about Peru, in one place

Homestays

A homestay is for people who want to experience the real Peru, not just the part tourists see. Instead of staying in a hotel insulated from local people, you arrange to stay as a guest with a local Peruvian family, eating meals with them and experiencing a slice of true Peruvian life. Even if you cannot speak Spanish, your hosts will make you welcome like one of the family, prepare typical Peruvian food and show you around where they live - not just the typical tourist trail.

Stay with a friendly family as a guest in their house, eating and living with them. Do not expect them to speak very good English, but you can expect them to be a

warm, honest and welcoming family. If you are learning Spanish, this is an ideal way to immerse yourself and really improve your language skills quickly.

We can arrange homestays in **Cusco**, or alternatively in **Tambobamba**, a small town in the department of Apurimac in the Andes, where you are unlikely to see anyone except local residents.

This is an experience to remember for a lifetime, do not expect luxury, but expect a warm welcome and the guarantee of a truly enjoyable Peruvian experience!

More information:

Homestay accommodation includes three meals a day, breakfast, lunch and evening meal (traditional Peruvian food). If you advise when you will be arriving, you can be met at the bus station or airport in Cusco, or at the bus terminal in Tambobamba.

Accommodation will be in your own room, but you will share living areas and eat traditional

Peruvian meals with the family, they can also show you around the local area, maybe on horseback in Tambobamba if you wish to see a little further afield, taking a picnic with you.

We will provide you with the name, address and contact details of the family that you will be staying with in advance of the stay.

Homestays can be as flexible as you want, please contact us if you

would like other arrangements, or have any particular requests.

What does it cost?

Homestays in Tambobamba will cost you s/60 per day.
Full week stay s/375 (10% discount)

Homestays in Cusco will cost you s/65 per day.
Full week stay s/410 (10% discount)

This includes accommodation, food and time with your host family. If you arrange a trip or day out with them, you would be expected to pay bus fares etc for them to accompany you, but this is likely to be only a few Nuevo Soles.

For info, the Peruvian currency is the Nuevo Sol (written s/).
Exchange rates in early 2009, US\$1 = s/3; EUR1 = s/4; GB£1 = s/4.50.
s/60 is approximately US\$20, EUR15, or GB£13.50. Please check the internet for latest exchange rates.

How do I get started?

Email us at homestay@easyperu.com to arrange your stay, with dates and location that you are interested in. We will contact host families and reply to confirm dates and send you directions, and arrange for you to be met at the bus station or airport, if you wish.

You do not need to take anything extra with you other than ordinary clothes, washing kit, etc, but if your Spanish is not so good, we recommend a phrase book or dictionary!

Please also let us know if you have any special dietary requirements and we will confirm with the family that they understand your needs.

If you have a great time (we are sure you will!) please let us know, and don't forget to tell your friends!