



Special Travel Notice for Peru

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In accordance with MS 220, Section 3.3.2 (c), **the Country Director for Peru is restricting Volunteer travel to the Madre de Dios region.**

Due to a heavy mercury contamination, the Peruvian government has declared a state of emergency in the 11 districts of Madre de Dios region. This includes the following provinces: Tambopata, Inambari, Las Piedras y Laberinto in the province of Tambopata; Fitzcarrald, Manu, Madre de Dios y Huetupe, in the province of Manu; and Iñapari, Iberia y Tahuamanu, in the province of Tahuamanu.

This restriction will be in place until further notice.

Additionally, the restriction on Volunteer travel to Callao (with an airport exception) is still in effect. Until further notice, visits to and lodging in Callao is off limits.

Airport Exception and Guidance

Peru's main airport (LIM) is located in Callao so direct travel to and from the airport is permitted. The Government of Peru has declared a State of Emergency in the province of Callao in response to heightened criminal activity. During this time, police may suspend constitutional rights (carry out searches and arrests without warrant; restrict movement; hold random checkpoints).

Volunteers and visitors are encouraged to take extra precaution traveling to/from airport including:

- Carry ID on your person at all times
- Place luggage and valuables in the trunk of the vehicle/out of sight
- Have extra copy of emergency/contact phone numbers; not only in cell phone
- Use radio taxis below with security window film installed. Reservations encouraged, but not required, and both taxi companies are at the international and domestic terminals:
 - CMV Taxi Remisse
Phone: 01-5171891 / 01-5171892
Email: reservas@cmv.pe
 - Mitsoo (Mitsu) Taxi Remisse
Phone: 01-5171893 / 01-5171895
Email: reservas@mitsoo.net

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Security Advisor or the Office of Safety and Security.