

Year-round points

Long left-handers, first rate right-handers, waves of different sizes, and uncrowded beaches, Peru is the perfect place for surfers from the world over.

1 MÁNCORA 1168 km north of Lima

Máncora is ideal for surfers and kitesurfers. Its neat waves are perfect for beginners and usually measure between one and one and a half meters.

2 LOS ÓRGANOS 1154 km north of Lima

Los Órganos is a cove where you can breathe the tranquility. It has waves for beginners in front of Punta Veleros. La Vuelta is for experts, but it only breaks with northerly swells. The reef can be quite dangerous.

3 CABO BLANCO 1137 km north of Lima

The left hand wave is world class, having one of the most perfect fast tubes anywhere. Its location in front of a large reef makes it emblematic for experts. It is divided into two areas: Panic Point (winter) and Cabo Blanco (summer).

4 LOBITOS 1115 km north of Lima

Lobitos has four world-class waves suitable for all tastes. Its strong winds also make it ideal for kitesurfing and windsurfing.

5 PACASMAYO 681 km north of Lima

Pacasmayo is characterized by long and continuous waves ideal for surfers. When windy, these become among the world's best for windsurfing and kitesurfing.

6 PUÉMAPE 656 km north of Lima

Puémape is a beach that draws more waves than Pacasmayo and Chicama; a left-hander with two separate sections, it can exceed 2.5 meters in height.

7 CHICAMA 614 km north of Lima

At 2.5 kilometers in length, the wave at Chicama is **one of the world's longest left-handers**. It is a fine wave, highly prized by surfers from overseas.

8 HUANCHACO 560 km north of Lima

In 2013, Huanchaco was the first beach in Latin America and fifth in the world to be recognized by Save the Waves as a **World Surfing Reserve**. It is perfect for longboarding and for learning to surf.

9 PICO ALTO 40 km south of Lima

This is Peru's best known big wave. It begins to break when it reaches three meters in height and can rise to as high as eight.

10 LA ISLA 41 km south of Lima

Punta Hermosa's emblematic wave is a long and strong right-hander, with sections for maneuvering.

11 PUNTA ROCAS 42 km south of Lima

The wave here is one of Peru's most consistent. It starts to break from half a meter in height and can exceed three meters.

12 MUELLES DE SAN BARTOLO 51 km south of Lima

San Bartolo has the waves of choice for boys and girls, beginners and longboarders. They do not exceed one and a half meters and offer sections for aerial and radical moves.

13 PEÑASCAL 51 km south of Lima

The powerful wave can take you on to the rocks if you are not paying attention. It is ideal to surf using at least a 7 foot board.

14 CHILCA 60 km south of Lima

The wave here reaches over five meters in height. It breaks near the coast and has very strong tubes.

15 CERRO AZUL 131 km south of Lima

Cerro Azul has a saloon wave, ideal for beginners, boys and girls, long boarders and anyone who wants to enjoy perfect waves in an idyllic landscape.

16 ZÁRATE Y PLAYÓN Paracas National Reserve

The waves here are ideal for windsurfing and kitesurfing, the latter only with northerly swells.

17 EL OLÓN DE ILO 1186 km south of Lima

The wave here begins to break at four meters in height so it is only recommended for big wave experts.

18 PIEDRAS NEGRAS 1186 km south of Lima

The left-hand saloon wave here has a tube section and a shallow bottom.





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Useful information

- Whilst the predominant swells come from the southwest, between October and March they also come from the north and unleash several world-class waves on our shores.
- Neoprene 2/2 suits or short suits are recommended for the summer months, and a 3/2 for winter. Some people prefer 4/3 for the colder months and for exploring the country's southern waves.
- If you come from another country, behave respectfully with local people and travel in small groups.



More than 150 thousand people come every year to surf

According to one theory, the textiles and ceramics of several pre-Hispanic cultures provide evidence that it was ancient Peru where the first people rode waves on totora reed rafts. This practice, dating back more than 2000 years, continues today with fishermen from the northern coves setting out to sea on their *caballitos de totora*

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Climate

In the north there is sun all year round.
In the center and the south the climate is temperate, with humidity and heavy cloud cover, but no rain.



Surf

The central coast has continual waves during the winter (April to September).
The north coast delivers its famous swells between October and March.