

GREETINGS
FROM
PERU



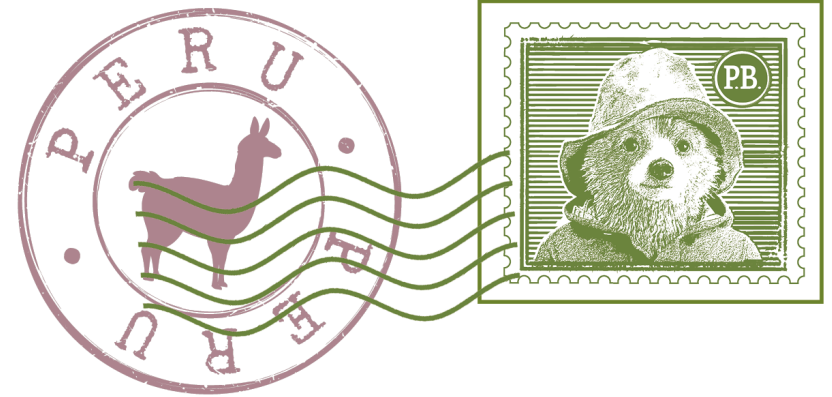
Hello adventurer

I've learned a lot about my home country, Peru! It's the third largest country in South America, with 34 million people living there—including my Aunt Lucy!

Peru has a giant canyon, Cotahuasi Canyon, the mysterious desert drawings Nazca Lines, and a city high up in the clouds called Machu Picchu! It's also where the Amazon rainforest is, the biggest rainforest in the world and where I grew up.

It has been amazing to see the work UNICEF does in that region, helping children get access to clean water. I loved meeting this girl named Kesia, she told me all about it! Ready for our adventure?

With love from
Paddington



To a fellow adventurer Australia

FUN FACTS



PADDINGTON™

Speak Quechua



**Hello
Allinllachu**
(alli-llah-xu)



MACHU PICCHU

➤ Peru is the home of Machu Picchu, an incredible city set on the top of a mountain and one of the seven wonders of the world.

It was built over 500 years ago by the Inca people for their ruler, Emperor Pachacuti. To get to the top of Machu Picchu, you have to climb 70,866 steps—that's like climbing to the top of 50 giraffes stacked on top of each other!



"It is a lot of steps to climb but the view is worth it as my Aunt Lucy says."




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Speak Quechua



Thank you
Pay
(pa-hee)



LANGUAGES

➤ In Peru, people speak in lots of different ways! There are three main languages: Spanish, Quechua, and Aymara.

But that's not all! Peru is like a giant treasure chest filled with all kinds of secret codes!



Peru Map 2021 Population Census

There are a total of 50 different native languages across the country and most people speak at least two of them.

- Quechua
- Spanish
- Aymara
- Other indigenous languages

"I already speak English and bear, but maybe it's time for me to learn a new language."

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Please
Amahina
(amah-hee-nah)



POTATO



There are more than 4,000 kinds of potatoes in Peru—some are pink, purple, orange, or black.



The Inca people, who lived in Peru a long, long time ago, were the first to discover all the cool things potatoes could do: from helping injuries to predicting the weather.

"Pink potato with marmalade? That should be my next adventure."



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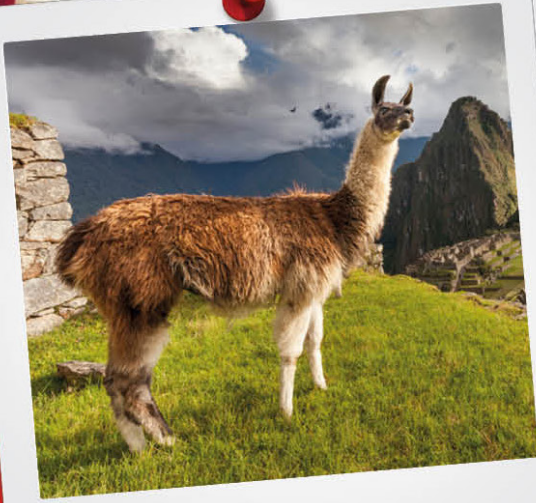
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How are you?
Allinllachu
(alli-llah-xu)



VICUÑA



➤ Vicuña are the national animal of Peru. These relatives of llamas and alpacas live high up in the Andes mountains and have very thick, soft wool to keep them cosy on chilly nights.

This wool is so soft and warm that it's used to make clothing, although only special items, as it's the most expensive type of wool in the world!



"Maybe I can ask for a vicuña woolly hat for Christmas..."



KESIA WANTS TO BE A NURSE

Meet Kesia! She's eight years old and lives in a village called Puerto América del Datem del Marañón / Loreto Perú. It's right near the amazing Amazon rainforest, so it's very green and has lots of wildlife.

Not many homes in Kesia's village have access to drinking water, so when Kesia gets thirsty, she can't just turn a tap on to drink. Instead, she collects water from a well.



Kesia

This water isn't always clean, so to make it safe to use, she adds water purification tablets to it. These tablets help make the water safe to drink, cook, and wash with.



Kesia collects water from the well



Kesia makes sure her hands are squeaky clean!

When Kesia grows up, she wants to be a nurse



Kesia wants to be a nurse when she grows up so she can help other kids stay healthy. She's a true superhero!

And guess what? Because of amazing supporters like

you, UNICEF can give those special water tablets to Kesia and her community. You're helping make sure kids like Kesia have clean water and a chance to follow their dreams!

What do you use water for in your house? Keep track of the times you use water in a single day and make a comic about your water use in your Travel Journal. Maybe you'll notice there are times when you can use a little less.



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