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# Moon Peru (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

This full-color guide to Peru includes vibrant photos and helpful planning maps. Lima resident Ryan DubÃ© (along with helpful Machu Picchu expert Ben Westwood) offers an insider's view of Peru, from exploring the churches and artisan neighborhoods of Cusco to avoiding the crowds at Machu Picchu and picnicking on the wilderness beach of Reserva Nacional Paracas. DubÃ© also includes unique trip ideas like Beer, Anyone? and Archaeology Intensive. Complete with details on trekking the Inca Trail, exploring the , and attending Mistura (Latin America's largest food festival) in Lima, Moon Peru gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Ryan DubÃ© first arrived in Peru more than a decade ago, as an exchange student in Lima. He was captivated by the country's diversity and history and charmed by the kindness of its people. After completing his degree in Latin American studies and anthropology, Ryan returned to Lima where he now lives with his wife, Tatiana, and their son, Ticiano. Using Lima as his base, Ryan has traveled throughout Peru; both its most famous sites and lesser-known attractions. He has hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, explored the islands on Lake Titicaca, and slept under the stars in the . He has traveled to Chincha and El Carmen, the home of an annual Afro-Peruvian music festival, and Pozuzo, a remote village in the high jungle. Ryan currently works as a journalist, specializing in economics, business, and politics. His articles have been published in The Wall Street Journal, The Globe & Mail, and BNamericas, among others. Ben Westwood dreamed of being

a writer and musician from an early age. Growing up in England, he combined the two by studying music and getting involved in student journalism in London. He wrote his first travel journal during a backpacking trip through Southeast Asia. After graduating from college, Ben decided to follow his passion for travel; with an English-language teaching qualification under his belt, he set off for Ecuador. In the year he spent there, he fell in love with the country and one of its citizens. He returned to the UK, newly married, to complete a postgraduate degree at the country's top journalism school, City University. Ben worked for The Daily Telegraph and Telegraph.co.uk as a travel journalist and online travel editor, writing articles on everything from encounters with Maoist guerrillas in Nepal to encounters with drunken Brits in Greece. After a brief stint working in adventure tourism, Ben returned to South America to combine his passions for teaching and travel writing. In addition to Moon Peru, he is the author of Moon Machu Picchu and Moon Ecuador & the GalÃ¡pagos Islands. He has also contributed to the The Rough Guide to South America on a Budget, The Daily Telegraph, The Independent, and The Guardian. Ben currently teaches journalism and tourism at Brighton University in the UK. He still finds time to sing and play the guitar, and has released one self-funded album, Keep Dreaming. Follow him on Twitter @BenWestwood and at [soundcloud.com/benwestwoodmusic](http://soundcloud.com/benwestwoodmusic).

Finally, a major publisher has released a good, comprehensive, UP-TO-DATE guide to this awesome South American country. It always seemed that you could get one thing or the other in all the other books - good photography, comprehensive coverage, up-to-date listings, good eco-tourist recommendations - but no single guide offered all of these things. Peru, in particular, has inspired a lot of mediocre guidebooks, but Avalon's Moon series has emerged as a serious and excellent addition to the other regulars, and in many ways, it's better. This is a very nice, chunky book. There's a perfect blend of lovely color images and informative text, but what's really impressive about this book is its comprehensive scope. Geographic coverage is absolutely exhaustive, and there is a special emphasis on interesting indigenous and ecological sites and events. Recommended itineraries and listings are based on a real working knowledge of the country. There's a real sense of authenticity that runs through the book and its narrative that is just not possible to extract from simple collections of listings on Trip Advisor or Expedia. That's why we still buy travel guides. Also, Moon hasn't abandoned historical and cultural contexts the way some other guides have. You still get exposed to the pertinent history and culture of the place you're visiting. My only real complaint is relatively minor: In an intentional effort to remain concise, the listings of hotels and restaurants can sometimes be a little thin. The book will usually have the best options covered, but every now and

then one slips through the cracks, such as the Palacio Nazarenas in Cusco, for example. The listings really appeal more to independent and adventurous travelers than luxury seekers.

I was hoping this book was like Rick Steves' Europe books. I have to say I am a little disappointed. Too many pages about hotels and restaurants. Well these days I can go to tripadvisor or yelp for that and I really don't need to carry a book to find a good restaurant in Lima or in Cusco. I was hoping this book can talk more about the history, the culture, the architecture, etc etc. I was in the Cathedral in Cusco and tried to find something from this book to guide me through all the paintings and sculptures and what are on the doors or windows. Could not find much.

Well rounded information from a culturally and ecologically thoughtful perspective, and decent maps. Over all a ver helpful guide.

Good book though some of the info was dated or incorrect (as it is with most all travel books).

Good guide, but I prefer lonely planet better.

A well-thought and organized tour book, but truly, the Kindle version needs to provide more photos.

Seems to get the job done like all the others. Well put together.

Easy to use with all the information I needed.

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