

Via Lingua



AREQUIPA, PERU

2012 Course Dates and Fees:

- Jan 4 - 31, 2012
- Feb 2 - 29, 2012
- Mar 5 - 30, 2012
- Apr 2 - 27, 2012
- May 3 - 30, 2012
- Jun 4 - 29, 2012
- Jul 2 - 27, 2012
- Aug 6 - 31, 2012
- Sep 3 - 28, 2012
- Oct 3 - 30, 2012
- Nov 5 - 30, 2012

Arequipa Course Fee: \$1550

Special Offers:

Book together with a family member or friend, pay cash upon arrival, and receive a discount of \$200 each!

Individuals who pay cash upon arrival: \$100 discount

Free job placement assistance for all students.



Peru:

Peru is famous for the amazing diversity it possesses. The country offers everything from the Amazon Rainforest, to coastal deserts, to the amazing peaks of the Andes Mountains. The indigenous cultures and languages mix with the influence of the Spanish language and culture brought to Peru by the conquistadores over 500 years ago.

Arequipa is a beautiful Andean city and the capital of the region (state) of Arequipa, in southern Peru. The city has a population of 970,000 inhabitants and is the second largest city of the country. While Arequipa is the second largest city in Peru, its local culture gives it the feel of a much smaller community. Arequipa lies in an agricultural valley in the Andes Mountains, at an altitude of 7,800 feet above sea level. The valley is surrounded by two beautiful mountain chains and a giant dormant volcano rising up to over 19,000 feet above sea level. All of which can be climbed with a professional guide on the weekends. The Chili River winds around El Misti Volcano and through the city. Arequipa has many Spanish colonial buildings constructed of a pearly white volcanic rock, called "sillar". These structures were built between the early 1500s and the 1800s. The city is known as *el Ciudad Blanca* ("The White City"). The historic and beautiful city center was named a **UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000**, in recognition of its historic integrity and beautiful architecture. The Plaza de Armas (Main Square) is one of the most amazing sites to see in all of Peru. When the lights reflect off the white sillar buildings at night, the beauty is breathtaking! The region of Arequipa is surrounded by huge mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Local mountain climbing and surfing are available all within 2 hours from the city.

Most Peruvians speak Spanish, so if you also want to develop your Spanish skills, Arequipa is a great place to study. If you are interested in learning Quechua, the ancient language of the Inca, we can arrange lessons for you as well!



TEFL Training Center:

Extreme Superior English Alliance is the home of the Via Lingua Peru training program. Extreme was founded 5 years ago by an American professor who still serves as the executive director and one of the TEFL trainers. Extreme is fully accredited by the Peruvian Ministry of Education as well as members of several international educational organizations. Extreme English is located in the district of Yanahuara, a beautiful area of the city known for its parks and casual pace. The institute is comprised of 14 classrooms, kitchen, 2 offices, customer service center, large patio, computer lab, and a teacher lounge.

Teaching English in Peru:

Peru is one of the few countries which did not enter into a recession during the 2008-2009 world economic crisis. Due to mining, fishing, and tourism, Peru boasts one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Due to the fantastic growth enjoyed over the past 6 years, English training is in high demand. A native speaker of English who has earned a Via Lingua TEFL certificate can easily find work throughout the country. While salaries are low, the cost of living is equally low. If you are interested in teaching in Peru, we will guide you in your search in Arequipa, Cusco, Tacna, Puno, or Lima.

Peruvian Food:

The food of Arequipa has become famous worldwide for being one of the most varied and delicious in Peru. It has the greatest diversity compared to other areas in Peru, thanks to its countryside and agricultural valleys as well as its extensive coastline. The use of seasonings and preparation methods, both Andean and European, including mild peppers and chili peppers, various fruits and vegetables, beef, sheep, guinea pig, pork, alpaca, ostrich, a large variety of cold-water ocean fish, shrimp, and local fresh water shrimp (crayfish), high quality cheeses, wines and Peruvian alcohols such as Pisco and Anisado make it a treat to anyone who loves food.

Climate:

Don't forget that Peru is in the southern hemisphere so the seasons are reversed, December is in summer and June is in winter. However, the climate of Arequipa is one that is warm and rather dry, throughout the year. Arequipa lies alongside the southernmost tip of Peru's Desert Coast and enjoys plenty of sunny weather, with daytime temperatures rarely dipping much below 70 degrees.



Excursions and Cultural Highlights:

There are a myriad of opportunities to travel throughout the mountains and deep canyons of southern Peru. Lake Titicaca and the floating islands of the Uros native people, Cusco and the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu, the Nazca lines, and mountain climbing throughout the Andes mountains are all possible for a weekend excursion. Because of our location, you can take a bus to explore La Paz, Bolivia or the coastal town of Arica, Chile for a weekend trip as well. Local beach villages are within 2 to 3 hours by bus. A bus to the coast will cost you about \$8.00. There are local festivals to enjoy and any weekend you can go to local villages and interact with indigenous people who still wear traditional clothing, work with Alpaca and llamas, and speak Quechua and Spanish equally. Extreme / Via Lingua Peru also offers opportunities to volunteer with poor children who live at near the base of one of the volcanoes near the edge of the city.

Accommodations:

If you request it, Via Lingua will book housing accommodations for you. Most of our various options are located within a 15 minute walk from our training center. Your housing will never be more than 10 minutes by taxi. Should you have other requirements, we will happily work to meet your needs and make your stay enjoyable.

Shared Apartment:

You may book a single or shared room in our apartment. This apartment is shared by Via Lingua students and teachers from Extreme English. The apartment is fully furnished, to include Wi-Fi. You will be provided with a change of towels and linens once a week. Single room: \$350 for four weeks or a shared room for \$250.

Family-stay:

We work with several local families to provide private rooms and two meals per day. One major advantage to a family-stay is the opportunity for you to practice your Spanish and learn more about Peruvian culture. Most family-stays cost \$400 for a four week stay.

Hostel:

We work with two hostels to offer our students private rooms/private baths near our training center. If you prefer more privacy, this may be the best option for you. Prices vary depending on the time of year. Rates range between \$480 and \$600 for one month.

Hotel:

We can make arrangements with many local hotels, depending on what you desire. We have contacts with everything from three to five star hotels. If you're interested in this option, please contact us so that we can make arrangements.

Communication:

Our training center has a computer lab and Wi-Fi available for all TEFL trainees. Throughout the city, there are internet cafes which offer internet and international calling services. International rates range from approximately 25 cents (U.S.) to 75 cents (U.S.) per minute.