

Chiclayo: The City of Friendship

- What do you want to know about a city before visiting it?
- Where can you find the information?

Come to Chiclayo, land of legendary ancient civilizations and a wealthy colonial society, and enjoy the ocean, mountains, warm weather and generous sun for a very low price!



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Peru's fourth largest city, Chiclayo, located on the northern coast is one of the most interesting archeological destinations in the country. A sunny and warm climate with fresh ocean breezes embraces friendly people, beautiful beaches and impressive mountains.

There are daily flights from Lima, Trujillo and Piura as well as regular charter flights from nearby Cajamarca. We also offer regularly schedule buses leaving to and from Trujillo, Cajamarca and Piura on a budget.

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Visitors to Chiclayo shouldn't miss out on the most significant archeological discovery: the tomb of the Señor de Sipán, just 35 kms. East of Chiclayo in Huaca Rajada (45 minutes by car). You should also take a tour to "Señor de Sicán" in Batagrande, Pómac, and the Valley of the Pyramids in Túcume. You must visit the Brünning Museum, with its great collection of archeological pieces of Chimú, Mochica, Chavín and Vicus cultures, the magnificent Museum of the Royal Tombs of Sipán and the National Museum of Sicán.

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Chiclayo most beautiful beaches are at Pimentel, a great place to practice water sports such as surfing, and Santa Rosa.

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Monsefú, only 15 Km from Chiclayo City, is a town that provides Chiclayo with most of its handcrafts, but you can also buy anything you need in Mercado Modelo located just 5 blocks from the Main Square. It is northern Peru's liviest and largest market.

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Chiclayo boasts one of the best cuisines in the country. It's famous for its exquisite "Arroz con Pato" (rice with duck), "Seco de Cabrito" (stew made with goat's meat) and seafood specialties like "Raya Omelet", "Sudado de Chita", etc.

There are also a lot of "Chifas" where you can eat delicious chinese food.

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Chiclayo offers a good number of different hotels to choose from in the city and the surrounding area. Prices are affordable and range in quality from luxury hotels to backpacker's hostels. Because Chiclayo is proud of their region's traditional hospitality, all accommodation offers friendly and professional service.

For budget travelers the best way to travel around Chiclayo is by bus.

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- You don't have to tip taxi drivers.
- You should drink bottled water.
- It is sunny and warm all year long with temperatures that fluctuate from 20° to 28°, so you don't need to bring very warm clothes.

1. Read the leaflet about Chiclayo and match the headings with the sections.

Where to stay	Historic attractions	Handy hints	Aquatic Sports
Typical Food	Shopping	How to get to Chiclayo	

2. Answer the questions.

- Can you fly to Chiclayo on a Sunday?
- Can you travel to Chiclayo on a low budget?
- What should you visit in Huaca Rajada?
- What can you see in the Brünning Museum?
- Where can you surf?
- What can you get in Monsefú?
- Are people from Chiclayo proud of their food?
- Can backpackers find cheap but good rooms in Chiclayo?
- Are you expected to leave tips to taxi drivers?
- What should you do if you want to stay healthy during your trip?

3. Find words/phrases in the text with similar meanings to the words/phrases below.

- to include something, often as one of a number of things. (paragraph 1)
- the renting of a vehicle. (paragraph 1)
- to fail to use an opportunity to enjoy something. (paragraph 2)
- supply (paragraph 4)
- to speak proudly or happily about what you own. (paragraph 5)
- not expensive. (paragraph 6)
- cheap. (paragraph 6)
- to give someone who has provided you with a service an extra amount of money to thank them. (paragraph 7)

4. Discuss

- Does the leaflet make the place sound attractive? Does it use positive adjectives? Find some examples. (For example: impressive)
- What is similar to and different from Chiclayo and the place you live?
- Do you think Chiclayo is an important tourist destination in our country? Why?

5. In pairs write a tourist information leaflet for a town or city you like. Use the Chiclayo leaflet to help you.

