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XXIII INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF MINISTERS
AND HIGH-LEVEL AUTHORITIES OF TOURISM
September 3 and 4, 2015
Lima, Peru

INFORMATION BULLETIN

VENUE AND DATE

The XXIII Inter-American Congress of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Tourism will take place on September 3 and 4, 2015 in the city of Lima, Peru. The Congress venue is:

SWISSOTEL LIMA
Av. Santo Toribio 173-Via Central, Centro Empresarial, Via Principal 150,
Lima, Lima 17
Peru
(511) 421 4400
<http://www.swissotellima.com.pe>

NATIONAL COORDINATION

Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism
Calle Uno Oeste N° 050, Urb Corpac
San Isidro
Lima
PERU

CONTACT: Mercedes Govea
Email: oeacongreso@mincetur.gob.pe

TRANSPORTATION

Delegates and observers should reserve their round-trip flight as soon as possible, directly with the airlines or travel agencies. International flights to and from Lima arrive and depart from the Jorge Chavez International Airport (code LIM). The government of Peru will provide ground transportation from the airport to the hotel and viceversa to official delegations.

SPOUSES / COMPANIONS

An official program for spouses or companions has not been provided.

REFRESHMENTS

The government of Peru will provide lunch on September 3 and 4, and a closing dinner on September 4 to the participants. In addition, complimentary coffee break service will be provided during the Congress.



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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The government of Peru will provide a single room at the Swissotel (venue hotel) for the head of delegation of each member state of the OAS (breakfast included).

The following is a list of hotels close to Swissotel in which there is a preferential rate as Congress participants (take into account these rates are contingent to availability and have a deadline).

HOTEL	RATE (US\$)	CONTACT / WEBSITE
<p>HOTEL SWISSOTEL (5*) Address: Av. Santo Toribio 173-Via Central, Centro Empresarial, Via Principal 150 – Lima 17 Tel.: (511) 421 4400</p>	<p>Total rate includes 10% of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier Room Simple - \$192.50 • Premier Room Double - \$209.00 • Swiss Advantage Simple - \$203.50 • Swiss Advantage Double - \$220.00 • Grand Room Simple - \$225.50 • Grand Room Double - \$242.00 <p>(Includes breakfast buffet served at Le Café Restaurant. Rooms include Wifi. Rates include free use of gym which offers last generation equipments and aerobics room)</p> <p><i>Current rate until August 07 2015. The best available rate will apply after this date.</i></p>	<p>Website: http://www.swissotellima.com.pe</p> <p>Email address: reservations.lima@swissotel.com</p>
<p>COUNTRY CLUB LIMA HOTEL (5*) Address: Los Eucaliptos 590, San Isidro, Lima 27 Tel.: (511) 611-9000</p>	<p>Total rate includes 10% of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Room - \$229.90 • Grand Clase Room - \$262.90 • Gobernador Room – \$317.90 • Gobernador Deluxe Room - \$449.90 <p>(It includes buffet breakfast served at Perroquet Restaurant and Business Center with internet access free of charge)</p> <p>(Prices must be paid in Nuevos Soles and might be adjusted according to the hotel's exchange rate)</p> <p><i>Current rate until August 15 2015. The best available rate will apply after this date.</i></p>	<p>Contact: Ami Dulude Matos e-mail: adulude@losportales.com.pe Website: http://www.hotelcountry.com/</p>
<p>BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK (5*) Address: Av. Malecón de la Reserva, 1035, Miraflores, Lima 18 Tel.: (511) 610-4000</p>	<p>Total rate includes 10% of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Suites - \$275 • Club Junior Suites - \$319 <p>(It includes buffet breakfast at The Observatory Restaurant, wireless internet in the rooms. Club suites include access to the Executive lounge)</p> <p><i>Current rate until July 31 2015. The best available rate will apply after this date.</i></p>	<p>Contact: Lorena Uribe e-mail: lorena.uribe@belmond.com Website: http://www.belmond.com/miraflores-park-lima/</p>



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<p>THE WESTIN LIMA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER (5*) Address: Calle Begonias 450, San Isidro, Lima 27 Tel.: (511) 201-5000</p>	<p>Hotel Lima</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deluxe Simple - \$236.50 • Deluxe Doble - \$253 • Grand Deluxe Simple - \$264 • Grand Deluxe Doble - \$280.50 • Westin Executive Simple - \$313.50 • Westin Executive Doble - \$330 <p>(It includes buffet breakfast at the Hotel's Restaurant)</p> <p><i>Current rate until August 20 2015. The best available rate will apply after this date.</i></p>	<p>Contact: Natalie Aguinaga e-mail: naguinaga@libertador.com.pe reservaswestin@libertador.com.pe Website: www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3286</p>
<p>SONESTA EL OLIVAR (4*) Address: Calle Pancho Fierro 194 San Isidro, Lima 27 Tel.: (511) 712-6050 Fax: (511) 712-6099</p>	<p>Total rate includes 10% of services</p> <p>Hotel Lima</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Simple - \$154 • Standard Doble - \$165 • Ejecutiva - \$187 • Senior Suite - \$236.50 • Suite Presidencial - \$537.60 <p>(It includes buffet breakfast and internet in rooms and public areas)</p> <p><i>Current rate until September 10 2015. The best available rate will apply after this date.</i></p>	<p>Contact: Silvana Biasevich e-mail: sbiasevich@sonestaperu.com Website: http://www.sonesta.com/Lima/</p>
<p>NOVOTEL (4*) Address: Av. Víctor Andrés Belaunde 198, San Isidro, Lima 27 Tel.: (511) 315-9922 Fax: (511) 315-9924</p>	<p>Total rate includes 10% of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple Standard - \$154 • Doble Standard - \$165 <p>(It includes buffet in its restaurant °365, Internet Wi-Fi and access to the Business Center)</p>	<p>Contact: Carola Hurtado e-mail: h6339-re2@accor.com Website: www.novotel.com/es/hotel-6339-novotel-lima/index.shtml</p>
<p>CASA ANDINA SELECT – MIRAFLORES (4*) Address: Calle Schell 452, Miraflores, Lima 18 Tel.: (511) 213-9752</p>	<p>Total rate includes 10% of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior Simple - \$114.40 • Superior Doble - \$122.10 • Junior Suites - \$152.90 <p>(It includes buffet in its restaurant, Internet Wi-Fi in the room)</p> <p><i>Current rate until August 30 2015. The best available rate will apply after this date.</i></p>	<p>Contact: Rolando Flores e-mail: rflores@casa-andina.com Website: http://www.casa-andina.com/select-miraflores/</p>

OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

Welcome reception
 Place to be determined, September 3rd 2015, 7:00 pm

All participants to the Congress are invited. The government of Peru will provide ground transportation from the hotel to the reception venue and viceversa in the schedules that will be provided.



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VISAS

To enter Peru each participant must have a valid passport. Citizens from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela can enter Peru with their national identification document. Only the citizens of Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic are required to have a valid visa on their passports.

The government of Peru may facilitate the visa issuing to the delegates from the countries mentioned above.

In order to do so, the delegates shall send an official request to the National Coordinator, Mercedes Govea, oeacongreso@mincetur.gob.pe, no later than August 14th, 2015, including the following information:

- Full name
- Nationality
- Copy of passport
- Organization and title
- Travel itinerary

VACCINES

There are no mandatory vaccines required to enter Peru. In case you would like to visit the Amazon region of the country, the Health Ministry suggests vaccination against yellow fever.

REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to complete the registration form (Appendix I) which has to be submitted to the OAS prior to August 14th 2015. Late registration will be done at the Congress venue on September 2nd 2015 from 9am to 5:30pm. In addition, participants are requested to complete the form in Appendix II and shall submit this to the National Coordination referred above no later that August 14th, 2015.

Due to security reasons, every participant is required to have an ID badge¹ during all sessions. Participants must present an official ID with picture (such as a passport) in order to receive the badge for the meeting and all other official documents of the meeting.

All delegations, observers and special invited guests should send their credentials, registration form and any other communication related to the Congress to:

Culture and Tourism Section
Department of Economic Development
Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)
Organization of American States
1889 F St. N.W
Washington, D.C., 20006
U.S.A.
Tel: +1(202) 370-4707 or +1(202) 370-9082
Fax: +1(202) 458-3561

¹ The ID badge will be given to the participants in the registration area of the Congress venue.



Email: tourismcongress@oas.org

DOCUMENTS AND LANGUAGES

Interpretation in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French will be provided during all the plenary sessions of the Congress.

INTERNET ACCESS

There will be a Delegates' Lounge at the Hotel where the meeting is held, with computers and connection to the Internet. There will be wireless Internet in the Congress plenary hall.

LOCAL TIME

The local in Lima, Peru time is (-5) GMT.

CURRENCY

The present currency in Peru is the Nuevo Sol. Most tourism-oriented establishments accept American dollars. However, Nuevos Soles are necessary to make payments on basic services such as public transportation.

Exchange rate: US\$1.00 = S/. \$3.18²

It is advisable to exchange currency at formal establishments such as banks and currency exchange establishments. The usual business hours of these establishments are Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm, and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. Most businesses accept main credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express).

CLIMATE

During the month September, the city of Lima generally has chilly weather with mild winds. The temperature is expected to range between 13° C (55°F) and 19°C (66° F).

ELECTRIC CURRENT

The electric current in Lima is 220 volts, 60 Hz. Most four-stars and five-stars hotels offer 110 volts electric current.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Immediate medical care services³ will be available at the site of the Meeting. Neither the Organization of American States nor the government of Peru can take responsibility of any

² Referente Exchange rate from the Peru Superintendente of Banking, Insurance and AFP:
<http://www.sbs.gob.pe/principal/categoria/tipo-de-cambio/147/c-147>

³ Medical care service will assist only ambulatory unforeseen situations.



eventuality such as accidents, illnesses or travel setbacks. Therefore, the participants are advised to take due precautions by purchasing travel insurance.

SECURITY

The National Police of Peru will provide security services during the meeting. Additionally, the site of the meeting will count on private security services.

USEFUL LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

- Police: 105
- Firefighters: 116
- Medical emergencies: 117
- Tourism assistance: 574-8000
- Jorge Chavez International Airport: 511-6055

TOURIST ACTIVITIES

LIMA

The capital of Peru, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located on the Pacific Coast of South America, is a city that boasts first class museums of all types, incredible beaches, lovely adjacent natural reserves, vibrant night life, places to engage in adrenaline-rushing adventure sports, and world class cuisine. All of this has fashioned its unique personality, which makes vacationing in this city an unforgettable experience.

For information on LIMA, check out: <http://www.peru.travel/es-pe/donde-ir/lima.aspx>

Main cultural attractions:

1. Lima Main Square

It's located in the midpoint of the original Colonial settlement, upon which sit the Cathedral of Lima, the Government Palace, and the City Hall. The centerpiece is a 17th century bronze fountain.

2. Cathedral of Lima

It was built on the foundations of the first church established in Lima. The austere interior befits its stature as a holy place, yet it is filled with historic relics and works of art, like the hand carved wooden pews of the choir, a myriad of eye-catching side altars, and the remains of Francisco Pizarro, the city founder.

3. San Francisco Church and Convent

An exquisite example of 17th century Colonial architecture featuring the church, convent, and a minor plaza.

4. Santa Domingo Convent

It was founded in 1535, yet ground was not broken for the building until the middle of the 16th century. The convent library holds close to 25,000 books, many of which are rare manuscripts.

5. Huallamarca Temple

The Pre-Incan inhabitants of the area that is now Lima built this stair-stepped pyramid, which also goes by the name of the Sugarloaf Temple. There is a site museum which displays artifacts discovered during different archeological digs.

6. Pucllana archeological site



It is one of the most important archeological ruins in the city, built by the Lima civilization between 200 A.D. and 700 A.D. It most likely was the site of religious ceremonies. The complex's builders used anti-seismic construction materials and designs, and at its topmost section is a pyramid.

OTHER PERUVIAN DESTINATIONS

ICA

A land of valleys, everlasting sun, never-ending beaches, and breathtaking natural reserves that teem with an immense variety of plants and animals. It also holds great mysteries and is the birthplace of the famous Peruvian liquor, pisco, world class wineries, Afro-Peruvian music, and the Huacachina Oasis.

For information on ICA, check out: <http://www.peru.travel/es-pe/donde-ir/ica.aspx>

Main attractions:

1. Nasca Lines

A mysterious, ancient series of geoglyphs featuring gigantic lines, geometric shapes, and animal and plant designs scraped onto the surface of the desert. Some are 300 meters long. The best way to appreciate them is a flyover in a small plane. UNESCO placed them on the World Heritage List.

2. Paracas National Reserve

A shelter for sea lions, sea otters, dolphins, and more than 200 species of birds. There are plenty of tour options to natural and archeological sites within this 335,000 hectare protected natural area.

3. Ballestas Islands

A lovely setting not far from the Ica coast which you can approach on small motorboats. It is home to a large variety of marine fowl and sea lions.

Hotels

Hotel Paracas (contact: The Westin Lima Hotel and Convention Center, see Hotel Accommodations table)

- Superior Garden Simple - \$209
- Superior Garden Doble - \$225.50
- Superior Ocean Simple - \$242
- Superior Ocean Doble - \$258.50
- Superior Ocean Front Simple - \$275
- Superior Ocean Front Doble - \$291.5
- Balcony Suite Ocean Simple - \$319
- Balcony Suite Ocean Doble - \$352
- Solarium Suite Simple - \$385
- Solarium Suite Doble - \$418

(It includes buffet breakfast at the Hotel's Restaurant)

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CUSCO

The city is a shining example of the Inca's architectural and stonemasonry skill. Similar spectacular sites in the department are Choquequirao, Sacsayhuaman, Qenko, Tambomachay, Ollantaytambo, and Machu Picchu. The Sacred Valley is another sector



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teeming with landmarks and lovely countryside, amazing terraced hillsides and charming towns, where the past and present coexist harmoniously.

For information on CUSCO, check out: <http://www.peru.travel/es-pe/donde-ir/cusco.aspx>

Main attractions in the city:

1. Cusco Main Square

The Incas used it as a religious setting, and every year the Inti Raymi, or Festival of the Sun, was celebrated there.

2. Cathedral of Cusco

A 16th century architectural masterpiece formed by three churches which display an amazing art collection of 1200 pieces.

3. San Blas (formerly known by the Incas as T'oqokachi)

A picturesque district famous for its artisans. The San Blas church is also a depository of masterpieces of art, and its hand carved wooden pulpit is world famous.

Nearby attractions:

4. Machu Picchu

A World Heritage Site and one of the new 7 Wonders of the World.

5. Sacsayhuaman archeological complex

There are 33 archeological sites within its boundaries, such as Sacsayhuaman, Qenko, Pukapukara, and Tambomachay. Every year, on June 24, the high point of the Inti Raymi festival is held in Sacsayhuaman.

6. Ollantaytambo archeological site

This was an important Incan administrative center that scholars also assume may have been militarily strategic due to its massive walls and fortifications.

7. Pisac

People from all over the Sacred Valley congregate in this small town every Sunday for its weekly flea market, where you can buy all types of handmade clothing and craft items.

8. Chinchero

The village's Colonial church is its major draw, where you can appreciate paintings from the Cusco School.

9. Moray

An Incan agricultural laboratory that looks like a series of gigantic amphitheaters. The different levels of concentric circles recreate the climatic and ecological conditions found throughout the entire Incan Empire.

10. Maras

During the time Peru was a Spanish Viceroyalty, this town played an important role, the evidence of which being the church and mansions that still bear the family crests above the front doors.

Hotels

Hotel Tambo del Inca Valle Sagrado (contact: The Westin Lima Hotel and Convention Center, see Hotel Accommodations table)

- Superior Simple - \$242
- Superior Doble - \$258.50
- Deluxe Simple - \$269.50
- Deluxe Doble - \$286
- Junior Suite Simple - \$363
- Junior Suite Doble - \$379.5



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Hotel Cusco – Palacio del Inka (contact: The Westin Lima Hotel and Convention Center, see Hotel Accommodations table)

- Superior Simple - \$220
- Superior Doble - \$236.50
- Deluxe Simple - \$242
- Deluxe Doble - \$258.50
- Junior Suite Simple - \$280.50
- Suite Simple - \$286
- Suite Doble - \$302.50
- Senior Suite - \$385

(It includes buffet breakfast at the Hotel's Restaurant)

*Current rate until **August 20 2015**. The best available rate will apply after this date.*

Hotel Valle Sagrado, Cusco (contact: Sonesta El Olivar, see Hotel Accommodations table)

Standard Simple - \$108.9

Standard Doble - \$114.40

Suite - \$148.50

Hotel Posada del Inca, Cusco (contact: Sonesta El Olivar, see Hotel Accommodations table)

Standard Simple - \$99

Standard Doble - \$103.40

Suite - \$134.20

(It includes buffet breakfast and internet in rooms and public areas)

*Current rate until **September 10 2015**. The best available rate will apply after this date.*



ANEXO I / APPENDIX I

VIGÉSIMO TERCERO CONGRESO INTERAMERICANO DE MINISTROS Y
ALTAS AUTORIDADES DE TURISMO

TWENTY THIRD INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF MINISTERS AND HIGH-LEVEL
AUTHORITIES OF TOURISM

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3 y 4 de septiembre de 2015 / September 3-4, 2015
Lima, Perú

FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN / REGISTRATION FORM

País u organización/Country or Organization:

- REPRESENTANTE TITULAR / PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE
- REPRESENTANTE SUPLENTE / ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
- OBSERVADOR / OBSERVER
- OTRO / OTHER

Información personal / Personal Information:

Apellidos/Last Name:		Nombre/First Name:	
Cargo/Position or Title:			
Organización/Organization:			
País/Country:			
Teléfono/Telephone:	Fax:	Correo Electrónico/Email:	

Favor enviar este formulario a la brevedad posible a la Sección de Cultura y Turismo, Departamento de Desarrollo Económico / Please send this form as soon as possible to the Culture and Tourism Section, Department of Economic Development. Email: tourismcongress@oas.org, Tel: 1 (202) 370-4707 or 1 (202) 370-9082, Fax: 1 (202) 458-3561 con copia a/with copy to: oeacongreso@mincetur.gob.pe



ANEXO II / APPENDIX II

**VIGÉSIMO TERCERO CONGRESO INTERAMERICANO DE MINISTROS Y
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FORMULARIO DE VIAJE / TRAVEL SCHEDULE FORM

Apellidos/Last Name:		Nombre/First Name:
Cargo/Position or Title:		
Organización/Organization:		
País/Country:		
Teléfono/Telephone:	Fax:	Correo Electrónico/Email:

Información de llegada / Arrival information

Fecha de llegada / Date of arrival	Hora de llegada / Time of arrival	Aerolínea y número de vuelo / Airline and Flight No.

Información de salida / Departure Information

Fecha de salida / Date of departure	Hora de salida / Time of departure	Aerolínea y número de vuelo / Airline and Flight No.

Nombre del hotel reservado / Name of hotel booked:

Favor incluir información adicional relevante (por ejemplo: necesidades especiales de transportación, restricciones alimentarias, información de contacto, etc.) /Please provide any other relevant information (eg. special transportation requirements, food restrictions, contact information, etc.)

Favor de enviar este formulario, a/ Please send this form to/ Ministerio de Comercio Exterior y Turismo del Perú/ Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, correo electrónico/send electronically to: oeacongreso@mincetur.gob.pe con copia a/with copy to: tourismcongress@oas.org