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Jan 09

The map of South America at the front of the book places Quito Ecuador just north of the equator. It should be just south of the equator!

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Jun 09

The airport tax is now 29\$ and is included in the ticket from the 1st of March.

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Aug 09

Getting there and away to Argentina, Qantas now offers a direct flight to Buenos Aires from Sydney which skims past Antarctica. This is a huge bonus on the way back to Sydney as it is daylight for the entire ice section and truly a real buzz to admire.

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Oct 09, TAMI HARMONY PANIK VIBBERSTOFT, DENMARK

Don't be in contact with animals the last two days before crossing the border from Argentina to Chile (or at least not tell anyone that you have been). Unless you want to keep the whole bus waiting while the border police check you and all your stuff.

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Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK

Getting into town: the bus is now number 8 and goes from outside the international terminal. It costs 2 pesos and takes about 2 hours to get right into the centre.

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Jun 09, ANDREW BIRDSEY, UK

I flew first to Buenos Aires and had no problems at all in terms of security – as you rightly say if you exercise a little common sense you will be perfectly safe! Although I was scammed by a taxi driver at the airport (he cunningly swapped a 50 peso note with a 20 and claimed we hadn't given him enough – after a 20 hour flight I would have given him my right arm if he told me to...).

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Jul 09, NIZAR FARSAKH, ITALY

Museo Historico Nacional is now open Wed - Sun

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Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK

Cementerio de la Recoleta: there are free tours in English on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.00 A.M.

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Jul 09, NIZAR FARSAKH, ITALY

under "walking tour" second paragraph it says: "start your walk at cementerio de la recoleta (1; p55)" the correct page is 58 not 55.

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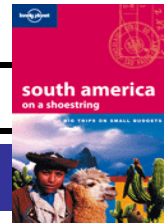
Oct 09, SASSOON GRIGORIAN, AUSTRALIA

Baire bikes no longer operates (762 Bolivar)

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Jan 09

Colonia Carlos Pellegrini Esteras de Ibera Argentina: Prices are high and steadily climbing. Several Hosterias have taken advantage of their book references and increased prices by up to 300%.



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Jul 09, NIZAR FARSAKH, ITALY

Lime House youth hostel's correct website is: <http://limehouse.com.ar>

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Jun 09

Vanilla House Hostel, Cabrera 4056 Buenos Aires: I'm the owner of Vanilla House (ex chill house) Chill house was open until May of the past year, since then the hostel has changed owners politics, accommodation, prices etc.

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Feb 09

We've opened a hostel recently in the area of Palermo in Buenos Aires Argentina. It's called "Vanilla House" it replaces the "Chill House" which is recommended in your current guidebook.

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Jul 09, KYLE PINNIGER, USA

I recently came into Buenos Aires and went to the "chill house" as listed in the guidebook". It turns out that it is under new ownership (as of a year ago) and is now called the VANILLA HOUSE.

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Jan 09

Buenos Aires: Cocina Patora Restaurant does not exist anymore; instead there is a more expensive restaurant at the same address.

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Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Buenos Aires: Restaurante La Farmacia in San Telmo is no longer there;

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Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK

La Cabrera: dishes range from pasta (29.50) to Kobe steak (79). The "standard" 16oz. steak, which you can certainly share between two, is 58 pesos.

70

Jun 09

The bus no. 8 from the airport to san telmo takes 2 hours and costs 2 pesos (only coins!!)

89

Feb 09

I found the comments about the need for a visa to enter Brazil (pg 89) unhelpful and misleading. "Nearly everyone" isn't specific enough. I ended up not knowing if I needed one or not. The Brazilian Consulate is only open till 4 during the week and not at all at weekends. Besides when I went to the border crossing I didn't need a visa. Nobody mentioned it. Tourist Information had informed me that British citizens didn't need one.

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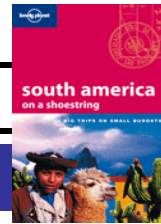
Nov 09, MELANIE BILOCCA, MALTA

Re p89 Visa for Brasil Brazilian Consulate needs 24hrs to issue a visa not 30 mins

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Jun 09, ANDREW BIRDSEY, UK

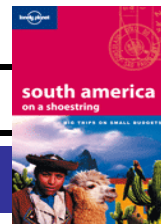
I used Lonely Planet recommendations in Córdoba too. I decided to go out to Ojo Bizaro which is given a good write up. Unfortunately at midnight on a Saturday there were no lights on and the door was locked...is this bar still trading?? I was quite disappointed!



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| 102 | Apr 09
hotel petit on 765 customo alvarez in tucuman is locked up and is dead |
| 107 | Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
busses to BA start around US\$75 and go up from there |
| 107 | Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Madre Tierra restaurant looks very closed. |
| 110 | Apr 09
Tilcara: The Posada Con Los Angeles has been renovated and now is super-luxury I almost fell over when I opened the door. It is charging 250 argentine pesos per night. Looks like a nice place if someone can afford it. |
| 114 | Oct 09, TAMI HARMONY PANIK VIBBERSTOFT, DENMARK
It seems like the box "getting to Bolivia" is placed on the wrong page. |
| 125 | Apr 09
the restaurant autentico patio de comedias la does not exist in mendoza anymore |
| 145 | Oct 09, RICK & LISELOTTE BOERKAMP, NETHERLANDS
Patagonia Map: A newly paved road starting from the Ruta Nacional 3 in eastward direction leading to Punta Tombo, was opened in September 2008 |
| 153 | Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Chaltén: Rancho Grande has changed their deal: a dorm bed is US\$15 a double with bath runs about US\$60 (no breakfast included in either) and internet is \$4/hr. |
| 162 | Mar 09, JULIETTE GIANNESINI, CANADA
In Glacier Martial the cable car is now 35 peso per person both ways. |
| 165 | Mar 09, JULIETTE GIANNESINI, CANADA
The Tierra Del Fuego Park entrance fee is now 50 peso (the tourist info brochure said only 30 peso). |
| 189 | Jun 09, ANNE BURROWS, UK
I wanted to warn other travellers about robberies in La Paz Bolivia. It is mentioned in the LP that there are 'fake policeman' asking for id and the stealing valuable. Unfortunately this actually happened to me last month. The main thing not mentioned in the book is that they are now using 'a lure' in my case this took the form of a "Chilean tourist". It was this woman who actually convinced me to go along with the 'fake policeman'. She was in on it too. I am happy to pass on more details if required but generally I think they prey on solo travellers and will use a seemingly innocent party to gain ones trust. Please warn others to be careful! They wouldn't let me out of the cab until I handed over my bank pin. By the time I had cancelled it they had taken out as much as they could from my account - plus they took all I had on me. Thanks Anne |



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Jul 09, NIZAR FARSAKH, ITALY

On a Sunday morning I went to visit the Murillo and Pacific War museums. On my way I was careful to take roads that had people in them and shops open and to put back my camera in the bag after taking pictures. When I finished visiting the museums and headed down Calle Jaen and just after I passed two kids playing in the street and a barber shop that had a customer I saw two guys approach me. At first I thought they wanted to ask me a question but then when I noticed that one of them was looking at something behind me I realized something was wrong but it was too late. A third guy had come from behind me and strangled me with a grip from his elbow. I called for help three times but quickly fainted. I woke up a few minutes later to find my bag gone and my pockets emptied of their contents. People gathered around me and helped me. One of them scolded me for being a stupid gringo to come alone on a Sunday.. as if I was supposed to know that it is plainly obvious how dangerous it is to walk in broad daylight in a street full of museums (i.e. it has police), with people in the street and shops open?! In contrast, t

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Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK

The Coca Museum was very interesting. Cost was 10 Bs.

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Jan 09

Bus route La Paz - Copacabana: if at one point you have to get out of the bus to cross by boat to the other side (the bus crosses the lake empty) make sure you take your passport with you as there will be a passport check once you get to the other side;

200

Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK

A colectivo to Coroico was 15Bs. A shared minibus (only 7 people) was 25Bs. or you can the whole thing for 175 (i.e. the cost of 7 people).

205

Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

Copacabana: Still no ATM, only for Bolivians.

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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

Copacabana: We asked tourist office for a good map but the service has stopped

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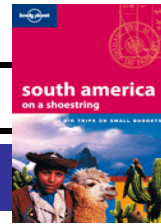
Jan 09

Salar de Uyuni: major concern are drunk drivers and unprofessional tour companies; when I was there 4 tourists and the driver died on the last day of the tour due to reckless driving and alcohol! We were lucky and chose well; in San Pedro de Atacama Chile at the tourist office in the main square you can read a complaint notebook and decide on your own which tour company to hire; the one that I took and was satisfied with is Expediciones Estrella del Sur;

233

Feb 09, DAVID BYRNE, UK

The immigration office in Sucre has moved from where u had it in ur south america guide i cant remember where it is now but thought maybe you would be able to find out. not much help I know.



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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

At the St. Cruz bus station it is not possible to buy bus tickets in advance only at the same day. You have to buy a Uso de Anden, some tax, to leave the bus station at a different desk for 3 Bs. Keep the ticket because it will be checked entering the platform and will driving out of the bus station.

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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

Death Train The ferrobuss train to St Cruz fills up quickly but there is a daily bus at 16h. 80 bolivianos a lot cheaper than the train and just as quick. The bus station is just a block down the road.

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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

Brazil/Bolivia: The border is the only place where there are cash machines US dollars can be changed on other places troughout town but don't expect to be able to pay anywhere with plastic, not even the bus or train station

247

Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

Border Brazil/Bolivia: When changing the border in Quijarro. Money changing is not in an office but with one of the people outside.

316

Jan 09

Boat trips to Ilha do Mel are possible but expensive. Be prepared to pay 200 U\$ and more per trip and boat.

376

Aug 09, BERBEL WÜRTH, NETHERLANDS

BRASIL: Our night bus (Transbrasiliana) from Sao Luis to Belem got held up and robbed by 6 guys with firearms. Our embassy told us that it is not uncommon on this particular route. Unfortunately, there is no other company that runs this route nor is there a daytime bus. No casualties or raping by the way. Tourist police in Belem (CIPTUR) was really polite quick and most helpful.

389

Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPART, BELGIUM

Speed Cyber Cafe and Acau online on the Manaus map dont seem to exist anymore. At least, I didnt find them on the marked locations and I looked really hard.

391

Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPART, BELGIUM

Brasil - Manaus Jungle trips - Iguano Turismo. Their typical trip seems to be around 60USD a night and not 90USD as the guide mentions. It depends though. From all the people I met on their tours, about 10, most paid like 60USD, but there were 2 girls that paid around 90USD, maybe because there was no group when they booked or maybe because they didnt try to haggle.

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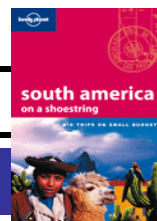
Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Santiago: walking tour is a bit difficult because pedestrians cannot cross Av. O'Higgins except at Av Santa Rosa 2 blocks east of where crossing is shown;

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Sep 09

Santiago: The Allende Museum has moved to Av Republica



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Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
La Boheme is shown on the wrong place on the map

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Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Happy House Hostel - nice but prices are 30% more expensive

428

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
El Antojito de Gauguin closed;

428

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Patagonia RestoBar is now called Tapanco (still a good menu)

429

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Brainworks does not seem to be a cafe anymore - it's more of an interior design store

429

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Donde la Elke is now called Dardignac 68 and is not open for lunch

436

Sep 09
Valparaiso: I think you need to add something about Cerro Cordillera being unsafe - I was warned away twice.

456

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
San Pedro: Most hotel restaurant and tour prices are 80 to 100% higher than what's listed in the book.

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Aug 09
The Hospedaje Webar on Los Carrera 872 in Osorno (Chile) has been converted to a vacant lot!

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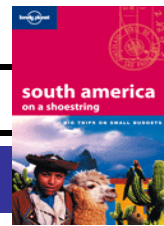
Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
#41 Restaurante Vegetariano Girasoles is actually on the northwest corner of the same intersection where it is shown (and it's upstairs through a mini deli and quite difficult to find - might be helpful to mention);

586

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Restaurante Vesuvio no longer seems to be there.

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Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Inset on p.587 about boats to/from Panama Golden Eagle no longer goes all the way to Colombia they just do cruises of the San Blas from Panama;



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Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPAERT, BELGIUM

When I arrived in Santa Rosa at the Triple Frontier on wednesday, I wanted to catch a fast boat (20 minutes) to Benjamin Constant to catch the slow boat to Manaus that left at 14.00 in Tabatinga the same day. However because Tabatinga is actually a different time zone than Santa Rosa and Leticia, an hour later, the police station was already closed and I couldnt get my entry stamp for Brasil anymore. Because of this I couldnt go to Benjamin Constant that day and I had to wait for the next slow boat. I feel like the 1 hour difference should be mentioned in the guide.

622

Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPAERT, BELGIUM

The map of the Colombian city of Leticia contains errors. The 'Secretary de Turismo y Fronteras' is not on Carrera 11 and does not exist anymore as far as i know (DAFEC seems to be the place for tourist information).

623

Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPAERT, BELGIUM

Residencias El Divino Niño: its a lot more expensive than the guide states. Dorms are 25 reals, singles 40 reals (more than 10 and 20 USD).

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Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPAERT, BELGIUM

Leticia - sleeping. Rooms in Residencias Marina do not have a fridge.

645

Jan 09

The departure tax from Ecuador if you travel by plane is currently US\$40.80 no longer the sum stated in the guide- US\$25

650

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Safari Tours is shown in the wrong place on the map.

652

Jul 09, JUNE FUJIMOTO, USA

Crime: Every day I continue to meet travelers and locals who have been robbed in Quito. It might be nice to have a more thorough listing of the typical scams since most of the robberies are just opportunistic ones that could have been avoided.

652

Jul 09

Lots of people have been robbed in Quito recently including us and some others at our hostel. Camera and wallet must be on your person. In the northern terminal I believe they are getting on the bus with you taking your stuff when you're not looking then getting directly off.

655

Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK

TeleferiQo is now \$8 for foreign adults.

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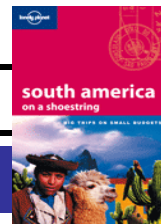
Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Quito: Hotel Plaza del Teatro has a website: hotelp plazadelteatro.com and a double room now costs \$24

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Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

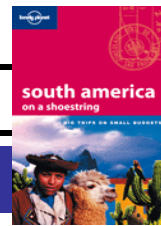
La Cuera del Oso is no longer there;



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- 664** Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK
Mama Clorindas: the guinea pig was \$10.
- 665** Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK
Nucanchi Pena was \$6. It didn't open until 10pm on the Thursday that we went. It was a nice venue.
- 666** Jul 09
Quito just closed their terminal Terrestre in the middle of the city. I think it's the one you have listed in your guide book called Cumanda page666 in the SAM shoestring. They now only have the northern and southern terminals. The southern one is now called Terminal Terrestre Quitumbe.
- 669** Jan 09
You can change travellers cheques at Banco Pacifico on Bolivar
- 680** May 09, DORIEN WESTRIENEN VAN, NETHERLANDS
The guide mentions a 'huge, chaotic Monday market, the largest of Ecuador' in Ambato. Sadly that is not the case (anymore?). There are several tiny ones but not really impressive. The market in Riobamba on saterday is very good and chaotic!
- 689** Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Ecotrek has moved 2km west of the center on Paseo 3 Nov;
- 690** Jan 09
Cuenca: Hotel Paredes changed address; the new one is Bartolame Serrano 1-17 y Baltazara de Calderon
- 692** Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
New York Pizza is now called "Chicago Pizza " but everything else seems to be the same;
- 693** Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
The Occidental bus to Cajas Park departs from a parking lot just west of Heredia on Mariscal Lamar near the center (if you catch it there it saves a cab ride to the terminal).
- 696** Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Loja: Casa Tinku is no longer there;
- 712** Aug 09, YASMIN LEE, UK
It might be worth mentioning that crime rates in manta have dramatically increased recently.
- 721** May 09, AMANDA MOLENAAR, NETHERLANDS
The Italian restaurant you mention in the guidebook, located downtown, doesn't exist anymore.



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Feb 09, ROBERT WALKER, USA

One "gotcha" that isn't noted in French Guiana is the cost of getting into Cayenne from the airport. It's 30 euros each direction and no public transportation or shared minibus taxis are available. Even if the meter reads less than 30 euros taxi drivers will still demand 30 euros.

761

Feb 09, ROBERT WALKER, USA

Getting ripped off on exchange rates when you need money is better than not being able to get money at all. Unfortunately many banks have taken to blocking ATM cards from working in places like Paramaribo where they think you have no business being. Be sure that you notify your bank before you leave where you're going and have a regular (not toll-free) number on which you can reach them in the event your card is blocked anyway. Fortunately I carry multiple ATM cards from multiple banks and one of them worked but two of my banks (despite prior notification) had blocked my ATM card from working in Suriname. One bank flat-out refused to enable it in Suriname insisting that their security was more important than me having access to my own money.

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Jan 09

I also found the Promenade Garden an oasis for walking relaxing reading etc The Promenade is still listed as dangerous on the US & UK travel warning sites but I asked around with the locals & found the situation has changed much in the last few years. There are at least 4-5 red-shirted staff lounging around at all times to provide presence & security and during my numerous visits I could also see local couples school classes drumming & dance groups in the pagoda & even a carload of visiting Japanese business men.

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Coal Pot has relocated to Carmichael Street.

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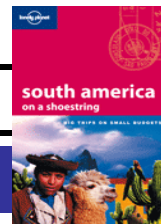
Jan 09

The eatery Lady Fingers closed in 2008 and has been replaced by a clothing boutique.

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Jan 09

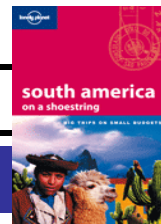
It is NOT possible to change travellers checks in either Tulcan or Ibarra banks (Northern Ecuador your Shoestring guide says it is). I finally (after a thrilling morning of every bank in town) managed to get some changed at a casa de cambio in Ibarra. However the man said the commission was \$3s on a transaction then changed \$300 of checks for me and charged me 3% so \$3 on each \$100 check.



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| 785 | Jan 09
On your website for the Rupununi savannas for transport you listed only a plane to Lethem or Annia. There is also a bus that goes from Georgetown to those places. (\$90 round trip advance purchase from Georgetown to Lethem as of October 2008 \$100 full fare) |
| 801 | Mar 09, MATT PEPE, USA
Pension da Silva is 4000 G per night (\$8). Take bus 8 from the terminal to get here and get off at Parque Uruguay |
| 803 | Mar 09, MATT PEPE, USA
Also note that ATM machines are plentiful in Asuncion but they all seem to charge 25000 G (\$5) with the maximum withdrawal at some machines being 1 500 000 G (\$300). |
| 803 | Mar 09, MATT PEPE, USA
Bus to Ciudad del Este is \$10 to \$15 |
| 803 | Mar 09, MATT PEPE, USA
Getting there and away from Asuncion -- The bus to Bolivia from Asuncion is long (24 hours) but the road all the way now is pretty good and not 'grueling' (other then being so long) |
| 803 | Mar 09, MATT PEPE, USA
To get a visa I was required to prove the following at the Paraguay embassy in Foz de Iguacu: Transportation INTO Paraguay a return flight proof of funds (\$500 in some way -- credit card travelers checks or bank statement) |
| 836 | Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS
Post Office near Plaza de Armas is open till 8PM on Saturday. Just like in Cusco some extremefull helpful ladies are around with boxes, tape and everything you need to make a package for a few soles. Sending package is relatively cheap from 2 kg. Under this weight you pay the premium price. |
| 838 | Aug 09, BEN OGDEN, UK
Peru Fly charges \$50 for a tandem flight. |
| 839 | Dec 09
HOSTAL DE LAS ARTES - LIMA: I've just checked into this hostel in Lima and found that you have printed the address incorrectly. It's Chota 1460 not 1469. |
| 841 | Jun 09
The restuarants Ima Sumac - Lima Miraflores - is no longer there. I went there today with my son and it wasnt there |
| 842 | Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS
Lima: Ima Sumac: does not exist anymore |



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Aug 09

During our travels we found Pisco (Peru) no longer an available destination due to an earthquake having destroyed the place. There was also talk of guns and danger but as we never got there we can't comment on this. Paracas has become the alternative option. Buses are now routed through Paracas and it appears that the once small sleepy village is rapidly growing to accommodate the influx of tourists. (In fact during our days there another floor of rooms was built on the roof of our hostel). Paracas has also become the new destination for Lima locals to spend their vacations being busiest of course during Easter.

852

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Nasca: Map numbers are all mixed up

871

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Cusco: The Boleto Turistico now costs \$45 (not quite as worth it)

875

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

SAS Travel has moved to calle Garcilaso

876

Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Muse has moved to calle Plateros just off the plaza;

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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

My camera got stolen while getting out of Inti Raymi in the big crowds. Never noticed. The Polica Turismo moved to Plaza Tupac Amaru. The service is good quick and in English if you want. You must come back the next day though when you want a written statement. They'll type it overnight while you have to go to the Banco de la Nacion to get in line for an hour or so to pay 3 55 soles for a voucher which you need to pay for the police statement.

876

Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

To visit Inti Raymi you can buy tourist tickets for about 50 US dollars but we did as the locals do. Walk up early and get yourself a place on the hill. Don't need to bring any food or water as everything is sold there. You can even turn up late and pay one of the locals for their place.

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Oct 09, RICK & LISELOTTE BOERKAMP, NETHERLANDS

Cuzco. Sleeping: Hostal Mira Sol does not exist anymore.

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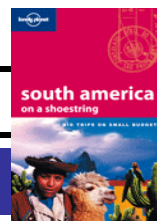
Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Victor Victoria has moved around the corner to calle Tecsecocha

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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

The price for the train from Puno increased to a stellar US\$220. Although there were talks in the newspaper about breaking the Perurail monopoly. The train back from Machu Picchu only went as far as Ollantaytambo because of trouble with the rails.



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Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS

Taxi prices within the city should always be 2 50 or 3 soles. Don't ask for the price just pay when getting out.

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Aug 09

The museum in Machu Picchu charges an entry fee now (where on the book it says it's free if u have the ticket to Machu). It's around 20 soles and 11 if you're a student. It also includes an entry to the mini botanical garden beside it.

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Oct 09, RICK & LISELOTTE BOERKAMP, NETHERLANDS

Aguas Calientes. Sights & Activities: Museo de Sitio Manuel Chávez Ballón is not free to enter with a Machu Picchu ticket. You have to pay an entrance fee unless you're with a guide.

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Jan 09

Cusco: at Machu Picchu if you want to climb Huayna/Wayna Picchu you need to be among the 1st one hundred visitors that day to the gates in the morning; another 100 are allowed to go up but only in the afternoon;

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Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPAERT, BELGIUM

In the box 'Inca Roads Less Traveled' the Salkantay trekking is mentioned. Its the alternative I did. Its a really nice hike but the trek never joins the classic Inca Trail as the guide mentions. The last day consists of a visit to Machu Picchu, but thats all, even the way to arrive there is different. There are no ruins along the track, although you are actually hiking another old Inca trail most of the time.

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Oct 09, STEFFEN LUYPAERT, BELGIUM

Inca Trail: The book states you should book the Inca trail 6 weeks in advance, but when I went to Peru out of season in september it was already fully booked until January-February. I wanted to do an alternative anyway, but on the alternative track I met some people that actually tried to book 2 months in advance and were disappointed they couldn't anymore.

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Jan 09

Trujillo: I found Trujillo a difficult and unpleasant place for a woman traveller; there is a lot of attention given to Caucasian women (or just different from local ones) even if you dress in a conservative manner

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Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Trujillo: El Sol vegetarian restaurant has moved across the street to the end of an alley next to Radio Shak (a little tough to find)

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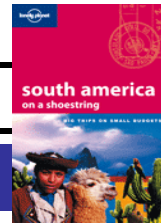
Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA

Alaska internet cafe - Piura - closed (akasa)

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Jan 09

Piura: the area where you get dropped off with the bus from Trujillo is a highly dangerous one and it is highly advisable to cab if you need to change bus stations or get to the center;



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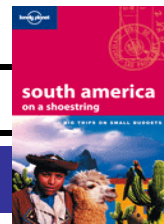
- 909** Aug 09
In Piura (Peru) staying at the Algarrobo Inn Los Cocos 389 no longer includes access to the Club Grau Swimming Pool across the road.
- 910** Jan 09
buses that go from Piura to Ecuador: CIFA (to Guayaquil) and Cooperative Loja (to Loja)- Ar.S.Cerro km 1 zona industrial Antigua; tel: 308.732 Piura
- 910** Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
Piura: Capuccino is no longer there
- 910** Mar 09, MEGAN HELLER, USA
the price of Ittsa's economy class bus to Trujillo has doubled
- 911** Jul 09, JONAS DE JONG, NETHERLANDS
Straight busses to Mancora from Lima or Trujillo were more expensive than stopping in Piura and taking a bus from there. We saved half the price.
- 912** May 09
In Tumbes (Peru) we were lucky enough to avoid the following scam: The easiest way to cross the border to Ecuador seems to take one of the CIFA-buses who offer an international service. When arriving at the bus terminal taxi drivers approach tourists and offer to take them to the CIFA-terminal. What happens instead is that you are taken to an old CIFA-terminal which is no longer in use. After showing you the closed terminal the taxi / tricycle-driver will tell you that there is no service this day. Then they offer to take you to the border themselves for an inflated price. Actually there seems to be a whole gang of taxi drivers involved in this business. At times 5 - 6 tricycles were trying to convince us at the same time that they were working for CIFA and that there were no services this day. They even pretended to have the keys for the terminal building...
- 912** Aug 09, HILARY BENSON, USA
it would be really helpful to add a blurb about the somewhat complicated border crossing from Tumbes, Peru to Huayaquillas, Ecuador. It's one where taxi drivers can easily take advantage of travelers not knowing the details. (In S.A. on a Shoestring there is a bus company listed to get you from Tumbes to the border. They're closed in Tumbes now which may be why the crossing is more confusing.)The immigration office to get your stamp to leave Peru is some distance before the actual border and the Ecuadorian immigration office is a ways outside of town once you cross the border. And then after you get your stamp the buses leave from town, back in the direction you just came from. Cab drivers take you to Peruvian immigration and then ask for more money to the actual border, and then start in on how the Ecuadoran office is far away and they can be your guide there...for a fee. It's a hassle that doesn't need to happen if you know to negotiate the price to immigration AND the actual border up front. Then walk across the border, ask around for the bus office to where you want to go and buy yo



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Apr 09
in huaraz peru. the guide agency galaxia has moved to the parque de las periodistas

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Sep 09
The Middle Eastern restaurant Kazbah in Montevideo has unfortunately closed. I went walking to find it. After giving up I went into a small store nearby to buy some potato chips, and asked the man who served me if he knew anything about it. He said it closed about 4 years ago.