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Lima is often overshadowed by Peru's most magnificent site, the 'Lost City' of Machu Picchu. However, with historic highlights worthy of such an ancient civilisation, colonial-era splendour and a tantalising gastronomic revolution – the Peruvian capital is more than a mere pit stop. There are many reasons why you should linger a little longer in Lima.

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The South American metropolis is perched above the emerald, palm-fringed cliffs strung along the Pacific Coast.

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Miraflores is Lima's most upscale district. The coastal boardwalk, known as El Malecón, is one of the neighbourhood's most popular attractions. The 6-mile stretch of parks is bedecked with works of art, including Parque del Amor (Love Park), a romantic rendezvous for loved-up couples.



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The barrio of Barranco is the city's coolest enclave. What was once a seaside retreat for Peru's well-to-do aristocrats is now characterised by crumbling facades and vibrant street art. Meander around the cobbled streets lined with the candy-coloured colonial mansions that have been revamped into some of Lima's trendiest boutiques, galleries, restaurants and bars. Be sure to pay a visit to the much-loved local landmark, the Bridge of Sighs.





gallery at the ever-so-chic restaurant, Tragaluz, whilst you dine on fine Peruvian fare. Later, it's time to mosey on over to Belo Bar for a cocktail. The bartender will whip you up whatever you please, but don't look past a pisco sour – a citrusy-sweet Peruvian classic.



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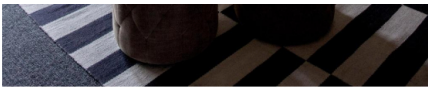
When it comes to accommodation, Atemporal Hotel is the trendy new hotel on the block (representing Peru on Conde Nast's 2017 Gold List). The same award-winning design team behind Hotel B envisioned this stylish boutique, fashioned from the foundations of an existing 1940's Milaflores mansion.



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Beyond being a dream for design-lovers, Atemporal offers a personalised experience – including a Maître de maison, around the clock concierge, bicycle hire and even a chauffeur service in a shiny new Mini Cooper.





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Take your time over the generous buffet breakfast seated in the private garden, which is fragrant with Angel's Trumpet trees. Guests are also invited to attend the complimentary evening drinks hosted in the lounge to mingle over a glass of wine with fellow travellers.



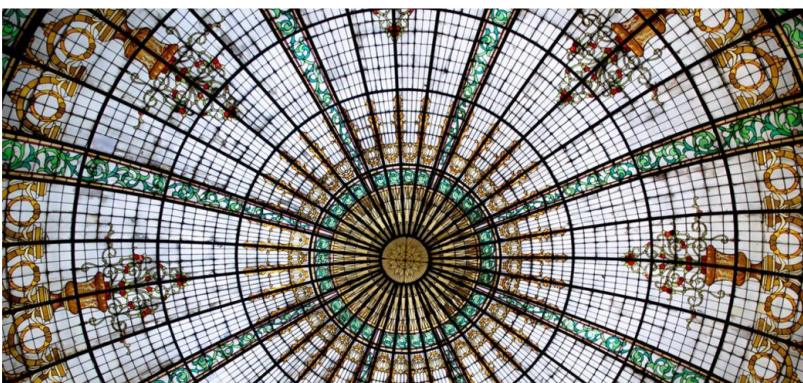
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Museo Pedro de Osma is a gorgeous beaux-arts building that houses an exquisite collection of colonial furniture, silverware and art.



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There are a few design stores surrounding Barranco's main plaza such as [Puna Shop Gallery](#) (pictured above), [Dédalo Arte](#) and Vernacula Concept Store. For a coffee break or healthy smoothie, La Bodega Verde is a small garden sanctuary hidden away down a Barranco side street. If it's a humid day, order an ice cream from Crème de la Crème and then take a seat on a park bench.







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