



## Study in Peru

Interview with María del Carmen De Voto, the Director of University Policies at Peru's Ministry of Education.

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Peru is inviting international students to explore the unique attractions and iconic landmarks of the country while pursuing their education. (PC: Pexels).

At NAFSA 2024, Peru highlighted its breathtaking geography, energetic culture and affordable tuition fees, making the country an appealing destination for international students.

María del Carmen De Voto, the director of University Policies at Peru's Ministry of Education, was eager to present what Peru has to offer students globally at this year's conference.

"This is our first time at NAFSA 2024," she said. "[Our mission] is to promote our academic offerings to everybody and show the best of our country."

According to De Voto, there are 94 universities in Peru, including 30 public and 64 private institutions. Public universities are renowned in the country for their affordable tuition, she shares.

“Each university has its own rule and policies about internationalization, but the public universities are free. Students only have to a small amount, but I think that is no more than \$150,” De Voto said.

The cost of living in Peru is another major advantage. De Voto explained that monthly expenses range from \$800 to \$1,200 USD, covering accommodation and transportation. This makes Peru an affordable destination for students compared other countries.

Students also have the opportunity to explore Peru’s stunning landscapes, including the Amazon rainforest and the Andes mountains. This unique experience makes Peru an ideal location for adventurous individuals eager to travel and study



The country is dedicated to ensuring students feel part of Peruvian culture. (PC: Pexels).

“Our universities have the opportunity to offer a new [perspective] to higher education,” she said. “You can explore the mountains and the jungle while learning at the same time.”

Peru is proud to offer students Spanish language programs, Vito said. Both public and private universities offer students the opportunity to enhance their Spanish by taking tailored programs.

The country is committed to fostering bilingual individuals and ensuring that international students feel embraced by Peruvian culture during their stay.

As Peru continues to uphold their higher education opportunities globally, the message is clear: the country welcomes international students, offering world-class education, affordability, and the chance to explore unique opportunities.

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