

1. HOW DO I APPLY TO THE YOUTH SUMMER OF MISSIONS PROGRAM AT CALVARY CHAPEL BIBLE COLLEGE PERU?

It's super easy! At the bottom of this page you will find an on-line application. Fill it out and press send!

2. ONCE ACCEPTED FOR YSOM, WHAT MUST I DO TO PREPARE TO GO?

The first thing is to get a passport (if you do not yet have one) —which could take several weeks. Passport applications can be found at most post offices. If you already have a passport, make sure it is valid for another 6 months. Before you travel to Peru, please make three copies of your passport, and leave one with a responsible person back home.

3. WHEN SHALL I BUY MY AIRLINE TICKETS?

It is important that you wait until you receive your letter of acceptance before you purchase your tickets. Once you do, start shopping around for the best airfare. If you would rather not travel alone, let us know and we will send you the e-mail addresses of other participants from your area so you can coordinate to fly together. Airlines often have sales, and many students have found great prices by contacting STA Travel at the following website: www.statravel.com, as well as www.skyscanner.com. All flights to Cajamarca first stop in Lima. We advise you to purchase your tickets to Lima and to Cajamarca separately, as including your trip to Cajamarca in your ticket can be far more expensive. Make sure that the flight times do not overlap.

4. HOW DO I GET MY PERUVIAN TOURIST VISA?

Simple! All YSOM kids arrive to Peru on “tourist” visas. The Peruvian government recognizes CCBC-Peru as a religious organization (rather than an educational institution), and will therefore not issue student visas to those in the YSOM program. If you are traveling with a U.S. Passport, your “tourist” visa is automatic and the visa form will be given to you on the airplane. If you are traveling on a passport from any other country, please check current visa requirements at your nearest Peruvian embassy or consulate. Peruvian Immigration officials at the airport have the discretion to issue either 30, 60, 90 or 180 day tourist visas. This is not a problem, however, as additional days can be purchased for the remainder of your six week program. It is vital that you remember to keep your visa (stamped white paper) tucked away in your passport; you will need it again in order to leave the country.

5. WHY IS A ROUND-TRIP TICKET NECESSARY?

The Peruvian government is happy for your visit, but they also want to make sure you return home. For this reason, the airline ticket agent may require you to have round-trip tickets before boarding the plane unless you have legal residency in Peru.

6. TELL ME, WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?

We want to stress that you wait to purchase your airline ticket until you have received a formal letter of acceptance from us stating the recommended arrival date.

7. HOW WILL I GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CAMPUS?

We will come and get you at the airport! We just need you to email us your arrival information (forward us your electronic ticket that should have the following information):

Airline
Flight Number
Date and Arrival Time
Departure City

8. CAN I COME WITH MY PARENTS OR WITH A FRIEND?

Guests may stay on site temporarily with prior approval and depending on space availability. They will need to pay for their room (\$15 per person per day), and meals (\$3 per meal per person).

9. WHAT ABOUT SIGHTSEEING?

We will be traveling to various parts of the country as a part of the Summer of Missions program.

10. HOW MUCH LUGGAGE MAY I BRING?

We advise you to check with the airline you are flying with; most airlines will allow passengers to take up to one 50-pound piece of luggage, plus one piece of carry-on luggage up to 20 pounds (in addition to camera and a lap-top computer). We suggest packing all your personal belongings in your carry-on and in one 50-pound bag. Save room in your bags for any souvenirs you may want to purchase during your stay in South America.

11. WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN PERU?

Our Cajamarca campus is located in the Andes Mountains where the climate is typically cold and dry. Be prepared for both rain and sun as the weather varies throughout the year.

12. WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

You will want to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and towels. A bilingual Bible (Spanish/English Parallel, New King James/Reina Valera 1960 versions) is suggested. We also suggest you bring a battery powered alarm clock. Regarding other personal items, be sure to include a good waterproof sunscreen and mosquito repellent. Dress modestly so as to not attract attention to yourself but that in all things you direct others towards Jesus. There will be "dirty" assignments at times so include some grubby clothes for painting, landscaping and clockwork as well. Bring modest swimming apparel.

13. WHAT SHOULD I LEAVE HOME?

Please do not bring anything of value that could get lost or stolen while traveling to, or residing in, Peru. Many electronic appliances (clocks, hairdryers, etc.) may not work on Peru's 220 voltage. Leave any secular music or videos at home, too, as this is a time to invest in your relationship with Jesus.

14. WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS CAN BE FOUND IN PERU?

Peru has large supermarkets where you can find just about everything you will need. There are a variety of shampoos, deodorants, tooth pastes, and hygiene products available in nearby stores (though sometimes inferior quality to those found in the States). Be sure to pack extra items, such as lotions, shampoos and hair products that you are accustomed to buying in the States, as they may not be found here, or might be very expensive.

15. SHOULD I BRING MY LAPTOP COMPUTER?

You may. Because we travel so much during YSOM most of the time there will not be any need for it and there is a risk of it being destroyed or stolen. If you decide to bring it, you do so at your own risk, as cameras and computers are targeted by thieves. Note that Peruvian customs allow tourists to bring one laptop and one camera into the country. Don't forget to bring a USB device!

16. WHAT ABOUT ELECTRICITY DIFFERENCES?

Peru's electrical network is established on 220 voltage, rather than the 110 voltage used in the United States. Great care must be taken, therefore, as many electronic devices will get ruined if

they get plugged in to 220 outlets. Most laptops, iPads and cameras allow both 110 and 220 electrical currency. Hairdryers and straighteners from the U.S. usually do not work here.

17. WHAT ABOUT CHANGING MONEY?

In order to get the best exchange rate, we suggest waiting to change your money into the Peruvian “sol” until you are given instructions upon arrival to the Bible College. Most businesses will take dollars as well as soles. Credit and bank cards are accepted in most grocery stores and restaurants. Automatic tellers are available to get cash, but U.S. banks may impose charges and international transaction fees. Check with your financial institution regarding these charges.

18. WHAT ABOUT SHOTS AND IMMUNIZATIONS?

We suggest that each student be current on their tetanus shots. We recommend that every student look at CDC recommendations for Peru, and be proactive and wise regarding immunizations. Even though we have never had an issue with immunization or disease, we want everyone to be as protected as possible. We would like to stress that students eat meals provided for them by the college and avoid eating in questionable establishments where diseases may be contracted.

19. DO I NEED MEDICAL INSURANCE?

Yes! We require that every student have medical coverage in case of emergency. Many students find they are covered on their parent’s policies while studying abroad. Others may have to purchase special coverage. You may contact www.acsa.com if you are shopping for affordable overseas medical coverage.

20. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR TUITION POLICY.

Tuition: Covered in the total \$1,600 price is dorm, meals and in-country travel expenses. We travel by bus, taxi and boat depending on the type of trips included in this particular Youth Summer of Missions program. If you want any additional food, snacks, soft drinks and souvenirs, you might want to bring a little more spending money.

Bed Deposit: A partial, non-refundable payment of \$200 will be required upon acceptance to our program to hold your place; the remainder is due on May 5, 2018, 7 weeks prior to the start of YSOM.

Payment: You may make checks payable to and send checks to: Friends of Calvary Chapel Bible College Peru, 1771 E. Palomar St. Chula Vista, CA 91913. Please write your name and YSOM in the memo portion of the check.

21. IS THERE A REFUND POLICY?

After your arrival to Peru, the refundable \$1,395 portion of tuition will be given according to the following schedule:

First Weeks Attended of Semester Percentage of Tuition Refund

Up to 1 Week.....80%

No refunds will be given after the first week of YSOM

22. HOW CAN I RECEIVE FUNDS IN PERU?

The easiest, and most inexpensive way to receive money in Peru is through a local ATM machine to access money deposited into your Stateside checking or savings account. Do note that some banks do charge a fee for international withdrawals. You may want to ask your bank about their policies before you leave home. It is almost impossible to cash personal checks in Peru and it is hard and expensive to cash travelers checks here.

23. IS THERE A ROOM DEPOSIT?

There is a refundable room-cleaning deposit of \$35 which will be refunded to you once your dorm room is thoroughly cleaned and inspected, and you have no outstanding bills to the College.

24. IS THERE INTERNET AVAILABLE?

Yes. We have invested in in-campus internet, but sometimes does not work as well as we would like. Please prepared to go without at times, and when it is available you will be able to use it for contacting family and other needs.

25. IS THERE A PHONE?

No. You can purchase inexpensive phone cards in Lima in order for you to make international calls, or you may use social media on the school's wifi.

26. CAN I RECEIVE LETTERS AND PACKAGES FROM HOME?

Yes, it is always a delight for students to receive notes and small "care packages" from home! We would like to stress one thing however: **DO NOT PUT THE BIBLE COLLEGE NAME ON THE PACKAGE!**

Any packages which include "Calvary Chapel Bible College Peru" will be subject to customs duty assessment by the Peruvian government, and a lengthy trip to Lima to retrieve the package from customs. Small packages are best, and should be made out as follows to avoid any hassles:

Your Name
Casilla Postal 83
Cajamarca, Cajamarca
Peru, South America

We discourage having larger care packages mailed to you. It is slow, expensive, and unpredictable. And, again, don't include the Bible College name anywhere on the package! Please note that any and all mail sent to Cajamarca will take a long time to arrive.

27. HOW WILL I DO MY LAUNDRY?

CCBC Peru has both washing and drying facilities to use free of charge. Students may use these once a week.

28. ARE THERE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

Thankfully, we are in a very safe neighborhood. Even still, students are required to walk in pairs (3 for mixed crowds) outside of the confines of the campus. We will give you thorough preparation at student orientation at the beginning of the program.

29. WHAT ARE THE RULES LIKE FOR YSOM?

A thorough list of rules and guidelines will be presented to all the students at the orientation meeting. We do have curfew: doors are locked weekdays at 10:45 pm, and 11:45 on Friday and Saturday evenings. Lights are out are at 11 pm on weeknights and at 12 pm on weekends.

30. WHAT ABOUT DATING AND ROMANCE?

Because of the culture we reach out to, and the nature of our ministry, we maintain a very high regard concerning romantic relationships. We prefer that our students concentrate on studies and ministry and refrain from dating and courtship while at CCBC-Peru and YSOM. We hold to a strict policy on relationships that all students will be expected to abide by.