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## 20 destinations you must visit in 2016



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### 9. Peru - adventure in the Andes

For the first time in 24 years, Britain is getting a non-stop flight to Peru, with British Airways flying London Gatwick to Lima from May 4. This cuts the journey to 12½ hours (from 15-18 hours with stop) and could entice back visitors who have already ticked off Cusco and Machu Picchu.

There is certainly plenty to enjoy: the Moche Route ([larutamoch.pe](http://larutamoch.pe)), which takes in the impressive mud-brick citadel of Chan Chan, is ideal for those who want some beach action with their archaeology. At the El Brujo Archaeological Complex in northern Peru, a new trail takes in recently discovered friezes that appear to show a tsunami.



Lake Titicaca Photo: Fotolia/AP

Elsewhere, access to one of the most dramatic inland sites, Kuelap, in the Amazonian region of Chachapoyas, will be improved by a new cable car, which Peru's president, Ollanta Humala, has promised will be in operation by July 2016. The Pachacamac complex, 25 miles (40km) south of Lima, contains 17 pyramids as well as palaces and temples. A major new archaeological museum is scheduled to open in mid-2016, displaying local finds and others borrowed from regional museums.

Meanwhile, Titilaka, the most luxurious property in Lake Titicaca, has launched a boathouse equipped with canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboats to allow guests to visit a private floating reed island, away from the crowds on the other Uros islands. Doubles from £660 per night full board, including trip ([titilaka.pe](http://titilaka.pe)).

#### **How to go**

BA (0344 493 0787; [ba.com](http://ba.com)) will fly from London Gatwick to Lima three times a week from May 4 2016. Return tickets from £560. For group and tailor-made tours to Peru, see the Latin America Travel Association's website [lata.org](http://lata.org).

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