

## **Disposition of Remains 2010 report**

The following information is submitted in accordance with U.S government requirements to provide current data on Peru regarding the disposition of remains. This report incorporates changes not previously submitted.

### **A. Maximum Period before Interment**

Under Peruvian law, embalmed remains may remain unburied for as long as necessary. Unembalmed remains, however, must be interred within 48 hours after the death.

### **B. Embalming**

Peruvian law specifies that remains are to be embalmed within 48 hours of death. In practice, however, a much longer period of time may pass before the embalming takes place. There are several qualified morticians in Lima, and fewer in the outlying provinces. Whether in the capital or outlying areas, embalming falls far below U.S. standards. Complete arterial replacement of bodily fluids is not practiced; and 'partial' or 'segmented' embalming is the norm. It is common for the embalmer to remove the internal organs of the body during the procedure; internal organs must be removed if the body is to be exported from the country.

### **C. Cremation**

Local law permits cremation. Remains can be cremated at any of these five locations: the Rimac Hospital, the Navy Hospital, the British Cemetery, Jardines de la Paz Cemetery or the Campo Fe Cemetery. All locations are in Lima, which is the only place in Peru where a cremation may be preformed.

### **D. Caskets and Containers**

When human remains are to be transported out of the country, they are placed in a hermetically sealed metal coffin which is in turn place in a wooden coffin. The wooden coffin is placed in a wooden shipping case for shipment by air. The coffins are of good quality and are suitable for direct burial upon return of remains.

### **E. Exportation of Remains**

Local requirements for exportation of human remains are as follows:

1. Embalming the remains
2. Placement of the remains in appropriate caskets and containers, as described in paragraph 'D'
3. Authorization from local civil authorities (the Fiscal)
4. Authorization of the doctor who performed the autopsy

5. A transit permit from the Peruvian Ministry of Health
6. Authorization of the International Health Office in Callao
7. Authorization of Customs and the Peruvian Airport Corporation
8. Authorization of the Airline

**F. Costs**

Costs for mortuary services and funerals in Peru are comparatively expensive, and in many cases substantially higher than the equivalent services in the United States. Despite the high costs, services and available facilities generally fall far below U.S. standards.

**Approximate Prices in dollars:**

Local burial without embalming	\$ 2,400
Embalming	\$ 300
Local burial with embalming	\$ 2,700
Preparation for shipment	\$ 3,500
Local cremation	\$ 2,500
Cremation for shipment	\$ 3,000

**Airfreight to Lima**

Additional transportation expenses will be incurred for deaths outside Lima for transportation of remains to the capital. Air freight charges to Lima from Arequipa, Cuzco, and Iquitos are approximately \$325.

**International Airfreight**

Average weight of caskets and containers required for export is 220kg (including body and packing materials).

Below are the approximate prices for air shipment from Lima to various points in the U.S.:

**Human Remains Surcharge (Handling): \$ 71.40**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>Continental</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LAN Peru</b>
New York		\$ 1,957.50	\$ 1,770.30	\$ 1,485.36
San Francisco	\$ 1,999.40	\$ 2,429.40	\$ 1,760.40	
Chicago	\$ 1,999.40	\$ 2,429.40	\$ 1,760.40	
Miami	\$ 1,940.40		\$ 1,366.40	\$ 1,273.40
Los Angeles	\$ 1,940.40		\$ 1,396.40	\$ 1,396.40

**Ashes sent to the United States: Airfreight**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>Continental</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LAN Peru</b>
New York		\$ 380.50	\$ 307.50	\$ 289.40
San Francisco	\$ 351.40	\$ 380.00	\$ 365.40	
Chicago	\$ 289.40	\$ 390.00	\$ 307.50	
Miami	\$ 289.40		\$ 307.50	\$ 265.00
Los Angeles	\$ 351.40		\$ 356.40	\$ 305.40

**Total Cost**

Below are preparation and freight charges for shipment of remains from Lima to several U.S. cities (Handling): \$ 71.40

<b>Lima to</b>	<b>Cremated</b>	<b>Embalmed</b>
New York	\$ 3,790.50	\$ 4,090.50
San Francisco	\$ 3,790.00	\$ 4,090.00
Chicago	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,100.00
Miami	\$ 3,717.50	\$ 4,017.50

Los Angeles	\$ 3,766.40	\$ 4,066.40
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### **G. Exhumation and Shipment**

Exhumation is permitted no sooner than 2 years after the burial if the body has not been embalmed. If the body has been embalmed, exhumation is permitted at any time. Authorization from the Lima Welfare Office is required for exhumation of remains.