

Update on Demonstrations about the Inti Raymi Religious Festival: June 22, 2009

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The US Embassy warns American Citizens of the possibility of significant violence surrounding the celebration of the Inti Raymi religious festival in Cuzco on June 24. The Embassy strongly urges travelers to stay alert to potential violence and to depart any situation immediately if it appears to be turning dangerous. The possibility of violent protests and road blockages may disrupt travel plans and delay road and air connections to other cities. The railroad to Machu Picchu may also be blocked. Travelers should consult with hotel staff and tour guides before venturing to destinations in the Sacred Valley, and consider sheltering in place if the airport is closed.

Americans living or traveling in Peru are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's [travel registration web site](#) so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Peru. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy or Consular Agent. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located in Monterrico, a suburb of Lima, at Avenida La Encalada, Block Seventeen; telephone 51-1-618-2000 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), or (51-1) 618-2936 for after-hours emergencies (English) or (51-1) 618-2935 for after-hours emergencies (Spanish); fax (51-1) 618-2397, or 618-2724 (American Citizen Services Unit); [Internet website](#). The Consular Section is open for American Citizens Services, including registration, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. weekdays, excluding U.S. and Peruvian holidays. The U.S. Consular Agency in Cusco, Peru, can be found at Avenida Pardo 845, Cusco. The office can be reached by phone at (51-84) 231-474, and is open Monday thru Friday, excluding [U.S. and Peruvian holidays](#), 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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