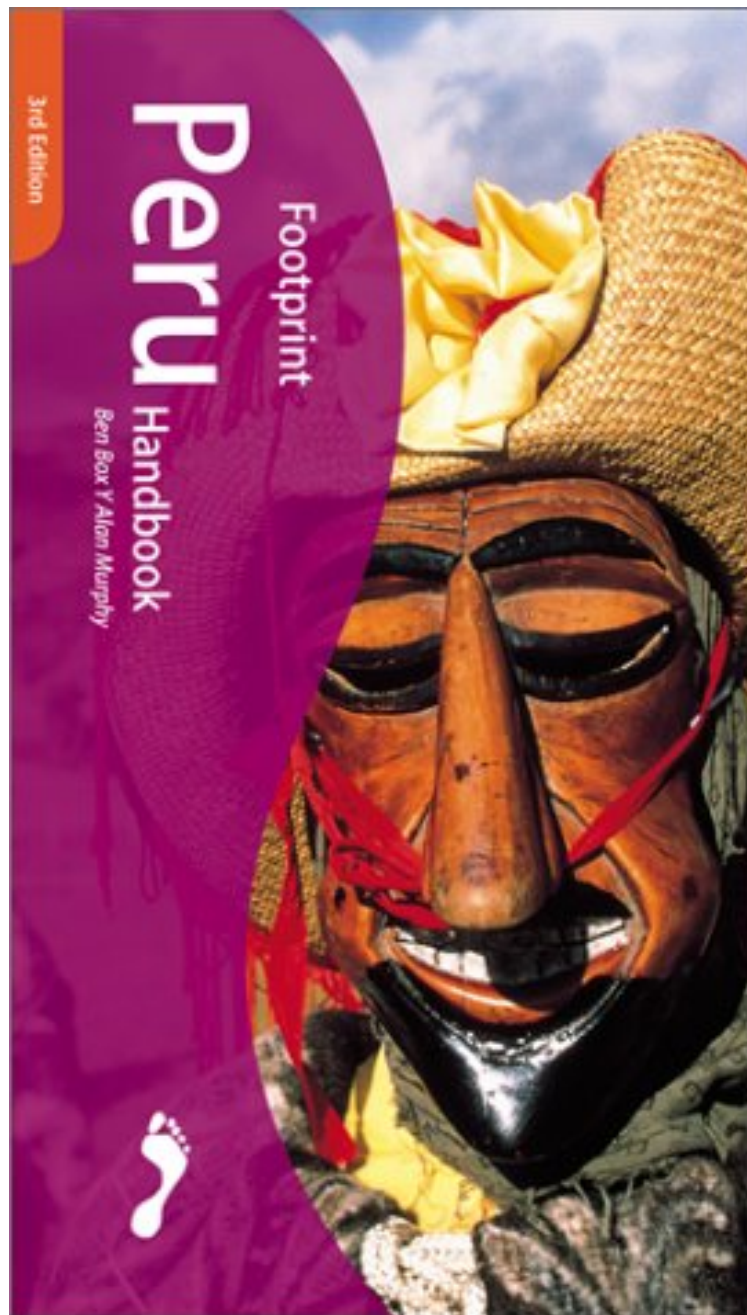


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This updated guide to Peru is part of a series of individual country guides on Latin America by the publishers of the "South American Handbook". Peru in the late 1990s is a forward-looking country thanks to the political and economic stability brought about by President Fujimori. Traditional centres like Cusco and Machu Picchu are booming, and once-popular destinations such as the colonial city of Ayacucho are re-establishing themselves. At the same time, new attractions are opening up. In the north, archaeological discoveries are providing great scope for independent exploration. In Arequipa province, a canyon deeper than Colca, Cotahausi, has come onto the tourist route. This portable and lightweight handbook provides detailed coverage of: the history and culture of Peru; Peruvian archaeology, new sites and areas to explore; food and drink; climbing in the Cordillera Blanca; best beaches, best surfing and where to fish; and full information on the condor and all wildlife.

"Recommended without reservation." The Daily Telegraph"About the AuthorBen Box Ben Box has edited the South American Handbook since 1989 and has been travelling in Latin America for 20 years. He finds Peru totally captivating and is eager for others to share the joys of exploring its grandeur and intricacies. Alan Murphy Alan Murphy still hasn't fulfilled his dream of finding a lost Inca city in deepest, darkest Peru. He may have done pretty much everything else that this wild and wonderful country has to offer, but he'd still sell his own grandmother to get on the next flight out there.