



Pre-departure guide

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Pre-departure checklist

Before leaving for HIVR4P 2024, the 5th HIV Research for Prevention Conference, in Lima, please make sure that you have the following items:

- ☐ Your passport (valid for at least six months from your return date) and all travel documents
- ☐ Valid visa for Peru and transit countries (where applicable)
- ☐ Photocopies of your passport and visa(s) (for easy replacement if necessary)
- ☐ Accommodation booking confirmation
- ☐ Your mobile phone and headphones if you plan to access simultaneous interpretation during sessions (free Wi-Fi will be available)

Please familiarize yourself with the [HIVR4P 2024 code of conduct](#).

Important:

Medication: If you are travelling with medication, please find relevant information [here](#).

We invite you to consult this website carefully before leaving for Lima.

The conference venue

The Westin Lima Hotel & Convention Centre

Calle Las Begonias 450
San Isidro, Lima, 00027
Peru

Find more information about The Westin [here](#) and the direct Google Maps link [here](#).

Transport from Lima international airport to the conference venue



Taxi

- Please make sure to order a taxi at the counters located [inside](#) the airport after the baggage claim.
- Please use the authorized cabs, which are listed [here](#).
- Note that the cost of a ride from the airport to the hotel is approximately Sol 100 (USD 26).

Transport from Lima international airport to Miraflores



Airport Express

- This is the official airport shuttle that reaches the four central points in the Miraflores neighbourhood: Marriott Larcomar, Tourist Information Center (Larco), Parque Kennedy and Hotel Boulevard.
- Please note that **it does not stop** at The Westin Hotel and Convention Centre.
- Note that the cost of a ride from the airport to Miraflores is approximately Sol 20 (USD 6).
- Please find more information on its [official website](#).

The conference programme

Explore the online programme of HIVR4P 2024 at programme2024.hivr4p.org. The conference will feature over 60 sessions, including plenary presentations, invited-speaker symposia, oral abstract sessions and satellites. Over 200 posters will be presented on site and 300 virtually!

Find more information about the HIVR4P 2024 programme [here](#).

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Interpretation and captioning

All language interpretation and captioning will be available for the plenary sessions, symposia and oral abstract sessions. Satellite symposia may also offer interpretation and captioning. As headphones will not be provided, we kindly ask that you bring your own to avoid disrupting others during the live interpretation. Your cooperation ensures a pleasant experience for all conference participants.

Registration requirements and arrival process

Where & when

The Westin, Level 3

Sunday 6 – Monday 7 October	07:30 – 17:00 PET	The Westin, Level 3
Tuesday 8 – Wednesday 9 October	07:30 – 17:30 PET	The Westin, Level 1
Thursday 10 October	07:30 – 15:30 PET	The Westin, Level 1

Payment

If you have paid by bank transfer but have not received an invoice or registration confirmation, please bring a proof of payment or bank transfer slip with you to the conference. Payments in person can be made by credit card. Cheques or cash payment will not be accepted.

Arrival process

- If your registration is confirmed, please have the QR code confirmation ready on your smartphone or as a printout from the email you received from the HIVR4P 2024 Registration team. Go to the badge self-printing desks and print your name badge.
- If your registration is pending, please proceed to the Registration counters on Level 3 to complete your registration.
- For media, please go to the Registration counters on level 3 to complete your registration. Any missing media credentials must be provided and approved by the IAS Media team before your media registration is completed. Please note that we cannot guarantee approval of pending media registrations on site.

Delegates registered as part of a group

If you are registered as part of a group, please check with your group manager about when and where you will receive your name badge.

Please note: To pick up your conference name badge or finalize your registration, you need to go to the registration counters in The Westin.

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The virtual platform

How to log in to the HIVR4P 2024 virtual platform

The conference platform will be accessible through the HIVR4P 2024 [website](#). To access the conference platform, you need a conference account, which is linked to the email address you used to register for HIVR4P 2024.

We recommend that you check your [conference account](#) now to ensure that your registration status is shown as "registration confirmed". Without this confirmation, you will not be able to access the HIVR4P 2024 platform. You are also encouraged to access and make yourself familiar with the conference platform before the official start of HIVR4P 2024.

The platform will be available from 4 October. Please log in via your conference account here: iasociety.org.

Other useful information

Accessibility in the city

Find detailed information about accessibility in the city [here](#).

Banks and currency

There is an ATM located in The Westin hotel's lobby where you can withdraw soles. You can find exchange offices at Lima International Airport and throughout central Lima, particularly in the more tourist-oriented districts. Banks can be a safe option but may have higher fees.

Most places in Lima accept credit cards. However, make sure that you check with your bank before arriving in Peru to be aware of any extra fees that you may be charged for using ATMs and credit cards.

Business and shopping hours

Monday – Saturday: 08:00 – 18:00

Sunday: Some shops are open for limited hours

Cloakroom

If you need to store items in the cloakroom, please visit the hotel's front desk and present your conference badge.

Only modest-sized handbags and laptop bags are allowed inside the venue; anything larger must be placed in the cloakroom.



Emergency telephone numbers in Peru

Police: **105**
Fire brigade: **116**
Ambulance: **106**

Security and safety

Safety levels in Lima vary across neighbourhoods, ranging from low to high risk. However, if you plan to venture to the city centre, it's advisable to opt for a cab.

To make the most of your time in the city, it's recommended to stay vigilant against theft of mobile phones and purses, particularly in crowded areas, on public transport and in the busy city centre. Find detailed information on public safety levels of risks in Lima [here](#).

Smoking laws

Find more information here: [Smoking & smoking laws in Peru](#)

Tipping

Tipping is entirely voluntary and is more common in sit-down restaurants. Usually, customers tip around 10% of their bill.

Transportation

The easiest way to move around the city is to use taxis. Be aware that there are numerous counterfeit taxis in Lima. Therefore, the safest option is to use a cab that can be traced (Uber or Cabify) or to order a cab through the hotel concierge.

Lima also has a transit system that links 12 districts, called El Metropolitano. Find more information [here](#).

Time zone

The time zone in Lima is Peru Time (PET), which is equivalent to UTC/GMT-5 hours.

Useful links

The Lima Tourist information centre is a free service located in Miraflores district. Find more information [here](#).



Contacts

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