

## Lima Shopping

### Shopping Center

[Larco Mar](#) – Miraflores

### Markets

On the northern edge of Miraflores, Avenida Petit Thouars has at least half a dozen markets crammed with vendors. No need to hit more than one or two, as they all carry pretty much the same merchandise.

To get a rough idea of what an alpaca sweater or woven wallet should cost, head to **Artesanias Miraflores** (Av. Petit Thouars 5541, Miraflores). It's small, but has a little of everything.

Better-quality goods can be found at **La Portada del Sol** (Av. Petit Thouars 5411, Miraflores). In this miniature mall the vendors show off their wares in glassed cases lit with halogen lamps. Some even accept credit cards.

Ask a local about the best place for handicrafts and you'll probably be told to go to **Mercado Indios** (Av. Petit Thouars 5245, Miraflores). Among the mass-produced souvenirs are a few one-of-a-kind pieces. Best artisan market at Petit Thouars 5321 (called Mercado Indio)

### Clothing

Lots of stores stock clothing made of alpaca, but one of the few to offer articles made from vicuña is [Alpaca 111](#) ([Av. Larco 671, Miraflores; Larcomar Malecón de la Reserva and Av. José Larco, Miraflores). There are branches of the store in Hotel Los Delfines, Miraflores Park Hotel, and Sonesta Posada del Inca El Olivar.

There are several other shops specializing in alpaca in Miraflores. [All Alpaca](#) (Av. Schell 375-377, Miraflores) sells sweaters and other pieces of clothing in sophisticated styles.

Bright colors reign at **La Casa de la Alpaca** (Av. La Paz 665). The patterns are updated takes on Andean designs.

### Fabric

Inspired by Peru's proud past, Silvia Lawson has created a line of fine fabrics. The wonderful weaves at **Silvania**

**Prints** (Calle Diez Canseco 378, San Isidro) are printed by hand on the finest cotton. Buy them already fashioned into everything from scarves to tablecloths.

**Lanificio** (Av. Alberto del Campo 285, San Isidro) offers fine fabrics made from baby alpaca-wool from animals no older than two years.

Beautifully made lace tablecloths and placemats are on display at **El Taller** (Av. Libertadores 260, San Isidro).

## **Handicrafts**

For beautiful pottery, head to **Antisuyo** (Tacna 460, Miraflores), which sells only traditional pieces from around the country.

Tiny *retablos* (boxes filled with scenes of village life) are among the eye-catching objects at **Raices Peru** (Av. La Paz 588,).

For one-of-a-kind pieces, **Coral Roja** (Recavarren 269) sells work made on the premises. The little red building is the place to go for original designs.

## **Jewelry**

It's unlikely you'll find gold jewelry elsewhere in designs as distinct as those at [H. Stern](#) (Museo de Oro; Alonso de Molina 1100, Monterrico) The well-regarded South American chain is savvy enough to know that people head to Peru for a taste of the culture. Many of their designs are influenced by the art of pre-Colombian peoples. One especially lovely piece is a vividly colored pin shaped like a Paracas warrior. Look for branches in top hotels, including Hotel Los Delfines, Hotel **Marriott**, and Sheraton Lima Hotel & Casino.

For one-of-a-kind gifts, try **Migue** (Av. La Paz 311, Miraflores), where you'll find jewelers fashioning original pieces in gold and other precious metals.

For sterling, you can't beat the classic designs at [Camusso](#) (Av. Oscar Benavides 679, El Centro; Av. Rivera Navarrete 788, San Isidro)

Chic designs fashioned in silver are the trademark of [Ilaría](#) (Av. Dos de Mayo 308, San Isidro; Los Eucallptos 578, San Isidro)

## Cusco

### Art

**Ilaria** (Portal de Carnes 258, Haukaypata, Plaza de Armas) is Cusco's finest jewelry, with an ample selection of replicas of colonial-era pieces. <http://www.ilariainternational.com/>

**Apacheta** (Santa Catalina Ancha 313) deals in replicas of pre-Columbian art, mostly ceramics, as well as contemporary designs. The shop works directly with its artisan suppliers, giving fair prices to them and to you, and a high degree of attentive service <http://www.apachetaperu.com/>

**Arte y Diseno (Sam Brown)-:** Samantha explores the neighborhood of San Blas, known as one of the best places to shop in Cusco for unique, handcrafted items. While there she comes across this little store, where she can get a purse custom-made for only \$35.

### Crafts

**Antisuyo**, a nonprofit cooperative, (Triunfo) sells high-quality crafts from all over Peru.

**Taller Maxi** (Sunturwasi [Triunfo]393), sells dolls in historical and local costumes. You can even have one custom-made. Also on display are *retahlos* (wooden boxes) that show Cusco's most popular sites and alpaca jackets decorated with local weavings.

**Crafts** Religious art, including elaborately costumed statues of the Virgin Mary, is sold at the shop at the **Galeria Mendivil** (Plazoleta San Blas 5).

### Ceramics

**Seminario** (Portal de Carnes, Haukaypata, Plaza de Armas) is the outlet in Cusco of famed ceramics maker Pahbo Seminailo. Prices are a bit lower at the source In the Sacred Valley town of Urubamba. <http://www.ceramicaseminario.com/>

In San Blas, the **Galeria Merida** (Carmen Alto 133) sells the much-imitated ceramics of Edilberto Merida.

### Jewelry

**Carlos Chaquiras** (Triunfo 375). <http://www.carloschaquiras.com/index.htm>

### Textiles

**Peru Etnico** (Portal Mantas; Portal de Carnes 232, Haukaypata, Plaza de Armas; Heladeros 172) has three downtown locations with fine alpaca coats, sweaters, scarves, and shawls.

**Alpaca's Best** (Portal Confiturias 221, Haukaypata, Plaza de Armas) also a good selection of jewelry. <http://alpacasbest.com/english/english.html>

**Artesanias Quipu Cancha** (Plateros 321) has the most stylish, and expensive.

**Hecho en Cusco** (Carmen Alto 105) has high-quality cotton T-shirts with simple, stylized designs of pumas, serpents, and birds, definitely a cut above the ubiquitous Cusquena beer shirts

**Alpaca 3** (Calle Ruinas 472)

**Maqui Arte** (Sunturwasi [Triunfo] 118) has high-quality alpaca sweaters.

For a chance to see products being hand-woven, stop by the **Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco** (Av. El Sol 603), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the survival of traditional textile weaving. You can purchase sweaters, ponchos, scarves, and wall hangings at fair-trade prices.

The municipal government operates the **Centro Artesanal Cusco** (Tullumayo and El Sol), containing **340** stands of artisan vendors.

The **Feria Inca** (At San Andras and Quera) is small and informal affair, but bargains can be found.