



## Lima Insider: Marilyn Lizarraga



Jallpa Nina, which means earth and fire in the Quechua dialect, is the inspiration behind ceramicist Marilyn Lizarraga's artistic [workshop](#). In her Miraflores showroom, you may recognize designs that have been popularized by style maker Jonathan Adler such as Buddha heads and contemporary vases as well as collections inspired by colonial designs, but all pieces are hand-made in Lima. Marilyn shares with Indagare the mission of Jallpa Nina, her favorite Lima restaurants and what first-time visitors shouldn't miss in the city.

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### **How did you decide to open Jallpa Nina?**

I was always connected to the arts, but ceramics is my passion.



Marilyn at her store

**What is your mission with Jallpa Nina?**

My mission is working with my team to create art that represents the soul of the pre-Columbian expression of our heritage.

**What is your favorite thing about living in Lima?**

I love living by the water, so I can smell, see and listen to the sea every day.

**Do you have a favorite neighborhood and if so, why?**

I love the Barranco neighborhood where I live. It is the historical and bohemian district of Lima and is full of galleries, artists, workshops, boutiques, cafés and restaurants.



Courtesy Central

**Do you have a favorite restaurant, and if so, why?**

That is a very difficult question to answer in Lima. Breakfast is great at La Panetteria which has the best bread in town. For lunch, [Isolina](#) has great ceviche. At sunset, get a pisco sour at [Hotel B](#). And for dinner there are so many great options like [Central](#), [Maido](#) and [Amaz](#).

**What three things do you think every first time visitor to Lima should do?**

Dine at the best restaurants, visit the [Larco Herrera](#) and [Amano](#) museums and walk around Barranco.



Machu Picchu

**What are your favorite regions of Peru and why?**

[Cusco](#), Urubamba Valley and [Machu Picchu](#), which offers incredible nature, history and spiritual energy.



Jallpa Nina ceramics

### **What will a shopper find at Jallpa Nina?**

Jallpa Nina is a Pandora's box—you will fall in love with our art, from vases to bowls to display artwork. Everything is handmade by Peruvian artisans.

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- *Melissa Biggs Bradley on February 23, 2018*

