This thesis deals with development of tourism in Peru from the 19. century to the present-day by means of travel accounts written by travellers mainly from Europe and United States of America. Furthermore, the thesis analyzes present development of tourism in Peru. At first it evaluates today's Peruvian offer of tourist attractions presented by Peruvian guidebooks which compares with demand for these attractions trough the medium of contemporary foreign guidebooks. This analyze is completed by statistical development of international tourists arrivals and vision of future development of tourism in Peru.