

Calling Taxis in Lima

Ready to wander around Lima? Taxis are a common and convenient way to get around Lima and other destinations in Peru. But before you grab just any taxi, like you may at home, please familiarize yourself with the suggestions and safety tips below.



Taxi Culture

Taxis in Peru don't run on meters. Negotiate the fare before getting into a taxi.

It's best to carry small bills and coins to pay for taxi fare - even better if you have exact payment. Usually taxis don't have change to break larger S/100 or S/50 bills.

Hailing a taxi from the street is **not** recommended, particularly in Lima where many taxi drivers are unregistered.

Taxi drivers don't expect a tip.



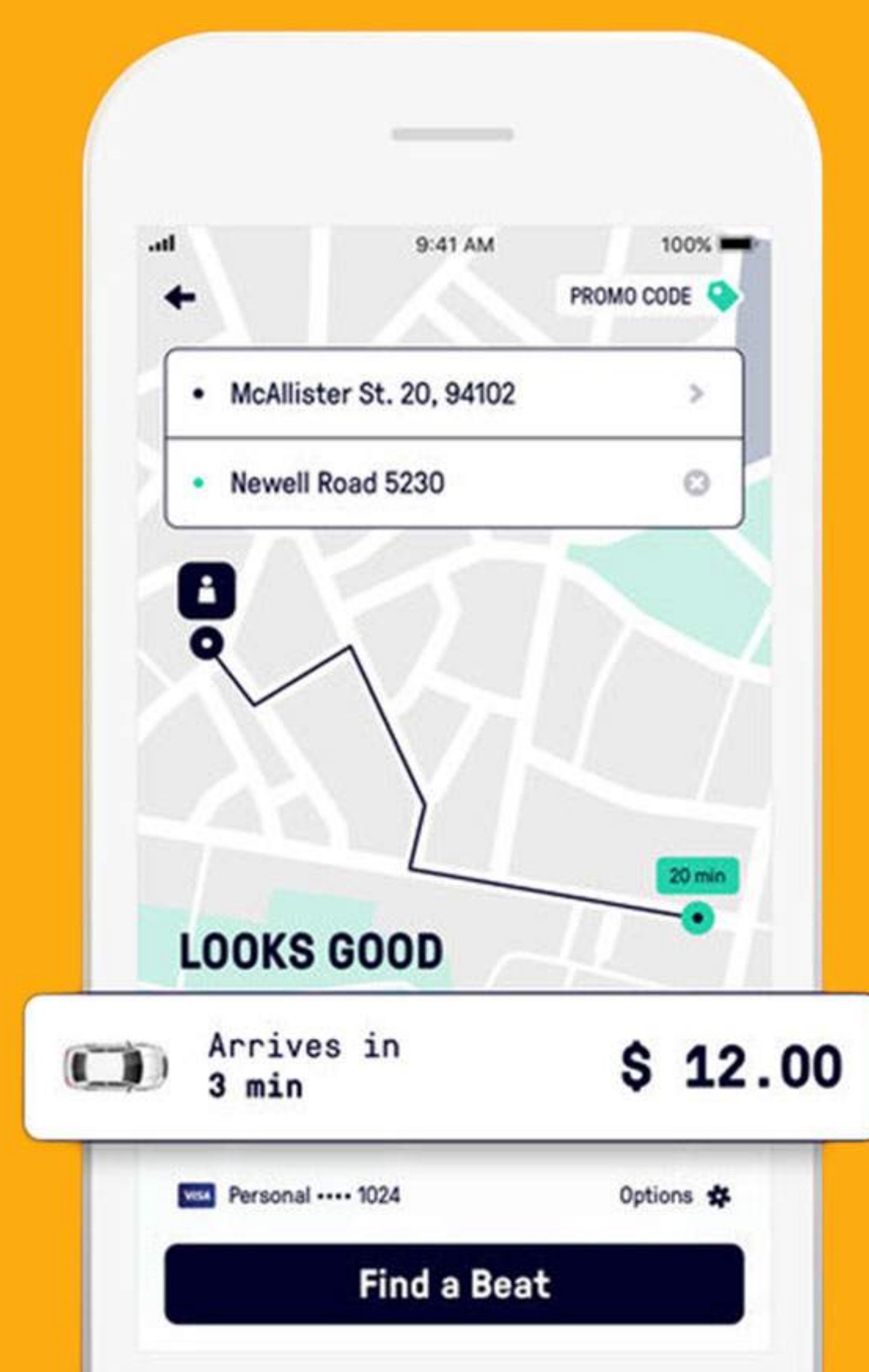
Calling a Safe Taxi | Option 1

Asking your hotel/restaurant reception to call a taxi on your behalf is the best and safest option. It is also really convenient if you don't speak much Spanish.
+ They can negotiate a good rate for you!

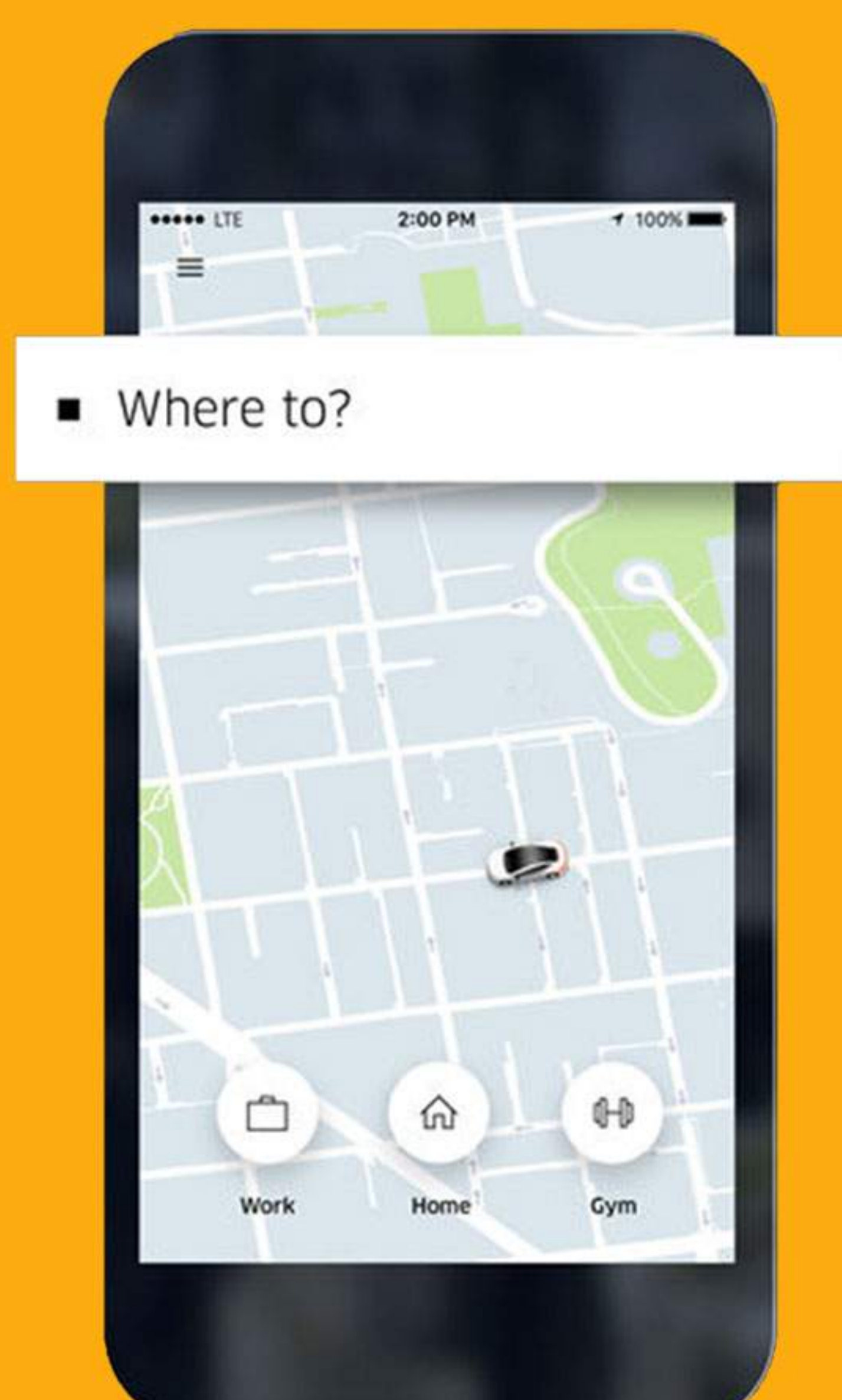
Calling a Safe Taxi | Option 2

Taxi applications are also recommended. The fare may be slightly more expensive than hailing one in the street, but you won't have to negotiate the fare, and more importantly, your safety doesn't have a price.
+ Don't worry about cash. Using a taxi app lets you pay with your bank card.

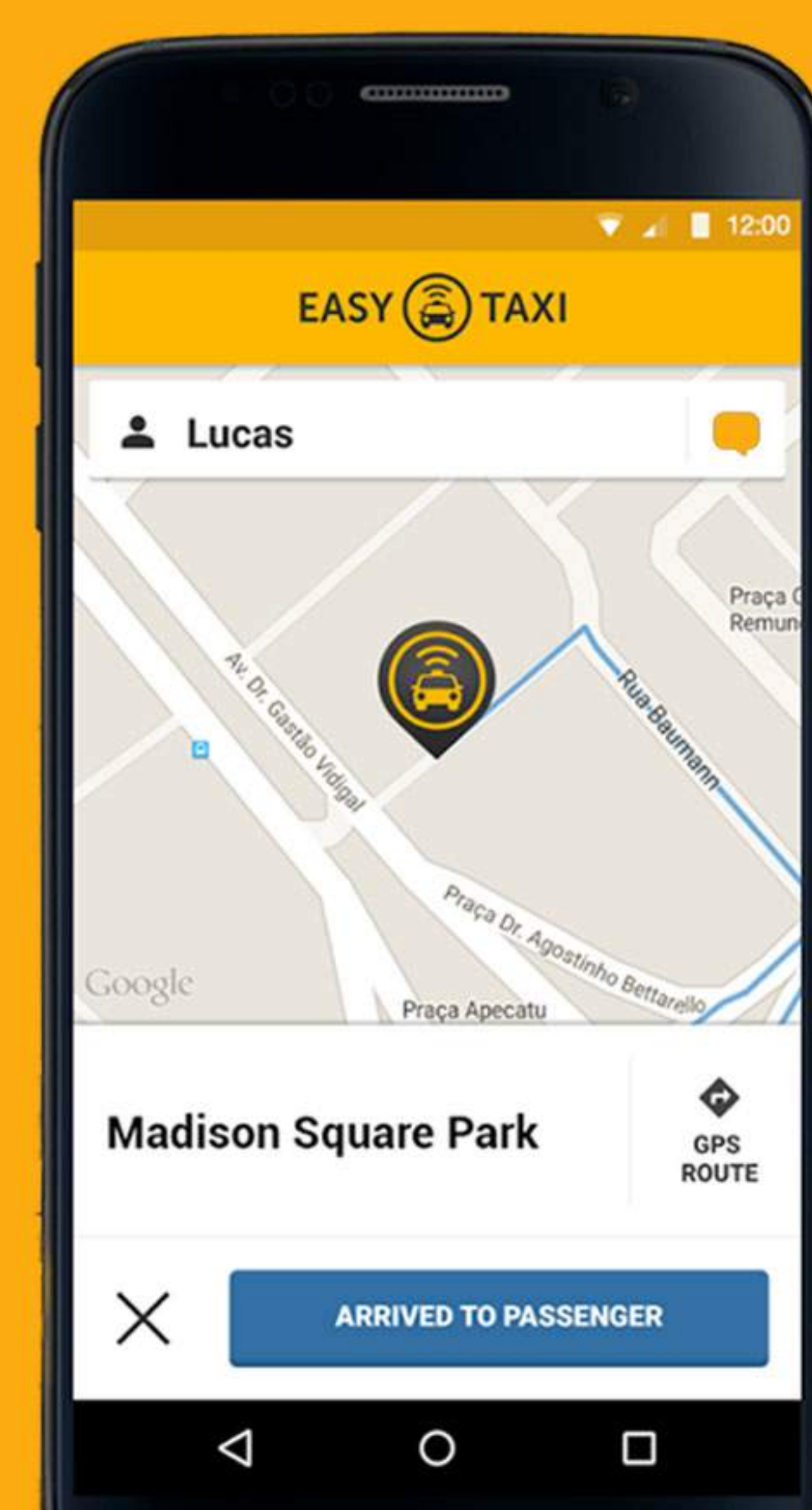
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i Should I take a street taxi? I want to save some money.

We do not recommend hailing a taxi from the street. Instead, ask a hotel representative to arrange a safe taxi for you or use a taxi application. The latter two options reduce your chances of running into unpleasant or potentially dangerous situations.

In general, taxi service in Peru is far less expensive than in North America, Europe, and Australia and it pays to spend a few more soles on fare to ensure you accept a ride from a registered taxi driver.

i Negotiating Taxi Fare

Make sure you negotiate the fare in soles, not US dollars, before accepting the ride and getting into the taxi because taxis in Peru don't run on meters. Drivers often quote higher prices for foreigners. It's typical to negotiate down taxi fares by a few soles. If the driver asks for 10 soles, offer 8 soles, for example. Expect fares to be higher than usual during peak traffic hours, particularly in Lima.

Using a taxi app lets you avoid negotiating fare altogether since the payment is established before you accept the ride on your smart device.

i How much should fare be?

Ask a hotel receptionist, guide, or restaurant employee (e.g. a local) how much a taxi ride to a particular destination may be to get an idea of fair pricing.

