

SOUTH AMERICA - LAKE TITICACA EXTENSION



INTRODUCTION

Experience the magnificent landscapes that Peru has to offer while traveling through Peru with this three-day superior-styled itinerary.

Follow the path of the Incas from Cusco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, back to the shores of Lake Titicaca. There legends say the Incan empire began when Wiricocha, the Incan sun god, rose up from these waters and sent his children off to explore Peru. You will travel across the Altiplano from Cusco to Puno by bus, stopping at Andean villages and visiting pre-Incan architecture at Raqchi Archaeological Complex. In Puno you will stay in superior accommodation before taking a speedboat tour of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. There you will visit Taquile Island and Santa Maria-Llachon, where you can learn about the local's handwoven textiles be taught the ancient language of Quechua. Finally, you will visit the last remaining floating islands of the Uros people before returning to Puno.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

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DURATION

3 Days

LOCATIONS

Peru



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DAY 1: Cusco to Puno

Board your tourist bus in Cusco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, and travel across the Altiplano to Puno. Along the way, you will stop in the Andean towns of Pucara and Andahuaylillas and at Raqchi Archaeological Complex where you will see examples of pre-Incan architecture. On arrival in Puno, which lies on the shores of Lake Titicaca, you will be transferred to your hotel for the night.



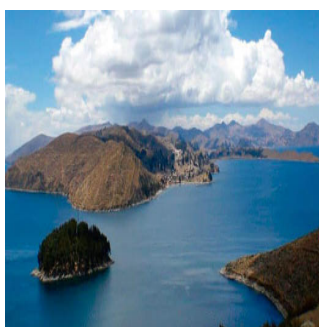
DAY 2: Lake Titicaca

Today you will head to the port of Puno to board a speedboat to visit various islands on Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. The first stop is Taquile Island, where you will hike along a pre-Incan trail before meeting the locals and learning about their handwoven clothing and textiles. You will then visit Santa Maria-Llachon, a small Quechuan speaking community who will teach you their language and prepare a traditional feast cooked underground known as Pachamanca. You can then choose to kayak along the coast of Llachon. After lunch we will head to the Uros Islands, the floating islands of the Uros people. There you can see their traditional homes and way of life and choose to ride on a reed boat. We will then head back to Puno and transfer you back to your hotel.



DAY 3: Puno

Spend what time you have left exploring Puno before your transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Once the home of a silver mine, there's many jewellery shops where you can buy keepsakes or you can take a wander along the stone tiled mall and main street of Jr. Lima.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Deluxe

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Inclusions	<p>Private transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English speaking guides as detailed in the itinerary Other meals where stated</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS: International & Internal flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides and drivers Any items not mentioned as included</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.