

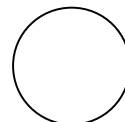


Uros Amantani Taquile Sillustani 3 Days/1 Night

Uros predates the pre Inca civilization, according to their legends they existed before the sun. Because of their simple and precarious lifestyle to Incas thought them worth little.

Amantani has great social, ethnic, panoramic and environmental importance with huge artisanal potential. Located 3 hours from the floating islands, there are 2 mountains Pachatata (father earth) and Pachamama (mother earth) where we can see archaeological remains and centers of adoration and worship. It's nature is lavished with beautiful countryside, vastly contrasting the immense Lake Titicaca.

Sillustani is an ancient pre-Incan burial site located on the shores of Lake Umayo, 18 miles from Puno. You are able to follow the steps of the ancient Colla people who roamed Lake Titicaca centuries before the arrival of the Incan empire. You are able to explore the ancient burial site and see the remaining Chullpas, complex funerary towers built to honor people from the Aymara culture. The architecture is impressive, thought by some to be more complex than those of the Incas. Although there are differences between the Aymara and Incan culture, the Aymara culture served as an essential building block for the Incan culture.



Easy



Moderate



Difficult



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Itinerary

Day one Uros – Amantani

06.45 a.m. Breakfast at the hostel.

07.00 a.m. Transfer from the hostel to the port. After sailing for 30 minutes we will arrive at the Uros floating islands, an old original community formed by a group of over 40 islands which are built from totora reeds by their own inhabitants. Here we have an approximately 2 hour tour (optional ride on a typical reed boat). We will then continue the journey in the same boat until we arrive at Amantani island where we will receive a warm welcome from the families of the community. Accommodation in a resident's home. In the afternoon, after a typical lunch, we will walk to the ritual centre of Pachatata. This is a place where you can observe the sunset and scenic landscape. At night, after dinner with the family, you will have a small meeting in a local community where you will dance and share culture with the families.

Day two Taquile – Puno

08.00 a.m. Farewell breakfast with the family before heading the Taquile Island, the journey taking around 40 minutes. There we will have an uphill walk observing the countryside and the inhabitant's daily lives. We will arrive at the square and visit a school where we will get involved in sporting activities with the students (Optional – bring presents for the children). Lunch in a local restaurant. Rest on the opposite side (530 steps) and return on the same boat to Puno,
04.30 p.m. Arrive in Puno and transfer to your hostel.

Please note – Accommodation is not included for night 2. We can book a hotel for this night at an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.



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Day three Excursion to Sillustani

02.15 p.m. Hotel transfer and travel to Sillustani. On route observe different towns like Paucarcolla and Hatunkolla.

After a 45 minute journey, we will arrive at the Sillustani located in the Atuncolla district, 33km out of the city of Puno and at an altitude of 3,928 m.a.s.l. Sillustani is the most important funerary centre of the Kola and Inca culture.

Return to Puno and on route visit the house of a peasant family observing their way of life.

5:30 p.m. Return to Puno and transfer to your hostel

Included in the price

- Official guide (English and Spanish)
- Transfer hotel- Puno port and vice versa
- Entrance tickets to Uros, Amantani and Taquile
- Motor boat
- First day lunch, dinner and hospitality of family

Not included in the price

- Breakfast on the first day
- Lunch on the second day and third day
- Spending money
- Expenses not mentioned in itinerary
- Tips

We recommend

- Warm clothes – as the weather is deceptive. It can be really warm in the morning but at night it's always cold
- Sun block and hat
- Torch – it is a small island and therefore does not have electricity. If you are lucky enough to stay in a house with a solar panel you will have electricity for a few hours. However if it is not a full moon you will not even be able to see your nose!



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- Water because it costs 3 times the normal amount on the island. You will also need an extra bottle as the water on the island is not drinkable.
- Altitude sickness tablets – if you are affected take them, if not save them. On the island there is not a pharmacy or hospital, only a post office (which is rarely open!).
- Charge camera batteries before you visit the islands as there is no electricity.
- No hot water and there is not normally a shower – only extremists who like temperatures of 10°C like to bathe in the lake.
- Walking shoes – on only one part of the island there is a rock path, the other is earth and loose stones.
- Spending money to buy souvenirs.
- On the island, almost all the inhabitants are vegetarians. In Amantani there are no restaurants, they only have meals in their homes. In Taquile it is better to stay in a group and go to the same restaurant as the authorities decide which. Restaurants serve exactly the same food, however – quinoa soup and fried fish.
- In Taquile –don't give handouts or sweets to children. It is forbidden because after they do not want to go to school.

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