



Easy

Moderate

Difficult

### First day: Excursion to Sillustani

Pick up from your hostel between 1.45 p.m. to 2.00 pm; there may be a slight delay, as we collect other travellers. We then travel by bus through the Altiplano, "the High Plains". On the way, we observe the typical flora and rural scenes of this area. Upon arrival at the Sillustani Peninsula, we have a guided tour, which informs us about the local beliefs in the afterlife as well as observing the huge funerary towers known as "Chullpas". Sillustani is a Peninsula surrounded by the Umayu Lagoon that gives the area an extraordinary contrast of colours and landscapes. We then return to Puno, visiting a typical farmhouse on the way.

Arrival Back in Puno City; 5.30 p.m. approximately

### Second day: Full day Uros Taquile

The island is located on the east side of the city of Puno on Lake Titicaca. Appreciate the different style of life, accustoms established by their ancestors. Each island has a main feature; on Taquile appreciate the weaving of a quality only comparable to the looms in Egypt or Paracas. Here you will find extremely friendly locals wearing typical and traditional dress who will always welcome you into their home. They will provide you with a lunch consisting of fresh trout, pejerrey and you will be able to enjoy the lake views surrounded by the impressive snow capped mountains of the real Bolivian mountain range.



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The excursion includes a visit to the floating islands of Uros as they are on our route.

Pick up from your hostel between 7.15 a.m. to 7.20 a.m. Transfer 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. We will then continue the journey in the same boat until we arrive to Taquile. There, a long gradually ascending path will take us to the village. It takes approximately 50 minutes to walk up to the village. Then, you have some free time to visit the artisanal market and the museum. Then, you will meet with the guide to go for lunch and after lunch you will continue with a guided visit and then descend 500 steps down to the port and take the boat back to Puno, a 3-hour return journey.

05.00 p.m. Arrive in Puno and transfer to your hostel or to the bus station.

Included in the price

- Official guide (English and Spanish)
- Transfer from the bus station to the port, from the port to the Hostel
- Entrance tickets to Uros and Taquile
- Motor boat
- Lunch on Taquile

**Not included in the price**

- Optional ride on a typical reed boat (Uros) 10 soles
- 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
- 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 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.



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- 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 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.