



## Uros Amantani Taquile

### 2 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.

On Taquile island you will see an indigenous community that conserves original traditions and organizations. The views from the island are unique and worth's.



Easy

Moderate

Difficult

## Itinerary

### First day: Uros – Amantani

08.00 a.m.

Transfer from the bus station 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

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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, after an hour's boat ride we arrive at this unique place. 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 Hostal
- Entrance tickets to Uros, Amantani and Taquile
- Motor boat
- First day lunch, dinner and hospitality of family (Amantani)
- Lunch on the second day (Taquile) 25 soles
- Optional ride on a typical reed boat (Uros) 10 soles

### **Not included in the price**

- Overnight bus from Arequipa to Puno
- Spending money
- Expenses not mentioned in itinerary
- Tips

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### **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!
- 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.
- 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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