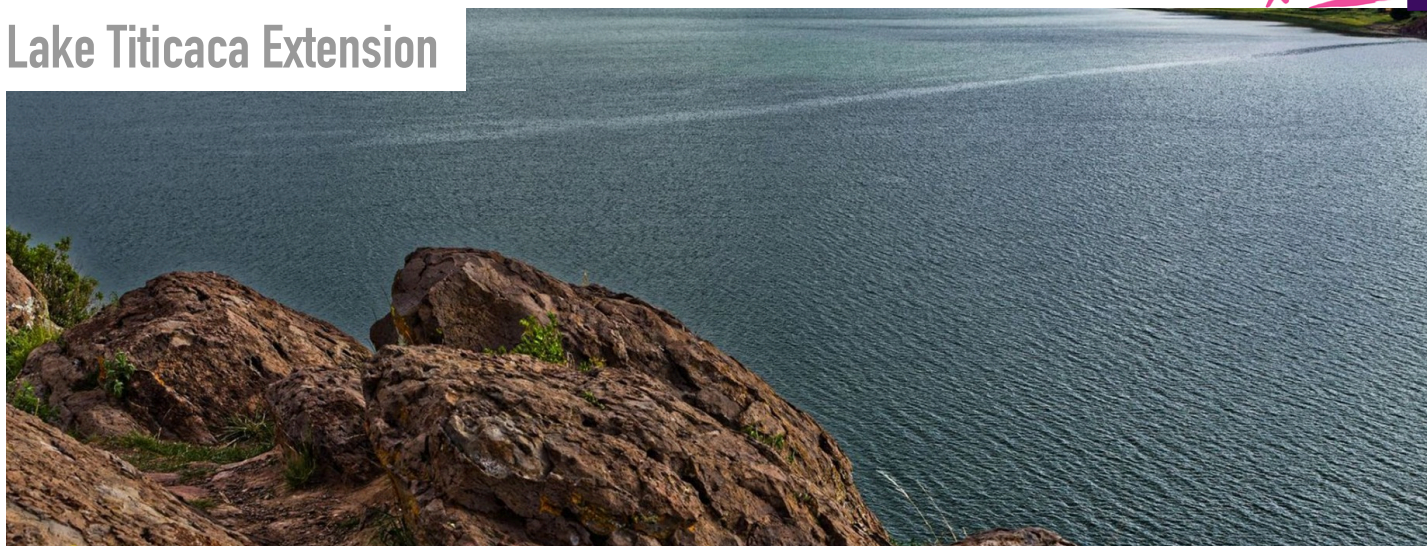


# Lake Titicaca Extension



**Duration: 5 days**

Lake Titicaca is the highest navigable lake in the world, lying on the high altiplano at 3856m above sea level, straddling the Peru-Bolivian border. It is home to the legendary Uros Islands – floating reed islands where the Uros people have lived for centuries. We visit Amantani Island, with its mountaintop temples to Pachamama and Pachatata (earth mother and father), and stay overnight with local families. We then move on to Taquile, famous for its intricate, brightly-coloured weaving. The lake views are fabulous, but the highlight of the trip is the glimpse into the everyday lives of the local people, from cultures pre-dating the Incas by a thousand years.

Those with less time or not wishing to continue to the Colca Canyon will transfer from Puno to the airport at Juliaca (approx. 45 mins) for the flight to Lima; connect with international flight to UK (arriving Day 5). Please refer to the above itinerary for more details on this extension to include the Colca Canyon.

**Contact the office for pricing and availability.**

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Cuzco – Puno

(main group departs Cuzco)

An early start for the long drive across the Peruvian altiplano (high plains). We break the journey at different sites along the way, making for a fascinating drive. We stop to see the baroque church of Andahuaylillas, whose frescoes have earned it the nickname of 'Sistine Chapel of the Americas'. We then stop at the Incan sites of Raqchi and Pukara. Entry to these sites are optional. After stopping for lunch at the small town of Sicuani, we continue on to Puno, enjoying the views over the high plateau, with its backdrop of mountains, known as the altiplano. We arrive in Puno late afternoon, check in and relax. Puno lies at 3830m, which after your time in Cuzco should pose no problems, but take it easy if you are feeling the effects of altitude.

*Breakfast and lunch provided. Provide own dinner. Hotel accommodation.*

NB: We can arrange flights to Cuzco (at additional cost) for those ending their trip in Puerto Maldonado

### Day 2: Lake Titicaca – Amantani Island

An early transfer takes us to the port and, travelling by motor boat, we set off for the legendary Uros Islands, where we have an insight into the lives of the Uros people who live on these floating reed islands, some only 20 metres in length. After a beautiful 3-hour boat ride we reach Amantani Island. Here you have the opportunity to trek to the top of the mountain (4150m) to see the Temples of the Pachamama and Pachatata. We spend the night in homes on the island, as guests of local families, and can enjoy authentic food and music tonight. This glimpse of the traditional customs of the island people is a real highlight for most people.

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided. Rustic accommodation in family home.*

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### Day 3: Lake Titicaca – Taquile Island – Puno

After breakfast we take a short boat ride to neighbouring Taquile Island, where we can tour around the ruins and see how the local people live. The people on Taquile are famous for their intricate and fascinating weavings, and you'll get the chance to haggle for souvenirs and support their way of life. After lunch we take the boat back to Puno. Arrival in the afternoon and transfer back to hotel.

*Breakfast and lunch provided. Provide own dinner. Hotel accommodation.*

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### Day 4 - 5: Puno – Juliaca – Lima – UK

Those with less time or not wishing to continue to the Colca Canyon will transfer from Puno to the airport at Juliaca (approx. 45 mins) for the flight to Lima; connect with international flight to UK (arriving Day 13).

*Breakfast provided.*

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NB: It is advisable to book early to guarantee availability and avoid any disappointment.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Flight from Juliaca to Lima, and locally-paid internal flight tax
- All transport from Cuzco to Puno
- Hotel accommodation in Puno; twin-share B&B basis
- Island accommodation in family home
- Entry to islands
- Meals as indicated
- Activities as detailed in itinerary
- English-speaking guide

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Optional sites en-route to Puno (allow \$8-12)
- Meals as indicated
- Personal spending, drinks, etc

- Tips for guides/drivers



Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

Please note: This document was downloaded on 27 Apr 2024, and the challenge is subject to change.