

PERU

Lake Titicaca Expedition

Islands, Culture & the Andean Highlands

PRE/POST-SLT EXPERIENCE - 4D/3N





Day	Excursions	Lodging	Meals
1	Route of the Sun: Cusco to Puno (Andahuaylillas, Raqchi, La Raya, Pukara)	Puno	B / L / -
2	Uros Floating Islands & Taquile Island by speed boat	Puno	B / L / -
3	Luquina Community + Kayak on Lake Titicaca	Puno	B / L / -
4	Sillustani en route to Juliaca Airport	-	B / - / -

Overview

Get ready to discover the highest navigable lake in the world! This 4-day extension takes you from Cusco across the Andean highlands to Puno, the folklore capital of Peru and the gateway to Lake Titicaca. Along the way you'll visit colonial churches and pre-Inca sites, sail to floating reed islands, paddle a kayak on sacred waters, and share a traditional lunch with a local Aymara family.

Highlights of the Trip

- Travel the scenic Route of the Sun from Cusco to Puno, crossing La Raya pass (4,335 m / 14,222 ft)
- Visit the Uros floating reed islands and the textile traditions of Taquile Island
- Kayak along the Chucuito Peninsula and share lunch with a local Aymara family in Luquina
- Explore the giant pre-Inca funerary towers of Sillustani
- Support our partner non-profit MEDLIFE by traveling with Good Life Expeditions

Itinerary

DAY

1

Route of the Sun – Cusco to Puno

Rise and shine! We'll pick you up at your hotel at 6:45 am and board our bus for one of the most scenic road trips in Peru. As we climb into the highlands, our first stop is the Church of Andahuaylillas, known as the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes" for its stunning murals and golden altars. Next up: the Inca temple of Raqchi, with its massive adobe walls that once honored the god Wiracocha. After a well-deserved buffet lunch, we continue to La Raya pass (4,335 m / 14,222 ft), the highest point of the journey, where snow-capped peaks and grazing alpacas make for epic photos. Our last stop is the Pukara Museum, home to fascinating stone sculptures from one of the oldest cultures of the Altiplano. We'll arrive in Puno around 5:30 pm and transfer you to your hotel. Take it easy tonight and let your body adjust to the altitude.



Overnight

Puno Hotel (3 Stars)



DAY

2

Uros Floating Islands & Taquile Island

After hotel pickup, we'll sail across Lake Titicaca by private speed boat to the Uros Floating Islands, crafted from woven totora reeds. You'll learn about the local culture and can take a ride on a traditional reed boat. Next, we'll head to Taquile Island, renowned for its male knitting and textile arts. We'll hike to the main plaza for stunning lake views and enjoy a fresh trout lunch with a local family before returning to Puno in the afternoon.



Overnight

Puno Hotel (3 Stars)



DAY

3

Luquina Community & Kayak on Lake Titicaca

Today is all about active exploration and cultural connection! We'll drive out to the Chucuito Peninsula on the shores of Lake Titicaca, where our kayaking guides will fit us with gear and give a brief safety talk. Then it's time to push off into the tranquil blue waters! We'll paddle along the scenic coastline with views of small farm plots and distant mountains before landing at the Aymara village of Luquina. Here, a welcoming local family will host us for a traditional homemade lunch made with native crops like quinoa, potatoes, and Andean cheese. After lunch and time to chat with our hosts, we'll drive back to Puno for your final evening in the highlands.



Overnight

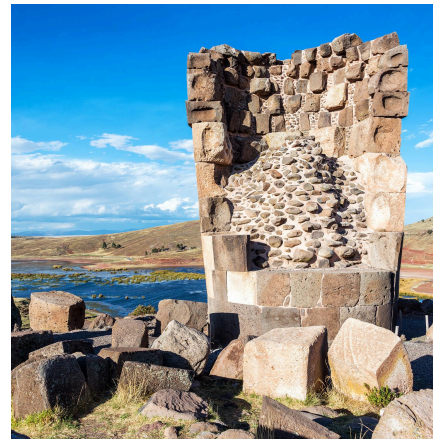
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DAY

4

Sillustani & Puno to Juliaca Airport

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out. On our way to the Juliaca airport (JUL) for your flight back to Lima, we'll make one last remarkable stop: the ancient archaeological site of Sillustani. Set on a peninsula overlooking Lake Umayo, this pre-Inca cemetery features giant stone funerary towers called chullpas, some standing over 12 meters high, built by the Kolla culture and later expanded by the Incas. After exploring the site with our guide and taking in the dramatic Altiplano views, we'll drop you off at the Juliaca airport in time for your flight. Safe travels!





For a comfortable trip, we recommend you bring:

- Layers of clothing (t-shirt, long sleeves, fleece, warm jacket)
- Hat, gloves and scarf for the evenings
- Sunglasses and a sun hat (the sun is very strong at altitude)
- Sunscreen (at least SPF 30), even if it is overcast
- Good walking shoes (no sandals)
- Quick-dry clothes and an extra change of clothes for the kayak day
- Reusable water bottle and snacks
- Camera

Pricing

Price per person	Private services
Twin accommodation	\$695.00 USD

Included

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation in Puno (3-star hotel, breakfast included)
- ✓ Meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches (1 buffet lunch on the Route of the Sun, 1 lunch on Taquile, 1 traditional lunch with a local family in Luquina)
- ✓ Hotel pickup in Cusco and transfer to the bus terminal
- ✓ Route of the Sun tourist bus Cusco – Puno with guide and entrance fees (Andahuaylillas, Raqchi, Pukara Museum)
- ✓ Transfer from the Puno terminal to your hotel
- ✓ Speed boat tour to Uros & Taquile with English-speaking guide, entrance fees and lunch
- ✓ Luquina kayak experience: motorboat, full kayak equipment, expert guides and lunch
- ✓ Private Sillustani tour with guide, entrance fees and transfer to Juliaca Airport with check-in assistance

Not Included

- ✗ Flight Juliaca – Lima
- ✗ Dinners and any meals not specified
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Tips and gratuities



Important Notes

- Puno is located at 3,800 m (12,500 ft) above sea level. Take it easy on your first day, stay hydrated and avoid heavy meals and alcohol.
- Lake Titicaca is cold all year round, and temperatures drop quickly after sunset (often below 0° C / 32° F at night).
- Lake activities depend on weather conditions and may be rescheduled for safety reasons.
- Please note this itinerary is subject to change according to weather conditions.