

TITILAKA

LAGO TITICACA / PERÚ

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A SUGGESTED ITINERARY. ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULING ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO GUEST PREFERENCE, WEATHER, AND/OR PROGRAMING.

VALID UNTIL MARCH 31ST, 2019.

Summary

Day 1: Arrival and Acclimation

11:00 am: Welcome at Juliaca Airport
12:30 pm: Check-in, lunch & siesta
3:00 pm: Tea time
3:30 pm: Nearby activities (1/4 day)
6:30 pm: Cocktails
7:30 pm: Dinner & rest

Day 2: Nautical Day

7:30 am: Breakfast
8:00 am: Islands of Lake Titicaca Excursion (full day)
12:30 pm: Picnic
5:30 pm: Return to Titilaka
6:30 pm: Cocktails
7:30 pm: Dinner & rest

Day 3: Land Day

7:30 am: Breakfast
8:00 am: Aymara Route Excursion (full day)
12:30 pm: Picnic
5:30 pm: Return to Titilaka
6:30 pm: Cocktails
7:30 pm: Dinner & rest

Day 4: Departure

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- 7:30 am: Breakfast
- 8:30 am: En Route Excursion (to Juliaca Airport), Short Excursion (depending on time availability), or Nearby Activities (1/4 day)
- 11:30 am: Farewell at Juliaca airport or Puno train station

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Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1:

You will be welcomed at Juliaca Airport by our Guest Services Representative and driven to Titilaka lodge. On the way, you will pass through the city of Juliaca and the port of Puno.

On arrival at the lodge, check-in, rest, and enjoy the scenery. Lunch, based on the local cuisine, is served from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. We recommend an afternoon *siesta* and drinking plenty of liquids to help you acclimate. Enjoy teatime at 3:00pm, followed by activities near the lodge in the afternoon. Explore the lake and paddle through nearby totora reeds as you choose from a selection of nautical activities, including kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, and sailing. Or, if you prefer, ride a bicycle through the fields of the district of Platería, take a walk on country paths, or watch local birds and drink in Puno's striking landscapes.

Evening cocktails are served from 6:30pm, followed by dinner from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

DAY 2:

This is an active day. If you wish, get up at dawn to witness a magnificent sunrise. Whenever you do wake, enjoy a healthy breakfast in bed or on our terrace. In the morning, your guides will take you by car and boat to visit the famed Uros floating islands, near the Titicaca National Reserve. Here you will meet one of the traditional families that inhabit these unique islands. The Uro-Aymara people are a proud culture, where the men skillfully traverse the lake with rafts made from reeds, and the women are expert weavers. Calling themselves *kot-suña* or, "people of the lake," the Uro-Aymara were once persecuted by other groups and forced to relocate to Lake Titicaca, where they found refuge by creating the islands out of totora reeds. Considering themselves guardians of Titicaca, the Uro-Aymara claim to have black blood that supposedly makes them impervious to the cold. A must for travelers to the area, expect to see many visitors here.

You will then explore Quechua beliefs and culture through the rich weaving tradition on the island of Taquile. Declared a part of UNESCO's Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, Taquile's vivid textiles convey complex messages about the wearer's social status and life. As the island enjoys a privileged microclimate, you'll likely see men weaving wonderful pieces outdoors.

You will then enjoy a picnic against the stunning backdrop of Titicaca's deep blue skies, the lake's sapphire waters, and on the horizon, Bolivia's Cordillera Real, or Royal Mountain Range.

Return to the hotel around 5:30pm and enjoy cocktails from 6:30pm and an á la carte dinner around 7:30pm.

DAY 3:

This is also an active day. Wake at dawn and witness a magnificent sunrise or rise whenever best suits you to a healthy breakfast of fresh fruits and local cereals in bed or on our terrace.

The Aymara Route is worth a full day's exploration, with its landscapes, wildlife, villages, and privileged views of the Chucuito peninsula and community of Ácora.

Through the oral traditions that your guide will share with you, you will travel back to pre-Inca times and learn about Titicaca's central role in the Andean way of life and cosmivision, and the intimate relationship between man and nature here that survives to this day.

By car, bicycle, or foot, set your own pace through curving country paths as they cross open farmland. From natural lookouts, drink in inspiring views of Lake Titicaca. Keep an eye out for native birds, archaeological remains and locals going about their daily chores. Lunch will be a picnic while enjoying open vistas of Lake Titicaca.

You return to the hotel for dinner at 7:30pm.

DAY 4:

After breakfast, and depending on the timing of your departure, you may enjoy a short excursion, an en route excursion, or one of a range of activities near the lodge.

The en route excursion involves a visit to the mysterious, ancient site of Sillustani, home to the area's best preserved *chullpas*, or funerary towers. Once a burial ground for the Pucara, Tiahuanaco, and Ccolla pre-Inca cultures, and then the Incas themselves, Sillustani's *chullpas* offer an ideal opportunity to compare the contrasting pre-Columbian architectonic styles.

Symbolizing life and birth, these ancient tombs were used for chiefs and other dignitaries. Made of stones weighing up to six tons, the biggest tower took around 50 years to complete. Offering archaeology and history, in a stunning natural setting, Sillustani is an impressive site we strongly recommend you see.

Farewell takes place at Juliaca airport or Puno train station as you head off to your next destination.