

# Puno & Lake Titicaca Extension from Cuzco 2019



## Peru - Extension



A visit to Lake Titicaca will prove a very worthwhile addition to any trip to Peru. Lake Titicaca is the largest lake in South America and is also considered to be the highest navigable lake in the world being set on the high altiplano of Peru at 4,103m/12,507ft.

On this extension you will travel to Puno, a city on the shores of Titicaca, by comfortable tourist bus with stops for interesting sightseeing and lunch included on the way. You will also cross the high pass at La Raya at 4,319m /14,170ft, before descending to Puno.

The lake itself is starkly beautiful and views of both Lake Titicaca and the mountains beyond are truly spectacular. You will spend a whole day on the lake - the Uros Islands, although rather touristy, are worth visiting to see this unique way of life while a visit to Taquile Island gives you the opportunity to see how a distinctive and independent minded society has adapted to this harsh but stunning environment. There may also be time to visit the fascinating pre-Inca ruins at Sillustani before catching your flight back to Lima.



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**Day 1 - Full day bus ride from Cuzco to Puno on Lake Titicaca.**

You will have an early transfer this morning to the bus station to catch the 07:00hrs tourist bus to Puno. The bus has comfortable reclining seats, hot and cold drinks service, snacks for sale, air-conditioning and heating and on board toilets. Lunch is included in Sicuani en route. The bus takes the whole day, stopping at the Colonial Church at Andahuaylillas, the archaeological site of Raqchi, the Abra La Raya pass and the Lithic Museum at Pucara. There is an English-speaking guide on the bus to help with any questions or assistance needed on the journey. On arrival in Puno at around 18.00hrs you are met at the train station and will be transferred to your hotel, the Casa Andina, for your overnight stay.

Overnight: Casa Andina Premium Hotel or similar, Puno

(Meals: L, D)

**Day 2 - Full day excursion on Lake Titicaca - Isla Uros and Isla Taquile.**

You will transfer to the port to board the 'rapid' boat for a full day cruise on Lake Titicaca. Your guide will be on hand to tell you all about the local history, traditions, agricultural and weaving methods of the Aymara Indians who inhabit the lake. You visit the amazing floating islands of the Uros people made from totora reeds and then continue to picturesque Taquile Island for lunch. Taquile is a unique place and the inhabitants here are very independent minded with their own unique dress, traditions and culture. If you have time it is worth making the climb to the top of the island for spectacular views of Lake Titicaca. You will have lunch on the island and will later return to Puno and back to your hotel.

Overnight Casa Andina Premium Hotel or similar, Puno

(Meals: B, L, D)

**Day 3 - Transfer to Juliaca - sightseeing at Sillustani time permitting. Fly to Lima and to London.**

After breakfast you will drive across the high pampas to Juliaca to catch your flight back to Lima. If the flight time allows on the way you visit the ruins at Sillustani. Here, set in a spectacular position above the blue lake Umayo, there are fascinating pre-Inca and Inca circular chullpas, or burial towers. The amazingly fine stone work seen here, the work of an earlier civilisation known as the Collas, was obviously a strong influence on the later work of the famous Inca stone masons. Be sure to look out for the enigmatic lizard carvings on two of the chullpas. You will then continue the drive to Juliaca where you will board a domestic flight to Lima.

In Lima, there is an option to take a city tour before your flight departure if time permits. Please note that there is an additional cost for this sightseeing tour.

At the airport you will check in for your international flight home.

(Meals: Breakfast)

**Price\*:** £595 per person based on two people travelling on a twin share basis.  
£860 for a single traveller (no additional supplement)

**Single Supplement\*:** £95 per person.

**Price includes:** Transfers in Cuzco and Puno, luxury bus from Cuzco to Puno; full day excursion on Titicaca with English speaking guide on shared boat; sightseeing and activities as stated; hotel accommodation in Puno on a twin share basis; meals as stated.

**Price excludes:** Sightseeing tour of Lima.

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