

## SOUTH AMERICA - LAKE TITICACA EXTENSION



### INTRODUCTION

Follow the path of the Inca's from Cusco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, back to the shores of Lake Titicaca. There legends say the Incan empire began when Wiricocha, the Incan sun god, rose up from these waters and sent his children off to explore Peru. You will travel across the Altiplano from Cusco to Puno by bus, stopping at Andean villages and visiting pre-Incan architecture at Raqchi Archaeological Complex. In Puno you will stay in superior accommodation before taking a speedboat tour of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. There you will visit Taquile Island and Santa Maria-Llachon, where you can learn about the local's handwoven textiles be taught the ancient language of Quechua. Finally, you will visit the last remaining floating islands of the Uros people before returning to Puno.

**On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.**

### ITINERARY

#### TRIP CODE

PEKIPTA

#### DURATION

3 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Peru



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## DAY 1: Cusco to Puno

Board your tourist bus in Cusco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, and travel across the Altiplano to Puno. Along the way, you will stop in the Andean towns of Pucara and Andahuaylillas and at Raqchi Archaeological Complex where you will see examples of pre-Incan architecture. On arrival in Puno, which lies on the shores of Lake Titicaca, you will be transferred to your hotel for the night.



## DAY 2: Lake Titicaca

Today you will head to the port of Puno to board a fast ferry to visit various islands on Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. The first stop is Taquile Island, where you will hike along a pre-Incan trail before meeting the locals and learning about their handwoven clothing and textiles. You will then visit Santa Maria-Llachon, a small Quechuan speaking community who will teach you their language and prepare a traditional feast cooked underground known as Pachamanca. You can then choose to kayak along the coast of Llachon. After lunch we will head to the Uros Islands, the floating islands of the Uros people. There you can see their traditional homes and way of life and choose to ride on a reed boat. We will then head back to Puno and transfer you back to your hotel.



## DAY 3: Puno

Spend what time you have left exploring Puno before your transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Once the home of a silver mine, there's many jewellery shops where you can buy keepsakes or you can take a wander along the stone tiled mall and main street of Jr. Lima.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hotel
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>Inclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private airport transfers</li> <li>Accommodation with breakfast daily</li> <li>Other meals where stated</li> <li>Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary</li> </ul> <p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International and internal flights not indicated</li> <li>Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)</li> <li>Travel Insurance</li> <li>Beverages</li> <li>Personal expenses</li> <li>Gratuities for tour guides/drivers</li> <li>Any items not mentioned as included</li> </ul>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (Light Adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please <a href="#">contact us</a> for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.          Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.          All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as

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much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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