



## Legendary PERU

### PUNO

The city of Puno is located at 3827 masl south-eastern Peruvian Andes. It is considered the folk capital of Peru and South America, and it is famous for resting on the shores of **Titicaca Lake**, the world's highest lake.

	SERVICE	LENGTH	DEPARTURE
<b>Half day</b>			
<a href="#">City tour</a>	PVT	2.30h	Daily
<a href="#">Sillustani Necropolis</a>	PVT	3h	Daily
<a href="#">Uros Islands</a>	PVT	3h	Daily
<a href="#">Chucuito and the Fertility Temple</a>	PVT	3.30h	Daily

	SERVICE	LENGTH	DEPARTURE
<b>Full day</b>			
<a href="#">Uros Islands and Taquile Island</a>	PVT / SIC	10h	Daily
<a href="#">Tiahuanaco Ruins</a>	PVT	12h	Daily
<a href="#">Chucuito, Sillustani and Lampa</a>	PVT	10h	Daily
<a href="#">Moon and Sun Islands and Copacabana</a>	SIC	10h	Daily
<a href="#">Moon and Sun Islands, Copacabana, Huatajata and La Paz</a>	SIC	12h	Daily
<a href="#">Copacabana and Sun Island</a>	SIC	11h	Daily
<a href="#">Copacabana, Sun Island and La Paz</a>	SIC	12h	Daily
<a href="#">Tourist bus Puno / Cusco</a>	SIC	10h	Daily

	SERVICE	LENGTH	DEPARTURE
<b>Extensions</b>			
<a href="#">Uros Islands</a>	PVT	2d/1n	Daily
<a href="#">Uros Islands and Taquile Island</a>	PVT / SIC	2d/1n	Daily
<a href="#">Amantani Island, Taquile Island and Uros Islands</a>	PVT / SIC	2d/1n	Daily

**B** Breakfast **BL** Box lunch **L** Lunch **D** Dinner

#### CITY TOUR

Puno, considered the folk capital of Peru and South America, offers the visitor colonial monuments as the **Cathedral**, located on the Main Square and founded in the seventeenth century, is well known for its stone carvings, the **Casa del Conde de Lemos**, the Municipal Library and Pinacoteca, and the churches of **San Juan Bautista**, **La Merced** and **San Antonio de Padua**. It is also interesting to visit the **Dreyer Museum** that displays an important collection of pieces from the Nasca, Paracas, Tiahuanaco, Chimú and Inca cultures. Near the Main Square, over a hill, one can observe the statue of the first Inca, Manco Capac, that overlooks the waters from where he one day came out of to the light as the legend narrates. The excursion ends in the hill of **Huajsapata**, from where one has a magnificent panoramic view of the lake and the city.



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### SILLUSTANI NECROPOLIS

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35 km from Puno, overlooking the **Lake Umayo**, the ruins of **Sillustani** rise (3824 masl) characterized by the **Chullpas**, or burial circular towers, of great dimensions and finely carved in stone. According to history, these would be burials of families of the high society of the **Collas**, of Aymara origins, before the Incas. Mysterious sites complement this place where it is assumed there were mystical rituals.

### UROS ISLANDS

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Taking advantage of the adequate embarkations, it is easy to reach the **Uros floating islands** (Tocanipa, Huaca Huancani and Santa María). These floating islands are made of straw layers (reed that grows abundantly on the lake) are inhabited by the descendants of the ancient ethnic group known as the **Uros** who after being rejected by the Aymaras had no other choice but to inhabit in other isolated communities of the region. They live in extreme poverty and are dedicated to fishing activities, farming a few vegetables and the extraction of the totora (straw) that is used to feed themselves. They also manufacture their own embarkations and build their rooms. They survive selling small handicraft objects that they manufacture.

### CHUCUITO AND THE FERTILITY TEMPLE

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Important Inca temple built near the current town of Chucuito (3871 masl). The mystery of the place is due to a series of lithic phallic, stuck in the earth and of probable fertility representation during some magical-religious ceremonies.

### LAMPA

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**Lampa** is located 75 Km. Away from Puno, and it is known as the Pink City due to the clay color in its houses. Its main attractions are the colonial temple of Santiago Apóstol (that has a replica of the Pietà, the world-famous work of Renaissance sculpture by Michelangelo Buonarroti), old Colonial and Republican houses and bridges.

### TAQUILE ISLAND

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**Taquile Island** (3887 masl) is a visit that can be combined with the floating islands of the Uros, it is the largest Peruvian territory, and it is in the heart of the lake. The beauty of the place and the fertility of its land and terraces are argument enough so that the King of Spain could proclaim it as the "Colonial hacienda". It is located 2 hours away by boat from Puno and it is inhabited by a small indigenous community that lives happily, protected by the sun and the gods of the mountains, keeping still all their customs of their ancestors. From the port where some inhabitants wearing local typical clothing will be waiting for the travellers, one has to climb a steep path to reach the town. The place has Inca ruins that can be visited before returning to Puno. For those who are not interested in comfort can stay overnight in the modest houses of the peasants, to experience along with them an unforgettable experience. If weather conditions allow it one can observe the formidable sunrise with the Cordillera Real of Bolivia as a background. This island has been declared **World Heritage Site** by UNESCO.



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### TIAHUANACO RUINS

The frontier with Bolivia, via Desaguadero, is 150 Km. away from Puno. Up to Yunguyo, follow the same road that leads to Copacabana. The little time available does not allow us to visit the typical towns previously mentioned in the excursion to the Sun Island. 70 Km. after the border control one gets to the **Tiahuanaco ruins**. This archaeological area was located on the southern shores of the Titicaca Lake. It had great influence over the cultures that blossomed in the current Peruvian territory. Visit the main archaeological monuments as the **Kalasadaya**, the temple of **Akapana**, **Keri-Kala**, **Pumapunku** and the famous **Sun Door**. These last remain, sculpt in a block of stone is unique. It is 4 meters by 3 meters, and it is the best one preserved. In the afternoon, return to Puno.

### MOON AND SUN ISLANDS AND COPACABANA

Land transfer to Juli's harbor. After the visit of its shrine and village, we will board the hydrofoil to the **Moon Island** to visit the Iñak Uyu ruins. Then, we will sail to Sun **Island** to visit the Grand Inca Stairs and the Sacred Fountain. After lunch, we will board the hydrofoil to sail to **Copacabana**, to visit its shrine. Finally, continue to Juli by hydrofoil for the land transfer to Puno.

### MOON AND SUN ISLANDS, COPACABANA, HUATAJA AND LA PAZ

The itinerary is same that as Moon and Sun Islands and Copacabana, but the transfer will be to **Huatajata** (2.30 hours) instead Juli. At Huatajata, we will visit the "Andean Roots Eco Village" cross-cultural program and we will meet the Limachi family, builders of historical Totora-Reed Boats, crossing the Atlantic. Finally, land transfer to **La Paz** (1.30 hours)

### COPACABANA AND SUN ISLAND

Early morning, land transfer to **Copacabana** (3 hours) visiting its Cathedral, to board the catamaran to sail (1 hour) to the **Sun Island** to visit the Garden, Stairs and Fountain of the Inca, the Inti Wata Cultural Complex (the largest private tourist attraction of Bolivia, including the underground museum of Ekako, the traditional medicine and the Titicaca Reed Shipbuilders display centers, the Pachamama agricultural Inca terraces, a handicraft center, the Intica's lounge and at the Manco Kapac viewer of the largest Andean camelids). Also, the Inti Wata Complex includes a unique sailing experience aboard a huge Titicaca traditional vessel for a panoramic visit to the Pilkokaina Inca Palace. Board again the catamaran to Copacabana and land transfer to Puno.

### COPACABANA, SUN ISLAND AND LA PAZ

The itinerary is the same as the Copacabana and Sun Island, but after the last visit, clients will board the catamaran to Chua (3 hours), for the land transfer to **La Paz** (1.30 hours).



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### TOURIST BUS PUNO/CUSCO **L**

The journey includes these visits:

**Pukara Museum:** is located 106 Km. from Puno. Pukara is a ceramists' town that conserve the name of the Peru's southerly first civilization. Its origin remotes to 1600 BC, and its archaeological remains, in addition to its stone pieces and ceramics, exhibit itself in the place museum.

**La Raya:** is the highest point in the way, at 4335 masl, and is the limit between Puno and Cusco. From this place you can appreciate the mountains range's snow around.

**Raqchi:** is located at 118 Km from Cusco. Archaeological complex with a temple dedicated to the Wiracocha's God at the Inca's time. The residence constructions, fountains and terraces show us the importance that it was like pilgrimage center.

**Andahuaylillas:** place where Saint Peter and Saint Paul's small church is located. The fabulous decorations in *pan de Oro* (gold leaf) and the murals that decorate the walls have given it the name of the "Sistine Chapel of America".

This service includes a lunch buffet in a local restaurant at Sicuani town.

### UROS ISLANDS - 2D/1N

1<sup>st</sup> day | Puno / Uros Islands **L** **D**

Transfer to the port to board **Uros Islands**. On arrival, lodging with local people. Then, travel to Willy River to get to know the National Reserve of Titicaca, its flora and fauna and the different Uros Islands. After lunch, tour to the National Reserve in large reed rafts, closing the evening with the laying of nets for fishery. Dinner and overnight.

2<sup>nd</sup> day | Uros Islands / Puno **B**

Trip in large reed boats to collect fishing nets from the day before. After breakfast, visit other islands, always in the large reed rafts. Return to Puno at midday.

### TAQUILE ISLAND AND UROS ISLANDS - 2D/1N

1<sup>st</sup> day | Puno / Taquile Island **L** **D**

Transfer to the port for boarding Taquile Island. On arrival, lodging at the house of local people. The comunards will perform a cultural presentation of the daily live on Taquile. After lunch, we make a tour to a path (45 minutes) that will take us to the village of Taquile, its church and craft center. Then, reach a natural viewpoint which is the ceremonial center. Dinner and overnight.

2<sup>nd</sup> day | Taquile Island / Uros Islands / Puno **B** **L**

After breakfast, agricultural activities will be made. After having lunch, navigate to **Uros Islands** to visit the islands. Then, transfer to Puno.

### AMANTANI ISLAND, TAQUILE ISLAND AND UROS ISLANDS - 2D/1N

1<sup>st</sup> day | Puno / Amantani Island **L** **D**

Transfer to the port to board the motorboat and visit the **Uros floating island**. Then, continue to **Amantani Island**. On arrival, lodging at the house of local people. After lunch, ascension to Pacha Tata, the mystical ceremonial center of the island. Dinner and overnight.



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2<sup>nd</sup> day | Amantani Island / Taquile Island / Uros Islands / Puno **B L**

After breakfast, board the motorboat to **Taquile Island**, to join with the living culture, craft presentation and visit to places of tourist interest. After lunch, back to Puno.