



# TITILAKA

EXCURSIONS GUIDE



## EXCURSIONS, CROSSINGS, & ACTIVITIES

The simple mention of Lake Titicaca is enough to transport one to a sublime, otherworldly place. Set between the Peruvian and Bolivian border, at 12,000 feet above sea level, Lake Titicaca, “the Incas’ birthplace”, is an emblem known for its cultural richness and enigmatic beauty.

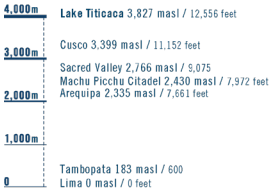
Uncover the cultural, historic and natural richness of the area around the lake through our wide array of activities and outings. These bespoke excursions are designed to meet your interests and capabilities, and can range from short to full-day, in the lake or around the lodge.

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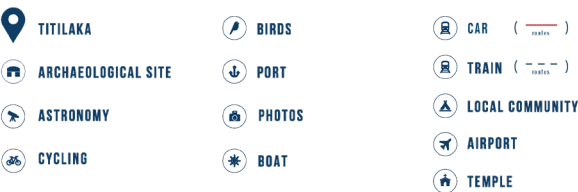
**A** AROUND THE LODGE



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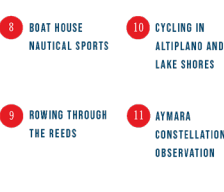
MAIN EXCURSIONS



SHORT EXCURSIONS



NEARBY ACTIVITIES



CROSSINGS TO BOLIVIA (S)







## ISLANDS OF LAKE TITICACA

Explore the Uros floating islands and Taquile Island on this full-day trip, one of our most popular excursions. Neither land, sky, nor water, but at the intersection of all three. Totora reed roots seve as the unique building material for the floating islands of the Uros Titino communities of Lake Titicaca. This excursion offers a unique chance to meet the Uro-Aymara people, including skilled reed raftsmen and expert weavers, and learn about the ancient techniques that keep their islands afloat, preserving their remarkable heritage.

In contrast, Taquile is a natural island,home to the Quechua people, renowned for their textile artistry, recently recognized by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Here, guests will witness the Quechua imagination come to life through their unique weavings. Enjoy an outdoor lunch with breathtaking views of the deep blue skies mirrored in the lake's waters, set against the backdrop of Bolivia's majestic Cordillera Real mountain range.

DURATION	7-9 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I, II
FREQUENCY	DAILY
SCHEDULE	MORNING
MEALS	SNACK, LUNCH, BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	GEOGRAPHY, BIRDS, NATURAL BEAUTY, TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS
HIGHLIGHTS	TAQUILE’S TEXTILES, A UNESCO MASTERPIECE OF THE ORAL AND INTANGIBLE HERITAGE OF HUMANITY; UNIQUE TOTORA REED FLOATING ISLANDS.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.





# AYMARA ROUTE

The full-day Aymara Route excursion offers a deep immersion into the geography, nature, and breathtaking vistas of Acora and the Chucuito Peninsula.

Journey back to the pre-Incan era as your guide shares captivating legends and stories, revealing Lake Titicaca’s significance in the local worldview and its role as a vital resource. Traverse winding paths, open fields, and pastures by car, bike, or on foot, observing native birds in their natural habitats, exploring archaeological remains, and taking in stunning landscapes.

As part of this excursion, you’ll have the opportunity to meet members of neighbourin communities and learn about their daily lives and traditions. Along the way, we’ll reach natural viewpoints, where you can pause to enjoy specially prepared lunches, accompanied by the serene and majestic views of the lake.

DURATION	7-9 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I,II
FREQUENCY	DAILY
SCHEDULE	MORNING
MEALS	SNACK, LUNCH, AND ON-FIELD BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	GEOGRAPHY. BIRDS. CUSTOMS AND ARCHEOLOGY
HIGHLIGHTS	BEAUTIFUL SCENERY AND EXAMPLES OF LAKE LIFESTYLES  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.





SHORT EXCURSIONS

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SILLUSTANI

Visit Sillustani, the region’s largest and most significant pre-Hispanic burial ground, where the archaeological complex offers a glimpse into the area’s rich past. Overlooking the stunning Lake Umayo, Sillustani is home to several chullpas, ancient funerary towers built to house the remains of nobles and distinguished individuals.

As you explore, compare the architectural styles of the chullpas, ranging from the rustic, smaller pre-Incan towers to the larger, more sophisticated structures of the Incan period. The largest tower, known as the Lizard Tower, is a testament to the engineering skills of its time, estimated to have taken over 50 years to complete.

This excursion is available exclusively en route to or from the airport, offering a perfect opportunity to experience where archaeology, history, and breathtaking views converge.

DURATION	1-3 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	II
FREQUENCY	DAILY (EN ROUTE TO AND FROM THE JULIACA AIRPORT)
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACK OR LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	GEOGRAPHY, BIRDS, LOCAL TRADITIONS, AND ARCHAEOLOGY
HIGHLIGHTS	THE REGION'S BEST KEPT CHULLPAS, OR FUNERARY TOWERS; BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF NEARBY LAKE UMayO.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN





SHORT EXCURSIONS

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MARKETPLACE VISIT

Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of the Peruvian Altiplano by visiting a local marketplace. The people here maintain many historical traditions, including bartering goods as a primary form of payment and commerce. Sundays are lively, as neighbouring local gather to exchange agricultural products.

At the marketplace, you'll witness a colourful display of an immense variety of potatoes, quinoa, chuño, and other local goods not found elsewhere. This bustling hub offers a unique opportunity to participate in the traditional shopping experience of the local communities. Enjoy the lively dynamics and perhaps discover products you've never encountered before.

DURATION	1-3 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I
FREQUENCY	SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
SCHEDULE	LE MATIN
MEALS	SNACK OR LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TRADITIONS
HIGHLIGHTS	EXPERIENCE THE VIBRANT PERUVIAN ALTIPLANO AT A BUSTLING MARKETPLACE, WHERE LOCALS BARTER AGRICULTURAL GOODS LIKE QUINOA, CHUÑO, AND UNIQUE POTATOES IN A LIVELY TRADITIONAL EXCHANGE. TRADITIONNEL DYNAMIQUE.





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LOCAL FESTIVITIES

Known as the Peruvian Capital of Folklore, Puno hosts some of the country's most renowned traditional festivals. Among the most celebrated is the Feast of the Virgin of la Candelaria, which was declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. This vibrant festival, held each February, showcases over 360 pre- and post-colonial dances and gathers around 40,000 people.

The streets of Puno come alive with energetic dances and traditional attire crafted exclusively for the celebration, making the Virgin of la Candelaria the region's most representative festival.

Titilaka has identified 12 local celebrations near the lodge, and if your stay coincides with any of them, our guides will gladly assist you in experiencing these unique Peruvian traditions. Be among the few travellers who have witnessed these authentic cultural festivities.

DURATION	1-3 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I
FREQUENCY	ACCORDING TO FESTIVITIES CALENDAR
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACKS AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	FOLKLORE, MUSIC, DANCING AND LOCAL TRADITIONS
HIGHLIGHTS	THE VIRGIN OF LA CANDELARIA FEAST, RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE; TYPICAL DRESS AND DANCES FROM THE AREA.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.





SHORT EXCURSIONS

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COLLA ROUTE TREK

After an early breakfast, choose from various routes along the ancient Colla Route, part of the original Incan roadways that wind through the rugged mountain terrain near the lodge. As you walk, marvel at the panoramic views of Bolivia's Cordillera Real (Royal Mountain Range). Continue your ascent to the Hilarata Summit, where you'll be greeted with breathtaking vistas of Lake Titicaca and the sprawling Altiplano below, dotted with the Santa Rosa and Thunuhuaya communities. Finally, descend to the peaceful Lagoon Chatuma, a site still revered by locals for traditional rituals and ceremonies.

DURATION	4-5 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	II, III
FREQUENCY	BOOKING REQUIRED
SCHEDULE	MATIN
MEALS	SNACK, PICNIC, AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	GEOGRAPHY, COMMUNITIES
HIGHLIGHTS	PRIVILEGED PANORAMIC VIEWS OF UP TO 90% OF THE LAKE.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN ABOVE 12.





SHORT EXCURSIONS

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COLONIAL TEMPLES VISIT

Discover the epicentre of the region’s evangelisation during the Spanish conquest by visiting the churches of Juli and Pomata. These religious centres, located between Cuzco and the historic mining town of Potosí, are at the crossroads of cultural legacies, the mining boom, and the clash of faiths.

In Juli, known as the “Little Rome of America,” you’ll explore four churches built during the 16th and 17th centuries. Pomata, famous for its baroque church, was constructed entirely from red pumice stone or piedra pómez rojas and was used as a model for other colonialperiod temples across South America. The churches boast impressive architecture, including gold leaf altars and notable paintings from the viceregal period. Recently restored, these rarely visited sites offer a peaceful journey into the past.

DURATION	4-5 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I
FREQUENCY	DAILY
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACK, OR LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	BIRDS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES, TEMPLES, PHOTOS
HIGHLIGHTS	EXPLORE JULI AND POMATA'S HISTORIC CHURCHES, FEATURING 16TH-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE, BAROQUE DESIGNS, AND VICEREGAL ART AT THE CROSSROADS OF SPANISH CONQUEST AND LOCAL CULTURE. SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.





SHORTS EXCURSIONS

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MOLLOCO & ARAMU MURU

Your journey begins at Molloco, an archaeological site that beautifully showcases a fusion of Inca and Lupaca cultures. Here, you'll explore ancient structures and burial sites that reflect the region's rich history and cultural blend.

Afterward, a short drive brings you to the mystical Aramu Muru, also known as the Wilka Uta portal, a sacred pre-Incan site renowned for its striking rock formations. The centrepiece of Aramu Muru is a massive stone with a human-sized rectangular frame, believed by local communities to be a dimensional portal—a gateway between the physical and spiritual worlds. Our expert guides will share the legends and rituals associated with this revered site. If you're up for a short hike, ascend the surrounding rock formations for some of the moststunning panoramic views of Lake Titicaca and the Andes.

DURATION	1-3 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	II
FREQUENCY	PRIOR BOOKING
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACKS AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY
HIGHLIGHTS	EXPLORE THE SACRED PRE-INCAN SITE OF ARAMU MURU AND THE CULTURAL FUSION AT MOLLOCO, WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF LAKE TITICACA AND THE ANDES.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.





SHORT EXCURSIONS

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BIRDWATCHING

Join our specialised guides on an immersive birdwatching experience, where you'll learn to spot, identify, and even mimic the songs of Lake Titicaca's native bird species. This excursion takes you through various ecosystems, focusing on the protected wetland area near the lodge, home to 103 species of migratory and resident birds, many of which are unique to this region.

Departing early in the morning or late in the afternoon, you'll observe birds leaving fo breakfast or returning home for the night. Some species are easily recognisable by their vibrant colours, while others blend into their surroundings with muted tones, using camouflage as a protective measure. Depending on the season, you may spot flamingos, great crested grebes, and other remarkable species.

DURATION	4-5 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	II
FREQUENCY	BOOKING REQUIRED
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACKS AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	BIRDS, PHOTOS, BOAT, LOCAL COMMUNITY
HIGHLIGHTS	GREAT CRESTED GREBES, OR THE ZAMBULLIDOR DEL TITICACA, AN ENDANGERED NATIVE BIRD AT RISK OF EXTINCTION.





NEARBY ACTIVITIES



BOATHOUSE NAUTICAL SPORTS

Experience the thrill of sailing over 12,000 feet (3,800 metres) above sea level at our Boathouse, the first nautical sports facility on Lake Titicaca. Choose from kayaks, Canadian canoes, paddle boards, or sunfish sailboats, and explore this magnificent body of water.

Our experienced Titilaka instructors will ensure your safety and provide navigation guidance before you begin your nautical journey. Discover the nearby ecosystems nestled along the shores and among the Totora reeds, which are ideal for observing local wildlife and plants. As you make your way back, don't miss the views of the lodge, and upon your return, enjoy snacks and refreshing beverages on our outdoor terrace.

DURATION	1-3 H
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I, II, III
FREQUENCY	DAILY
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACK AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	BIRDWATCHING AND LAKE TITICACA COASTAL WILDLIFE
HIGHLIGHTS	EXPLORE THE WORLD'S HIGHEST NAVIGABLE LAKE ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO WEATHER.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN OVER 12.





NEARBY ACTIVITIES



ROWING THROUGH THE REEDS

Allow our guides to gently lead you on a raft through masses of Totora reed near the lodge as you learn more about this local hydrophilic plant species. Explore the lake’s ecosystem and learn about the close relationship existing between the peoples inhabiting the lake and its natural resources.

The Totora reed is as much part of the local diet as it is a construction material used for housing. The system for Totora reed distribution is similar to that used for property or land, with reed distributed among locals for harvesting.

This nutritious reed also provides a special ecosystem for birds such as the goldcrest, flightless grebe, moorhen and heron.

DURATION	1-3 HRS
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I
FREQUENCY	DAILY (ACTIVITY SUBJECT TO WEATHER)
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACK AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	BIRDWATCHING, BEACHES, LOCAL TRADITIONS
HIGHLIGHTS	ROW THROUGH TOTOTA  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.





NEARBY ACTIVITIES

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CYCLING IN ALTIPLANO AND LAKE SHORES

Experience the freedom and fresh air as you cycle through the Altiplano and along the shores of Lake Titicaca. Traversing diverse terrains, you'll follow rural paths where you can observe locals engaged in their daily activities. Witness traditional farming methods using age-old tools and see time-honored modes of transport like donkeys in use. This engaging activity allows you to set your own pace and direction, offering an authentic glimpse into local life in one of the most genuine settings imaginable.

Converted e-bikes available.

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LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	II,III
FREQUENCY	DAILY
SCHEDULE	MORNING AND AFTERNOON
MEALS	SNACK AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	GEOGRAPHY, LOCAL TRADITIONS, AND COMMUNITIES
HIGHLIGHTS	A PLEASANT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY; MARVELOUS VIEWS OF LOCAL PASTEUR LANDS; TRADITIONAL LIFESTYLES OF THE LAKE TITICACA AREA.





NEARBY ACTIVITIES

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AYMARA CONSTELLATION OBSERVATION

Under Puno's crystal-clear night skies, venture into the lodge gardens for a breathtaking stargazing experience. Guided by local experts, you'll learn about the movement of stars and spot significant constellations like the Wawawara Hawira (Milky Way). This is more than just a lesson in astronomy; it's a dive into the spiritual beliefs of the Andean people, where the sun and moon represent dual cosmic forces.

Through ancient storytelling, hear how these celestial bodies shaped Andean life, and get a glimpse into the sacred myths passed down through generations.

DURATION	1 HR
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	I
FREQUENCY	DAILY-TIME
SCHEDULE	NIGHT-TIME
MEALS	WARM BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	STARGAZING, ANDEAN OVERVIEW
HIGHLIGHTS	STARGAZE UNDER PUNO'S CLEAR SKIES, LEARNING ABOUT ANDEAN CONSTELLATIONS AND LISTENING TO ANCIENT STORIES ABOUT THE SUN, MOON, AND COSMOS.  SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.







## ISLANDS OF THE SUN

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As you wander, you'll encounter Incan farming terraces etched into the mountainside, visit a traditional clay craft-making centre, and explore the Intica Hall, home to a variety of llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicuñas. Conclude your day with a boat ride offering panoramic views of the Pilikokaina Incan palace before returning to Copacabana and the comforts of your hotel.

DURATION	FULL DAY
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	II
FREQUENCY	DAILY - BOOKING REQUIRED
SCHEDULE	MORNING
MEALS	SNACK, LUNCH BOX, AND BEVERAGES
ATTRACTIONS	GEOGRAPHY, LOCAL TRADITIONS, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE, COMMUNITIES AND LAKE TITICACA NATURE
HIGHLIGHTS	EXPLORE THE LEGENDARY ISLAND OF THE SUN, BIRTHPLACE OF THE INCAN EMPIRE, WITH STUNNING LAKE TITICACA VIEWS AND A SCENIC BOAT RIDE TO COPACABANA.







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