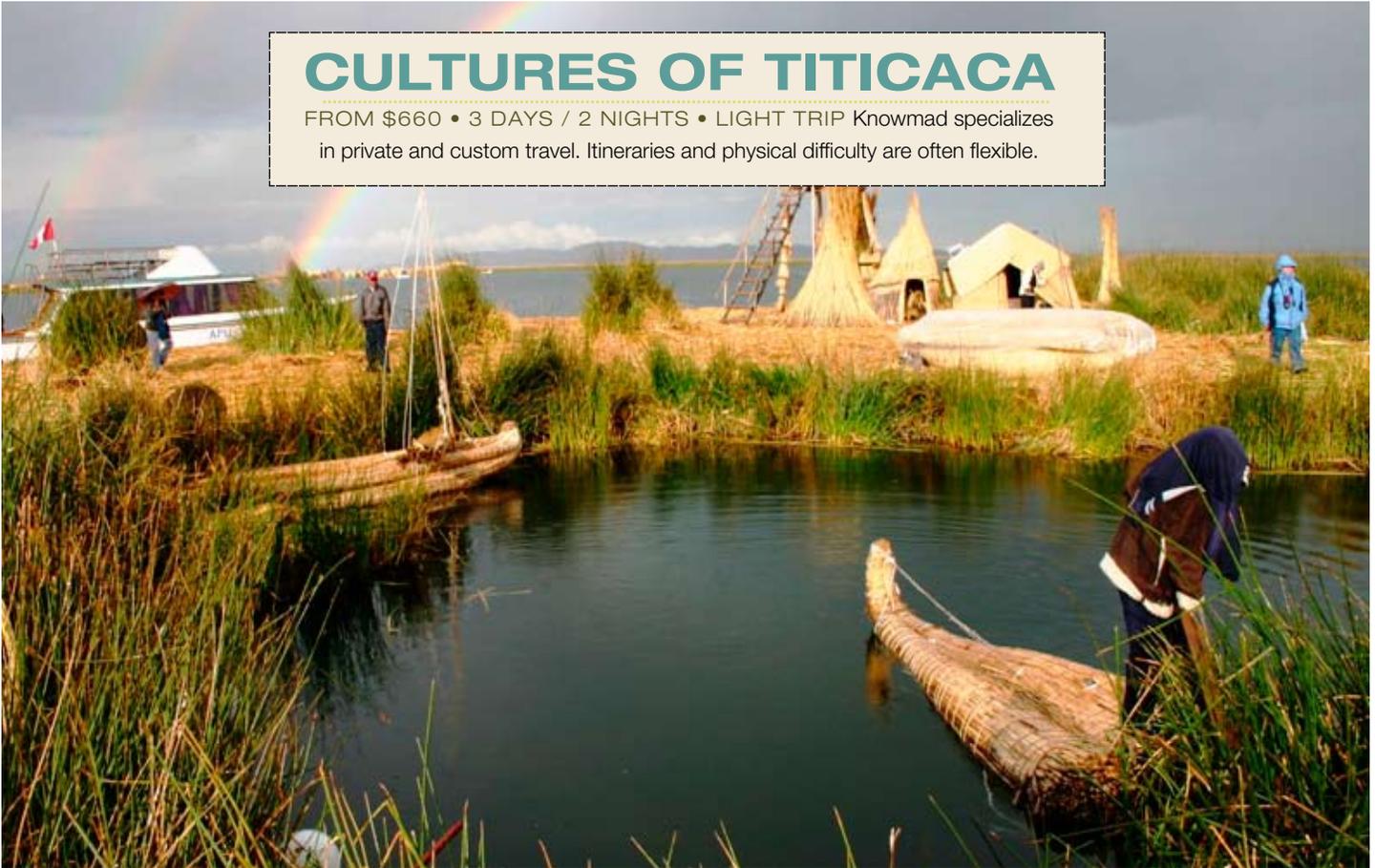


## CULTURES OF TITICACA

FROM \$660 • 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS • LIGHT TRIP Knowmad specializes in private and custom travel. Itineraries and physical difficulty are often flexible.



### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Boat on the highest navigable lake in the world, cradle of the Inca civilization
- Enjoy a home-cooked meal at a Quechua family restaurant on Isla Taquile
- Explore the authentic and little-visited Uros Titinos floating islands.
- Watch the sun set over the mountains and this starkly contrasted landscape.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Cusco – Lake Titicaca

Leaving Cusco in a tourist-shared bus\* you will travel southeast to the Pass of Aguas Calientes and expansive views of the seemingly limitless horizon from an elevation of more than 14,000 ft (4,750 meters). Stop in the Vilcanota Valley for lunch after exploring the pre-Inca site of Raqchi. After approximately a five-hour drive, arrive to Puno where you're met and taken to your lakeside hotel.

\* Flights from Puno to Cusco may be arranged at an extra cost according to your preference.

- L – Casa Andina Private Collection Puno

#### DAY 2 Cultures of Titicaca – Uros Floating Islands and Taquile Island

You'll be picked up after breakfast and enjoy a beautiful private van ride out of town onto a remote peninsula where Andean communities remain unchanged. At Llachon you'll descend to the pier and take a Titicaca-style boat to the rarely visited Uros Titinos Islands, which float upon the reeds that the Uros people rely on for food and transportation as well.

Continue on to Taquile Island where Quechua people retain a strong cultural identity and rarely intermarry outside of the island. Visit our friend Alejandro for a typical meal of delicious products harvested locally and to learn of the islands lifestyle and traditions.

After lunch enjoy walking throughout the traditional island amongst this massive lake of vivid blue. Titicaca sits in stark contrast to the surrounding altiplano and separates Peru and Bolivia, making it as remarkable visually as culturally. The lake is also considered to be the birthplace of the Inca. Return by tourist-shared boat to take in the sunset from your lakeside hotel.

- B, L – Casa Andina Private Collection

## DAY 3 Puno – Lima

Head out from Puno and visit the Sillustani burial towers overlooking Lake Umayo, visit charming Lampa, and continue on to the airport for your flight back to Lima and onward.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2014 COSTS \$660 per person (4 or more travelers) / \$770 per person (3 travelers) / \$980 per person (2 travelers).

\$225 single supplement – rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations. If you request single accommodations you are required to pay the single supplement.

### WHAT YOUR TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Personal pre-departure support
- Expert leadership & guiding
- Accommodations as indicated & based on double-occupancy
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
- All necessary equipment for adventure excursions
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Additional guides and porters as needed
- Entrance fees and permits

### WHAT YOUR TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International and domestic airfare
- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
- Trip insurance (we strongly recommend you obtain trip insurance offered by Knowmad Adventures, including trip cancellation insurance)
- Activities listed as optional and/or denoted with asterisk
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Optional tipping to local guides and staff
- Personal items

**TYPE** Flexible Date Private Departures. You choose the date, your travel companions and one of our adventures. This is great for families, groups of friends and couples.

**LIGHT TRIP** Suitable for nearly all ages and ability levels. Walks are generally short and on flat terrain. Activities include cultural opportunities, history, train ride, shopping, wildlife viewing, optional hiking

**DEPARTURES** Year round; can be set up to match your dates. The Peruvian highlands high season coincides with their dry season from May through October (see weather section below). The low and rainy season can also be a greener and less crowded time to visit. Consult us for more information on the time of year that best suites you.

**LENGTH** 3 days – 2 nights comfortable hotels

**BEGIN | END** Cusco, Peru

## SUMMARY

Lake Titicaca is both majestic and mythical. At over twelve thousand feet, the highest navigable lake in the world juxtaposes the sweeping dry *altiplano*, acts as frontier to Bolivia, and blends to horizon at the feet of Andean peaks. It is also home to a variety of colorful and unique indigenous communities whose strong traditions will intrigue and impress as you explore the cradle of the Inca civilization.

## AIR TRAVEL

### INTERNATIONAL

Airfare is not included in the land cost of our trips. You may arrange your international airfare independently, or we are happy to offer our feedback and assistance in helping you book it.

### REGIONAL

Regional flights are not necessary for the Cultures of Titicaca itinerary as a tourist-shared bus\* will take you from Cusco to Puno.

\*Flights from Puno to Cusco may be arranged at an extra cost according to your preference. If booked by Knowmad Adventures, internal airfare for this trip (Cusco/Puno, Puno/Lima) averages \$440, however this is an approximation and the airfare is subject to change upon booking. If you would like to arrange your own regional flights, please consult us prior so we can verify the departure and arrival times.

## WEATHER & WHEN TO GO

This trip takes place mostly in the Peruvian highlands. Throughout the year the average temperature is in the mid-50s °F (10-12 °C) and does not fluctuate greatly. Evenings are cooler. There are primarily two seasons: wet and dry. December through March sees much more precipitation than other times of the year and is the less visited season. As Peru has three distinct climate zones, if you are interested in combining this trip with a visit to the jungle or the coastal areas please inquire for more weather details.

Prior to your departure, we provide you with a detailed pre-trip information packet, which includes a recommended pack list, information about the regions you'll be visiting, suggested readings, and up-to-date health information including any recommended vaccinations.

MONTH	AVG. TEMP. & RAINFALL	MONTH	AVG. TEMP. & RAINFALL
January	55°F 5.9"	July	50°F .1"
February	55°F 4.5"	August	52°F .3"
March	55°F 3.8"	September	54°F .9"
April	55°F 1.5"	October	56°F 1.9"
May	53°F .3"	November	56°F 2.7"
June	50°F .1"	December	56°F 4.3"

## EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

### AMAZON JUNGLE

Just a short flight from Cusco, spotting troops of monkeys, colorful macaws and countless bird species, giant sloths, caimans, and maybe even a jaguar or puma in the Amazon Jungle is a traveler favorite. We have scoured the jungle lodges of Peru and can advise you on which experience fits you best while guaranteeing the best value.

## MACHU PICCHU

This incredibly vast archaeological site – lost to the world until well into the twentieth century – is perched amidst Andean peaks and lush cloud forest making it as breathtaking as it is intriguing. Arrive by train or by a day's hike on the Inca Trail.

## LIMA

Want to spend more time exploring this great city? Besides getting you a great value for hotels and airport transfers, we can line up a fantastic cooking lesson and culinary city tour, full and half day sightseeing adventures, surrounding ruin visits and much more.



## IS IT FOR ME?

This is an ideal extension for people coming from Cusco who want to further explore the timeless traditions of Peru's indigenous communities while visiting the *altiplano*, thought to be the cradle of the Inca civilization.

Knowmad has vast knowledge and operating capacities in Peru: this is a private trip and we are happy to modify excursions, accommodations, and the flow of the itinerary to perfectly suit your travel style and interests.

## REFERENCES

Don't take our word for how great our trips are. We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travelers.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Ready for the trip of a lifetime? Signing up is easy. Call us at 1-877-616-8747 or email [travel@knowmadadventures.com](mailto:travel@knowmadadventures.com) and reserve your spot. Or simply download our registration form from [www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact](http://www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact), fill it out, and send it back to us along with your trip deposit.

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