

MACHU PICCHU AND LAKE TITICACA SERVICE

- Learn about Cusco and Sacred Valley
- Experience Machu Picchu
- Explore the Living Incan Town
- Travel and Community Service at Perka Norte
- Explore Taquile and Floating Islands
- Visit Puno





DAY 01 - ARRIVE TO CUSCO AND THE SACRED VALLEY N Y

The group will arrive to the historical capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco for a light lunch and first day orientation. In the afternoon, we will descend into the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas for good night's sleep. Ollantaytambo is known as the living Incan town because it's residents have consistently inhabited the same historic homes since the age of the Incan Empire.

DAY 02 - EXPERIENCE MACHU PICCHU

Take a train ride to Aguas Calientes, the town at the base of the Machu Picchu ruins. Explore the town and shop, and gear up for the adventure ahead. Upon arrival, start the hike up to the ruins and then take a guided tour of the site's history before marveling at the intricate stonework or stealing a moment of relaxation with the breathtaking views from the perched terraces.

DAY 03 - TO CUSCO

Travel to Cusco and explore the ancient Inca capital and UNESCO World Heritage site. In the afternoon, we'll have the chance to visit the Chocolate Museum and even make our own handmade chocolates from Peruvian cacao.

DAY 04 - CAPITAL OF THE INCA EMPIRE

Today we will have a relaxing day exploring Cusco, the most important archaeological city in South America. The colonial cobblestone streets, majestic cathedrals, Incan temples and delicious culinary diversity will be the perfect staging ground before heading out for the service component of the program.

DAY 05 - TRAVEL PERKA NORTE

Today will be a full day journey across the Peruvian Altiplano to the shores of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake and a region rich in diverse native culture and history. We will arrive in the evening to Perka Norte, the community you will call home for the next few days.

DAY 06 - 07 - SERVICE WORK IN PERKA NORTE

The next two days will be dedicated to a service project that has been pre-approved by the local inhabitants, and is designed to help improve their lives. These projects depend on the wishes of the local community members and range from working in local schools to building bathrooms and other community development projects.

DAY 08 - TAQUILE

After hard days of work in the village, the group will head out to explore the lake and experience the wealth of culture and history that it has to offer. After an hour-long boat ride, we will arrive on Taquile Island. This picturesque island has remained untouched and true to its customs and traditions for hundreds of years. The island is covered with rows of agricultural terraces dating back to the time of the Incas. In the evening, take a sunset hike around the island before dinner!

DAY 09 - THE FLOATING ISLANDS AND PUNO

Wake up before dawn and witness the sunrise over Bolivia and the Andean mountains. After a warm breakfast, the group will walk down to the dock and take a boat to Puno, the largest city on Lake Titicaca. On the way, we will visit the floating Uros islands, and be able to explore the town's many colonial churches and walking streets.

DAY 10 - PUNO AND HOME

We genuinely hope your time spent here, the experiences you've shared, and the things you've reflected on will stay with you for a lifetime. After some final group photos with Team Peru, your Program Leaders will take you to the airport for your departure as you say goodbye and reflect on your adventure.

