

Lake Titicaca Extension to Exploring the Peruvian Andes Adventure Nature Photography Adventures May 26-30, 2013

26 MON CUSCO – TRAIN TO PUNO

The trip begins in Cusco where you'll board the Andean Explorer, an exquisitely-appointed luxury train with open-air observation car. Train enthusiasts consider this scenic journey to Lake Titicaca among the greatest rail trips in the world. After enjoying comfortable first class service high in the Andes, you'll disembark in the lakeside town of Puno and be taken to your hotel, the pleasant accommodations for the duration of your stay at the Sonesta Posada del Inca. Spend the rest of the day and evening on your own, getting acquainted with your new surroundings. (B,L)

27 TUE UROS ISLANDS & SURROUNDING SHORES

In the morning, you'll travel by boat to the Islas Uros, a group of floating islands constructed of native *tótor* reeds. Some of the villagers you'll meet are descendents of the Uros people, a pre-Incan civilization, whose legends claim they emerged here at the dawn of time, before the sun when the world was still dark and cold. Today's photo opps of life afloat include colorful indigenous dress, and a reed-based economy including woven reed homes and dragon-headed boats. Later in the afternoon, you'll have time to capture images of interest around the lakeshore. You'll also visit the Sillustani cemetery in nearby Lake Umayo, famous for its chullpas, the enormous funerary towers decorated with elaborate stone work that once held the remains of the Colla civilization elite. Enjoy dinner and another overnight at your hotel. (B,L,D)

28 WED LLACHON & TAQUILE ISLAND

To reach today's two destinations you'll get a pre-dawn start from your Puno hotel, traveling by car, first to the town of Llachón on the Capachica Peninsula. With the first morning light, you'll stop to photograph the spectacular landscape before arriving in Llachon for breakfast with members of the community and then continue to tiny Isla Taquile by boat.

The textiles and weavers of Taquile have received a UNESCO designation to help preserve their culture. Many inhabitants still dress in traditional garb, deriving some or all of their income from weaving and the visitors the activity attracts. After an excursion along the shoreline by sea kayak or on foot, you will become acquainted with this island's way of life, where among the many unique images for your camera are the busy main square, the textiles market, weavers at work and pre-Incan ruins in the central hills. You'll enjoy a picnic lunch and dinner on the island with a local host before returning to your Puno hotel for the night. (B,L,D)

29 THU PUNO – CUSCO

Embark over the altiplano (high plains) onboard a private vehicle for a full day of high altitude views. You will have the opportunity to stop en route to capture the majestic plains. Reach Cusco in the evening where your guide will take you to your hotel where you can spend the rest of the day relaxing. (B)

30 FRI CUSCO - LIMA - HOME

In the morning you'll be taken to the airport for the return flight to Lima and your connecting international flight, marking the end of Southern Explorations' services. (B)

Key: (B)reakfast, (L)unch, (D)inner

We have chosen Southern Explorations as our tour operator for this Nature Photography Adventure. We have a long working relationship with Breanne Kiefner – who has worked closely with us to achieve an itinerary that is truly customized for photographic opportunities. We have built in a great deal of flexibility in the above itinerary – which will enable us to respond to changing weather conditions and to have that ability to seize a moment when it presents itself.

Please fill out our online form indicating your interest for the primary Peru Adventure plus this extension – and we'll begin working toward your participation. When we have reached a critical mass of participants, we'll work with Breanne to formalize your registration.

2010 TRIP COST PER PERSON:

\$1810 Lake Titicaca Extension (4+ Travelers)

\$1810 Total Trip Cost per Person (Check Price)

\$1875 Total Trip Cost per Person (Credit Card Price)

Additional Pricing Information:

\$2485 Lake Titicaca Extension (2+ Travelers)

\$1590 Lake Titicaca Extension (6+ Travelers)

\$1475 Lake Titicaca Extension (8+ Travelers)

\$1405 Lake Titicaca Extension (10+ Travelers)

\$1355 Lake Titicaca Extension (12+ Travelers)

(\$0) Triple Discount

INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Meals as indicated
- All hotel accommodations (twin/double shared basis)
- All airport/hotel transfers
- Entrance fees for all scheduled tours and archaeological sites
- English speaking certified guides
- Southern Explorations pre departure services
- Train from Cusco to Puno/Private van from Puno to Cusco

NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- International round - trip airfare to and from Peru
- Tips and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Continental breakfasts are included at all hotels. All other meals are not included unless specified in the itinerary.
