



Canyonlands, the High Andes and Lake Titicaca: lodge to lodge hiking and boating Day by day description

Day 1 AREQUIPA/ CHIVAY/ CORPORAQUE / UYO UYO

Leaving early in the morning we head to the northeast of the city towards Yura, slowly climbing behind Mt. Chachani into the high altitude desert savannah - known as puna - crossing Pampa Cañahuas, a chance to see vicuñas and views of the volcano of Sabancaya and the snow-capped peaks above the Colca Valley passing by the village of Chivay. At Corporaque we take a half day hike starting in the village church, past the site of San Antonio and its terracing to the ruins of Uyo Uyo or Yanque Viejo at an average of 3,400m /(11,179 ft). We arrive at your local hotel for dinner and overnight. (Hiking: 4 hours)

Day 2 CANOCOTA / LA CALERA / CHIVAY

Early morning visit to Cruz del Condor, to watch the Condors in their daily routine at the edge of the deepest canyon. Leaving by vehicle from our lodging we head to Canocota Canyon with a visit to an archaeological site there. We arrive at the Colca river's edge where we can see birds - torrent ducks, giant humming birds, falcons and other river birds. We walk by a colonial mine to the stone formation of Inca Salta passing clusters of cactus and other succulents. One can see "campesinos" going about their daily chores until reaching the thermal baths at La Calera - a chance to take a rest. Dinner and overnight at your local hotel (Hike: about 4 hours)

Day 3 COLCA /LAMPA

Depart early in the morning taking either of the available roads, depending on road conditions and weather. We drive into the highland areas with great expanses of highland savannahs and lakes, a chance to see birdlife and some ancient settlements. Arrive in Lampa in the afternoon, with a chance to walk around what used to be the colonial capital of the department of Puno, a town passed by in time. Overnight at a small lodge on the main square.

Day 4 LAMPA / LLACHÓN / TAQUILE / SUASI

We drive to Juliaca and then travel along the northern side of the lake reaching Llachón, on the peninsula of Capa Chica. Board your boat and cruise over to Taquile island where we will take a walking tour, have lunch in the home of a local islander and continue to Suasi in the afternoon, where we will arrive at sunset. Beautiful traverse on Lake Titicaca with views of islands and the shoreline of this huge highest navigable lake.

Day 5 SUASI

Day to relax and absorb this unique little island about 800 acres in size, owned by a family and kept as a natural habitat for lake flora. A small herd of alpaca and a few vicuña will be part of the experience, taking in the landscape and peaceful setting on the roof of the world.



Day 6 SUASI / MALLKINI

Leaving our paradise island behind, a vehicle will now transport us along the shores of the northeastern section of the lake towards the town of Huancane. Beautiful ride along the lake shore, past small communities with views of the estuaries on the northeastern shore line. At Huancane we take a northern route towards Putina to finally reach Muñani- a huge pampa surrounded by rolling hills. We arrive at Mallkini, our final destination in the early afternoon, in time to visit the farm and its animals. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 7 MALLKINI

For those that want to spend time and relax at the lodge, it is a great setting. Otherwise there are active alternatives available on horse – back, mountain – bike or hiking. All entail an all day excursion to get to know this beautiful alpaca farm. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 8 – MALLKINI / CUSCO (OR PUNO)

Leaving from the lodge we head north west to Azangaro from Muñani – high lakes and the colonial church of Tintiri will be a few of the attractions today. Once we reach the main road connecting to Cusco or Puno it can be decided which of the two to end your journey at.

SERVICES INCLUDED: Bilingual guide, lodges, all meals and hikes, transportation by land and motorized boat on Lake Titicaca, entry fees.

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, alcoholic beverages, extras, tips, laundry service, insurance and airline tickets.