

A person wearing a dark, patterned hat and a dark jacket is looking down at a fire. The fire is made of several lit candles, and there is a lot of smoke rising from it. The background is dark and blurry, showing other people in the distance.

AMANTANI

T H E L E G E N D L I V E S O N

Amantani, between the lake and the sky, the enigmatic and millenary island where the legend continues unperturbed.

On the highest navigable lake in the world, rests the island of Amantani, the most enigmatic island of Titicaca on the Peruvian side. This island is home to 4,000 inhabitants, direct descendants of the Tiahuanaco people, who maintain their customs, temples and traditions intact. Amantani has a circular shape, an area of 9.28 km², an average diameter of 3.4 km and an altitude of 4,000 meters above sea level. On its summit are two little-known pre-Inca temples, which symbolize the life-giving Andean duality.





MILLENARY CULTURAL LEGACY

The temple of Pachamama, or Mother Earth, rests on the Llacastiti hill at 4,130 meters above sea level. It is circular in shape and represents the female deity. In front, on the Coanos hill, at 4,115 m above sea level, is located the ceremonial center Pachatata or Fhater Heaven. The site is geometrically a regular quadrilateral.



These religious spaces belonged to the pre-Inca cultures: Pukara and Lupaka, and represent the feminine and masculine duality. Nowadays, Today, the inhabitants of the island worship the Pachamama and Pachatata every third Thursday of January. The rest of the year the temples remain closed. However, every year visitors come to the top of both hills to contemplate their enigmatic sunsets and enjoy a unique view of the lake, considered the origin and center of the cosmos.



01st Day:

Puno, Chifron, Amantani Island
(4,000 m.a.s.l.)

Pick up at hotel at 8:30 am estimated. Boarding at Chifron to the majestic and mystical Amantani Island, land of the Tiahuanacu, at 9:30 am estimated. Unparalleled panoramic view of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. Navigation time one hour estimated. The native families welcome visitors with dances and Muña tea. At an estimated 10:40 a.m. we proceed to the accommodation of the visitors in the host family's lodge.

They are Mariluz and Henry
host family at Amantani Lodge



Short walk through the village to introduce visitors to aspects of the culture, history of the first inhabitants, ways of life, food culture and cosmovision at an estimated 11:00 hrs.

On this unique island there are no police, dogs or cars. Its inhabitants move on foot, on mules and very rarely on motorcycles. The Amantani diet is based on corn, tubers, grains and fish.

Cultural activities start at 12:30 hrs estimated. Visitors learn and participate in stone carving, backstrap loom weaving, stick weaving and hand embroidery.



The island of Amantani is also famous for its stone carvings, as its artists have developed a distinctive carving style, creating everyday utensils and decorative elements.

Ancestral Andean lunch and Andean cuisine: Pachamanca. Visitors participate in the culinary activity and have lunch with the host family between 14:00 hrs and 16:00 hrs. estimated. In Amantani, the diet consists of leaves, vegetables, grains, corn, tubers, eggs and fish. Food on the island is one of the main interactions between locals and visitors, it introduces pilgrims to the culture and facilitates their adaptation to their surroundings and environmental conditions, according to Andean cosmogony.

Scheduled break from 16:00 to 17:30 hrs. Activities are scheduled to resume at 5:30 p.m. estimated.



Experience ancient stone carving techniques with artists and sculptors



Visitors prepare Andean dishes with host families from the Island



the technique of cooking the underground food with hot stones

Amantani Island

OUR ROOMS

Currently, we can accommodate 10 people per day. All beds have semi orthopedic mattresses and private bathrooms.

Our accommodations are solar powered, and our showers have hot water.



Single, double and bunk beds are available. All cabins have private bathrooms.





Visitors attend an exhibition and sale of handicrafts and talk with the families about clothing, typical costumes and their symbolism. Around 6:30 pm they have dinner with the host family. After dinner, at approximately 7:30 pm, they participate in a cultural exchange, with a bonfire, typical music, dancing and a talk on star interpretation and observation with telescopes.

02 nd Day: Amantani Island / Chifrón, Puno

Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:30 am estimated.
Hike and ascent to the Pachamama Ceremonial Center at 9:30 am estimated.
Estimated duration 1 hour.

Ceremony of payment to the earth or ritual celebration to the Pachamama at approximately 11:00 am.

Descent from the Pachamama Ceremonial Center at 13:00 hours estimated.

Farewell lunch with the host family at 14:00 hours. Departure to Puno at 15:40 hours estimated.

Prices include: Private land and lake transportation round trip: Amantani Island – Puno. One night of lodging in family houses in Amantani. Entrance fees to Amantani Island. Meals: dinners, breakfasts, lunches. Cultural activities and English speaking guide for 2 days..





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