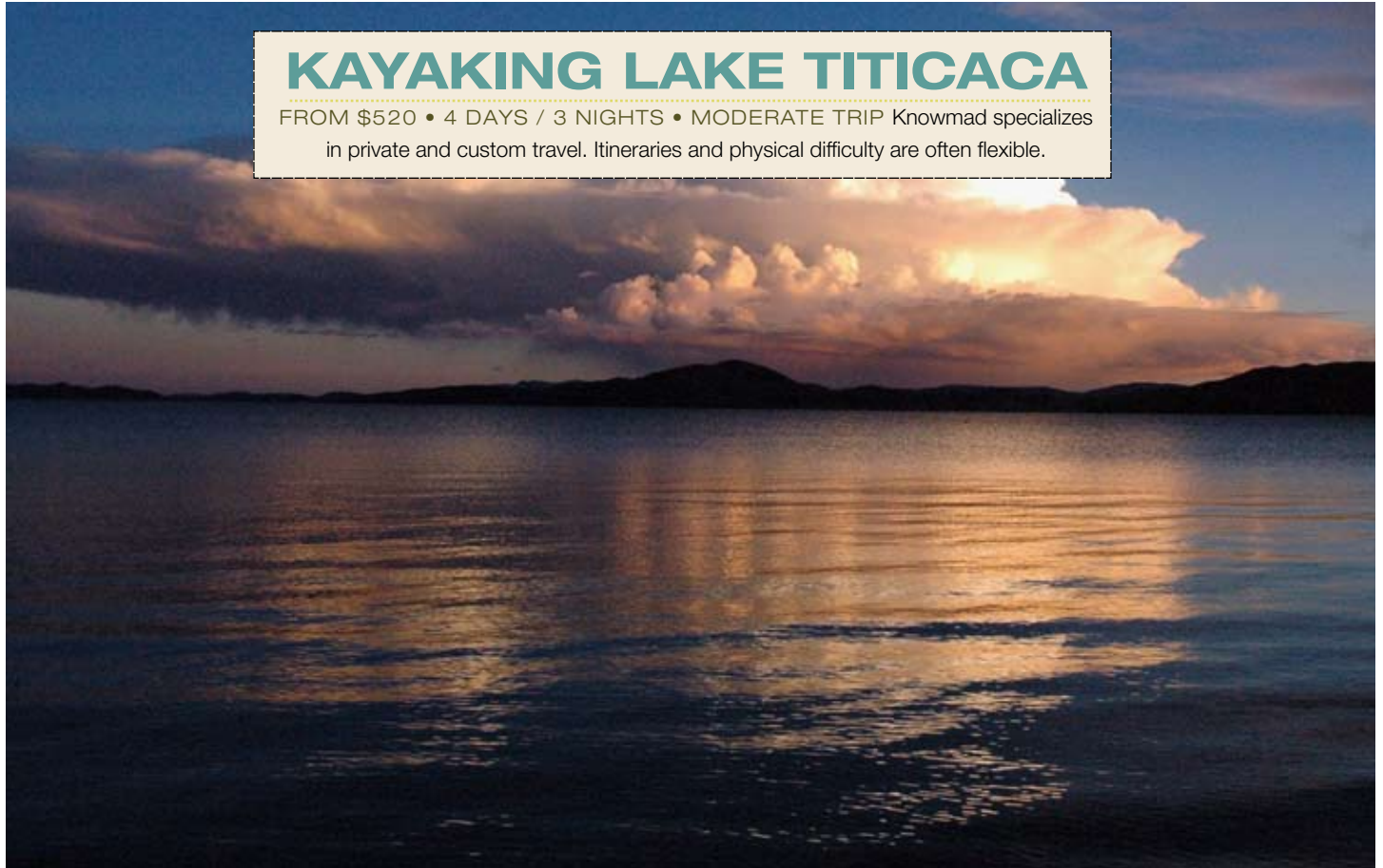


## KAYAKING LAKE TITICACA

FROM \$520 • 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS • MODERATE TRIP Knowmad specializes in private and custom travel. Itineraries and physical difficulty are often flexible.



### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak to remote indigenous civilizations with views to snow-capped Andean peaks
- Stay in a small family lodge and get to know the people and culture of Isla Taquile
- Explore the authentic and little-visited Uros Titinos floating islands.
- Enjoy a home-cooked meal with our friend Valentin and his family who are empowering their indigenous community through tourism
- Watch the sun set over the mountains and this starkly contrasted landscape. Don't forget to stay up for unreal stargazing!

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Cusco – Lake Titicaca

Leaving Cusco you will go by bus over the altiplano and into the mountains. Stop at sweeping vistas, a colonial town, and a pre-Inca site before arriving to the shores of Lake Titicaca.

- L –Intiqa Hotel

#### DAY 2 Kayaking Lake Titicaca – Taquile Island

Heading out early you'll leave Puno driving along the lake to isolated Llachon Peninsula and passing through traditional villages. Start kayaking from the point and cross the azure waters to Isla Taquile.

After a few hours paddling around the island you disembark and hike through the island villages to your homestay lodge with views to Bolivia's Cordillera Real mountains where you meet Alejandro and his family. Enjoy a typical meal of delicious products harvested locally and to learn of the islands lifestyle and traditions. Visit remote ruins in the evening and get to know an indigenous lifestyle mostly unchanged for centuries.

- B, L, D – rural homestay lodge, inquire for details

### DAY 3 Uros Floating Islands

Continue kayaking or hiking around the island in the morning. Returning to Llachon, you'll enjoy a traditional lunch before taking a local-style boat to the authentic and little-visited Uros Titinos floating islands.

These islands are actually totora reed vegetation piled atop itself forming the islands which float amongst the lake and support small bands of Uros people. It is believed that they have lived on the islands for centuries after fleeing the stronger Aymara civilization. The lives of the Uros people are interwoven with these reeds, which are partially edible and are also used to make their homes, boats, and crafts. Return to Puno in the evening.

- B, L – Intiqa Hotel

### DAY 4 Puno - Lima

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

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2014 COSTS From \$520 per person (4 or more travelers) / \$590 per person (3 travelers) / \$720 per person (2 travelers). Additionally, regional airfare is estimated at \$200 (Puno/Lima—subject to change). Knowmad Adventures is happy to book and issue these tickets for you.

\$100 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.

**MODERATE TRIP** More active trips that may feature hiking at elevation, kayaking, horseback riding and more. Suitable for most people in good health, these trips may also venture into remote territory and more rugged terrain. Activities include kayaking, hiking, cultural opportunities, and history.

**LENGTH** 4 days – 2 nights comfortable hotel, 1 night rural lodge homestay; can be combined with other travels or full-length trip via Lima.

**DEPARTURES** Year round; can be set up to match your dates.

**BEGIN** Cusco, Peru

**END** Lima, 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 kayak through the mythical 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 active extension for people coming from Cusco. Sea kayaking adds another dimension and helps you have more intimate contact with Peru's indigenous communities and their timeless traditions. No prior experience necessary.



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?

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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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