Educational Tours

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABILITY ON THE SHORES OF LAKE TITICACA

10 days

YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with local non-profits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

– Responsible Tourism
– Sustainable Community Development
– Cultural Immersion and Diversity

MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

From ancient Inca cities to Lima’s sprawling landscape, and from lush Amazonian jungles to the snow-capped Andes, Peru’s culture and countryside offer no shortage of diversity. Take a journey into the southern region of Peru, where you’ll explore archeological treasures like Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu. Then, venture south to one of the highest lakes in the world, Lake Titicaca, where you’ll be in the indigenous cultures of villages surrounding the scenic lake. Working together with locals, you’ll participate in meaningful service projects focused on eco-tourism, community development and cultural immersion.

START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit eftours.com/enroll or call 800-665-5364

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EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS

For nearly 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become global citizens by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography. With more than 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We’re also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING TOURS

On an EF Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects in Africa, Asia or the Americas. EF partners with established non-profits and NGOs—such as the Matopos Foundation and the Free The Children—to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem solving skills. They return inspired to make a different at home, too.

Your partner in global education
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What to expect on this Service Learning Tour

MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you’ll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

Projects include:
- Building a walking path from the boating dock to the community center and neighborhood
- Helping build chimneys and installing traditional kitchens in local homes
- Cleaning up the shoreline where trash has begun to collect

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live near the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

Activities include:
- Visiting renowned ceramicist Pablo Seminario’s workshop and gaining insight into the unique intricacies of his art
- Learning traditional weaving techniques
- Spending two nights (in student pairs) in private bungalows on a local family’s property where you’ll share meals and customs

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills.

Exercises include:
- Investigating global issues, exploring social justice and building leadership skills
- Contextualizing the day’s events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience

10-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Lima
Meet your Field Director at the airport.

Day 2: The Sacred Valley of the Incas
Board your flight to Cuzco.
- Take a walking tour of Cuzco and see the Cuzco Cathedral.
- Peruse local markets.
- Tour the home and studio of famed ceramicist, Pablo Seminario, and watch a live pottery demonstration.

Day 3: Machu Picchu
Travel by train to Aguas Calientes.
- Explore the ancient Inca site of Machu Picchu with your local guide.
- Take an afternoon hike to the Sun Gate or explore the site in groups.

Day 4: Ollantaytambo and Cuzco
Travel by train to Ollantaytambo, an Inca archaeological site.
- Take a tour of Ollantaytambo.
- Visit the famous Pisac Market known for its local crafts and meet craftsmen for a silver workshop.

Day 5: Transfer to Puno
Travel by bus on a full day’s journey to the shores of Lake Titicaca. Enjoy scenic views of the beautiful countryside.

Days 6-7: Service Project—Lake Titicaca
As communities evolve so do their needs. That’s why we work closely with non-profits to better understand the local challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here’s a glimpse of what a typical day might look like.
- Throughout the day you’ll be immersed in local culture, even visiting a community on the Uros Floating Island.
- Your eco-focused projects will address community development in villages surrounding Lake Titicaca.

Day 8: Lake Titicaca
Visit a secluded section of Taquile Island and walk along old pre-Inca pathways.
- Stop by a traditional house where locals offer interpretations of their textile art and techniques.
- Take a kayak adventure along the coast of Llachon.
- Transfer back to Puno.

Day 9: Travel to Lima, International departure.

Day 10: Arrive home

Everything you get:
- 8 overnight stays in accommodations; Round-trip flights on major carriers; Daily breakfast and dinner, with lunch served on days 2, 4-8; Local ground transportation; Full-time Field Director; Sustainable service projects; Service hours that count towards academic credit; Sightseeing tours led by expert guides; Entrance fees

LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

Your Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people and indigenous culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they’ll provide insight and global context, as they:
- Lead skill building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local non-profits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation

– Evenings are a chance to draw connections between the day’s work and relevant global issues.

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