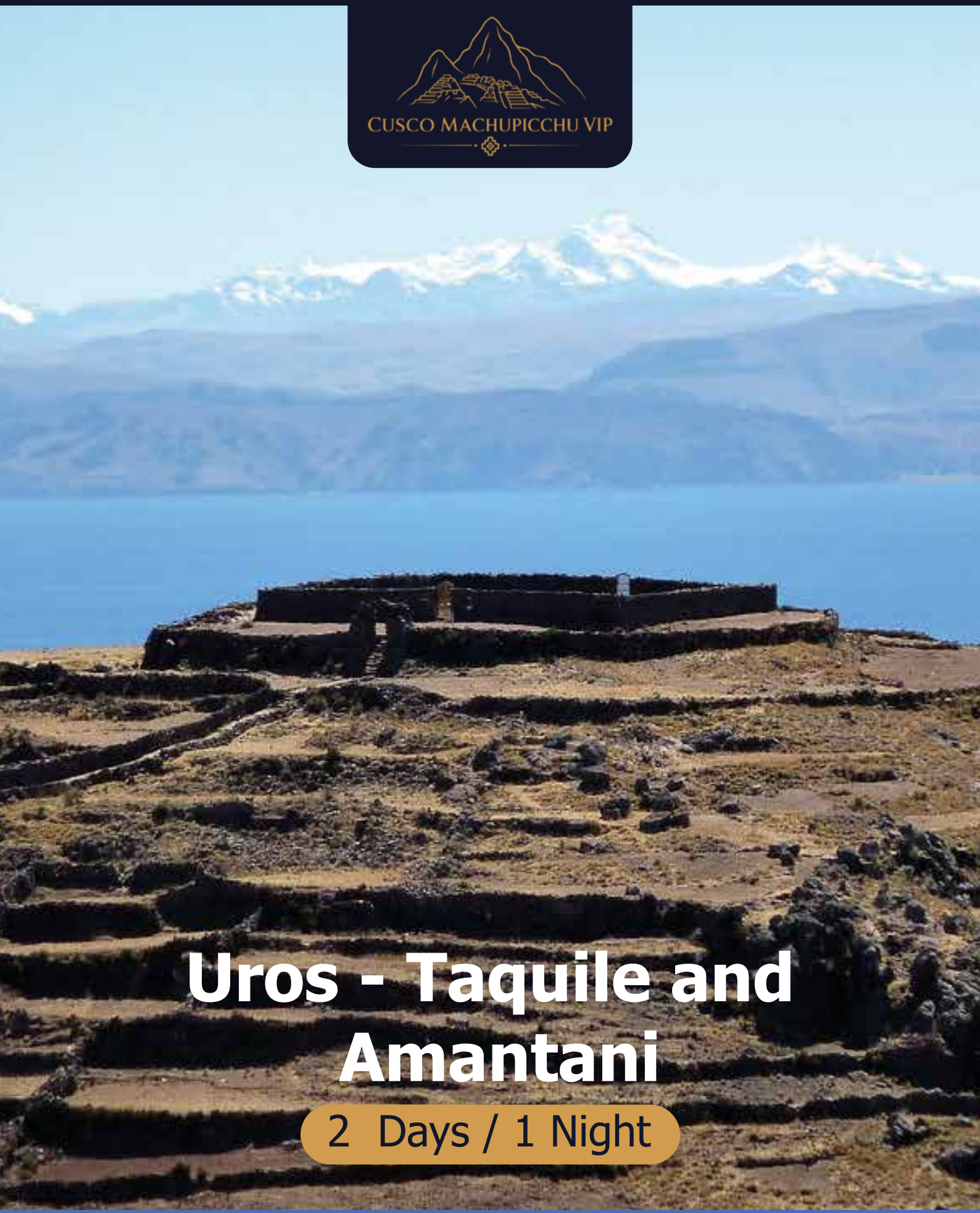
CUSCO MACHUPICCHU VIP



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First Day

The tour begins with a visit to the floating islands of the Uros, followed by a trip to Amantani Island, where local families will welcome us around noon. After lunch, we'll explore the Inca ceremonial temples "Pachamama" and "Pachatata."

Day Two

After breakfast, we'll head to Taquile Island to explore its famous textile workshops and enjoy lunch with a view of Lake Titicaca, accompanied by a traditional dance performance. Finally, we'll return to Puno by boat.

Itinerary

Day 01

- 7:40 a.m.: Pickup from the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m.: Boat departs from the Port of Puno.
- 8:30 a.m.: Visit to two Uros floating islands.
- 10:00 a.m.: Boat departs for Amantani Island.
- 1:00 p.m.: Arrival at the port of Amantani Island.
- 2:00 p.m.: Lunch at a local family's home.
- 4:00 p.m.: Hike to the top of the island to watch the sunset. Pachamama and Pachatata hills.
- 6:00 p.m.: Return and dinner at the family's home.
- 8:00 p.m.: Dancing and celebration with the villagers (optional).

Day 02

- 7:00 a.m.: Breakfast on Amantani Island.
- 8:00 a.m.: Departure from the port of Amantani for Taquile.
- 9:00 a.m.: Arrival in the northern part of Taquile and walk to the main square.
- 10:30 a.m.: Arrival at the town's main square.
- 12:00 pm: Lunch (included).
- 01:30 pm: Return from Taquile to Puno.
- 03:30 pm: Arrival in Puno and transfer to the hotel.

Inclusions

Includes:

- Pickup: Hotel / Port / Hotel.
- Guided tour in Spanish / English.
- Admission ticket.
- Tourist boat.
- Accommodations with a local host family.
- Meals: 2 lunches, 1 dinner, and 1 breakfast.
- On-site assistance

Not included:

- Ride on a traditional totora reed raft (optional activity); payment made directly to the local resident—approx. S/. 15.00 per person.
- Other personal expenses.

Recommendations

Clothing and Footwear.

- Very sturdy footwear with good traction: In Amantani, you'll be climbing rocky hills and walking on loose soil; in Taquile, there are steep staircases. Avoid flat or slippery shoes.
- Layered clothing for two days: The sun is intense during the day, but temperatures drop significantly at night in Amantani. Bring a T-shirt, sweater, windbreaker, thick jacket, and warm pajamas.
- Sun protection is mandatory: SPF 50+ sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and a scarf to protect against the wind—lake glare + altitude = intense radiation.
- Lightweight sleeping bag or extra blanket: Host families provide blankets, but bringing your own extra layer ensures you'll get a good night's rest on Amantani.

Health and Acclimatization

- Stay hydrated at all times: Bring a reusable water bottle; the air is extremely dry, and hiking at over 3,800 m requires significant effort.
- Walk slowly, breathe deeply: The climb to Pachamama and Pachatata is steep; don't rush, and stop if you feel tired or have a headache—this is normal at this altitude.
- Eat light but nutritious meals: Lunches and dinners are hearty and homemade; enjoy them without overindulging to avoid feeling sluggish while hiking.
- If you get seasick on the boat: sit in the middle of the boat, let the guide know, and bring motion sickness pills if you usually need them.

What to Bring.

- Flashlight or cell phone with a fully charged battery: Amantani has no streetlights; walking at night means walking in the dark, and you'll also see a spectacular starry sky.
- Cash in soles: for the totora raft ride (approx. S/15), tips, crafts purchased directly from local families, and a few extra snacks.
- Camera with sufficient battery and memory: sunset from the hills of Amantani, sunrise, textiles from Taquile, and many unmissable moments.
- Small bag for your belongings: you can leave your large suitcase at your lodging in Puno; travel light on the boat.
- Small towel and toiletries: amenities on the islands are basic.

In Uros, Amantani, and Taquile—culture and respect.

- Uros: Ask for permission before taking photos of people; do not pull up totora reeds or throw anything into the lake. The raft ride is optional, but it directly supports the community.
- Amantani: You are a guest of a family—join them for meals, chat, and ask questions respectfully. The sunset hike to the temples is the most special moment; remain silent at the summit—it is a sacred place. If you're invited to the evening dance, it's a gesture of hospitality—join in with joy and respect.
- Taquile: Ask the locals for permission before taking photos. Their clothing tells stories of family, age, and marital status; listen carefully. Buy handicrafts directly from the artisans—each piece takes hours of work.

Practical Tips.

- Be on time for pickup (7:40 a.m.): sailing schedules depend on the wind and daylight.
- Enjoy the experience of spending time with the family: this isn't a hotel—it's about sharing in daily life, and that's the true value of this tour.
- Upon returning on the second day: you'll arrive in Puno around 3:30 p.m.; take a moment to rest—the experience is intense and wonderful.



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