

Floating Islands of Uros



The Floating Islands are located in Lake Titicaca a boat ride from Puno, Peru.



The Uri people live full time on these man-made islands.



Totora (*Schoenoplectus* sp.) is the giant reed grass used to create the floating islands.



The houses as well as the islands are made from the reeds.



The matted root system
of the reeds are
collected and cut into
buoyant basal pieces.



Reeds are cut into pieces and placed on the floating roots.



Reeds are added to the pile in alternate directions.



The finished island supports reed houses and the families.



Solar panels supply electricity.



Reed home.



Interior of a
reed home.



Cooking oven.



The base of the reeds are used for food and are cold to the touch.



Reed boats provide transportation between islands.



















Island visit. Walking on the spongy reeds is a different sensation.



Group photo with our Island hosts.



Tourism and craft sales support the local family communities.



Lauren made a friend.



The women's long black hair is adorned with pompoms.

If they are knotted in the back, it indicates that they are married.







Our group's reed boat ride.









Two women standing on the boat, one in a green jacket and one in a purple jacket.

A man in a blue jacket standing on the boat, looking down.

A woman in a light blue jacket leaning over the side of the boat.

A man in a white vest and dark pants, wearing a brown hat, standing on the boat.

A young girl in traditional dress, including a red skirt and a yellow and blue top, standing in the foreground.

A man in a dark jacket and hat standing on the boat, partially visible on the right side.