

Homestay on Lake Titicaca.



Boat ride to Amantani Island.



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It was a two hour trip
so the boat captain
needed a rest.



Wake up Leo.



Our local guide during
the homestay was
Franz.





Tyson

Our destination was Amantani Island.



Our guide, Franz said the island has a frog face.



Amantani has a permanent population of about 4,000 people.



Our homestay families were in the Pueblo Community.





One of our homestay homes.



We were welcomed into a dining courtyard by a string of Cantua flowers.





Lunch



Salsa and bread with our
quinoa soup.



Lunch included lake trout, faba bean, potatoes, oca and salad.



Our other homestay home complete with a well and sheep.



Our homestay home host.



Our rooms were on the second floor.



Our rooms had two beds, lots of blankets, a table, bed pan, and no electricity.



After lunch, we had time to roam around the community.













Drying grain and faba beans.







There was a wedding celebration in the main plaza.



Apparently, this was
the third day of the
celebration.



The men exchange coca leaves from their pouches as a form of greeting.











The festivities included fireworks.









A group of people, including men and women in traditional and modern clothing, walking along a dirt path in a rural setting. A large, colorful banner is visible in the background.



Before dinner we took a hike up the mountain (~14,000 ft) to see the sunset.





A sheep herder on the trail. The sheep are colored for the wedding celebration.



A stone entryway marked the trail and was decorated with a Cantua flower.



The hike offered great views of Lake Titicaca and the snow peaks beyond.







Along the trail there was an
Incan stone cairn (Apacheta)
that points the way.



It is good luck to place a
small stone on the Apacheta.





La Paz, Bolivia could be seen in the background across the lake.















The archeological site at the mountain top is Pachatatata (Father Earth).





















Walk three times around Pachatata and then request a wish at the gate.



At dinner we had
shredded golden
potato (ollaca), rice
and fried cheese.



Kitchen facilities.



Kentucky tee shirts
and Bourbon candy
for our hosts.



After dinner it was
off to the local bar
for Pisco sours and
Pisco tea.

