

Boat ride to Amantani Island.

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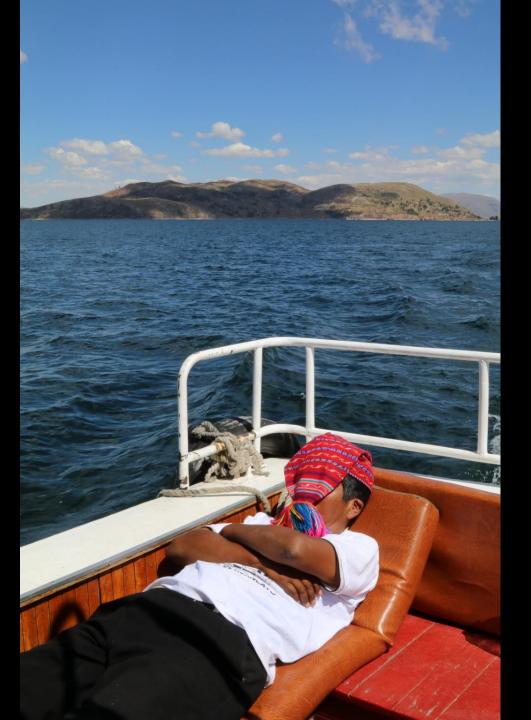
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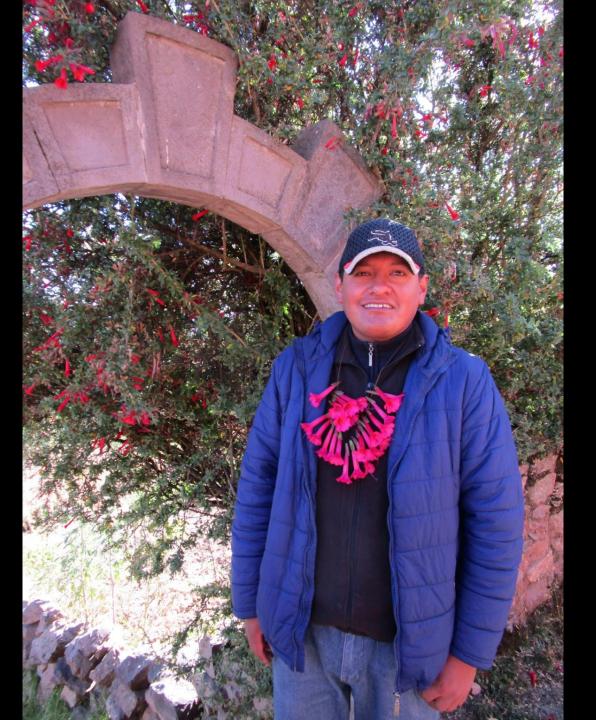
It was a two hour trip so the boat captain needed a rest.



Wake up Leo.



Our local guide during the homestay was Franz.





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.







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.



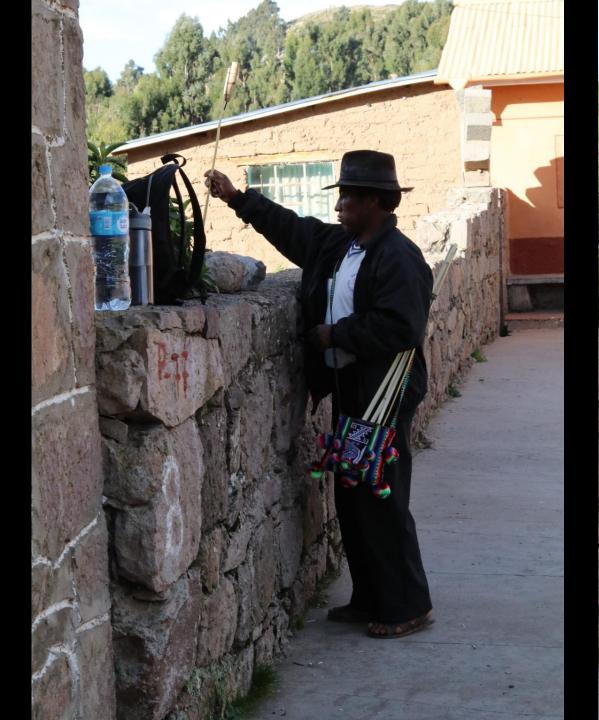
The men exchange coca leaves from their pouches as a form of greeting.











The festivities included fireworks.









The celebration included a procession.







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.



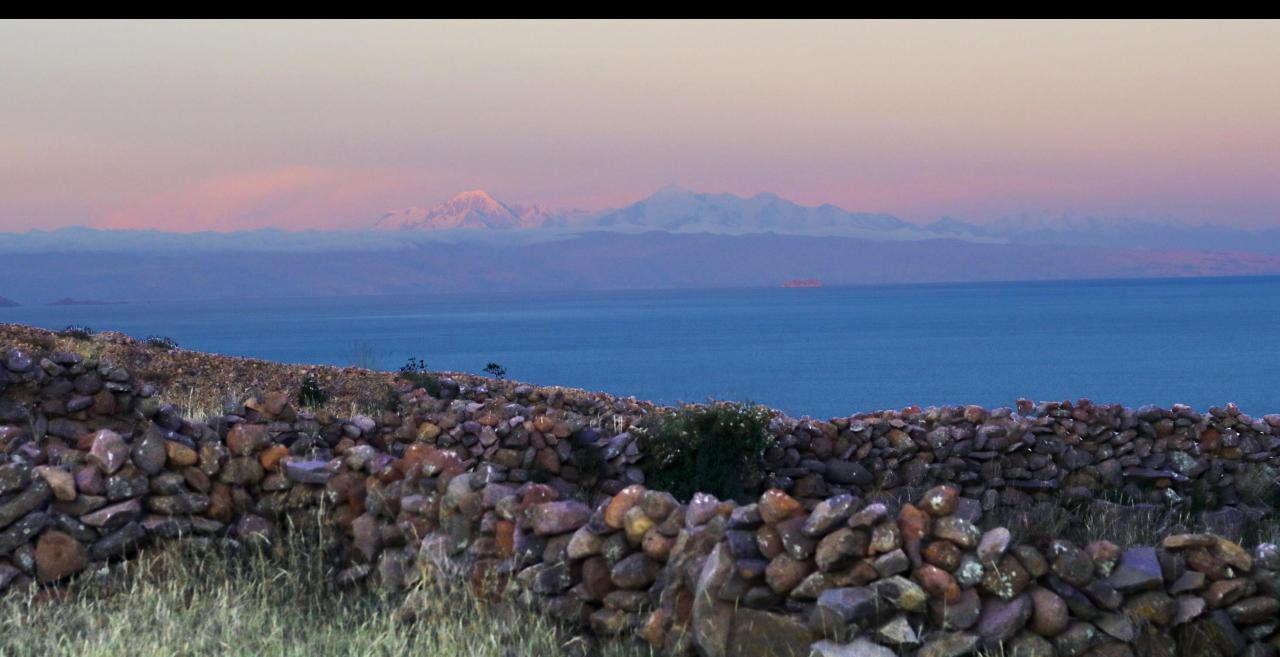


It is good luck to place a small stone on the Apacheta.





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











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













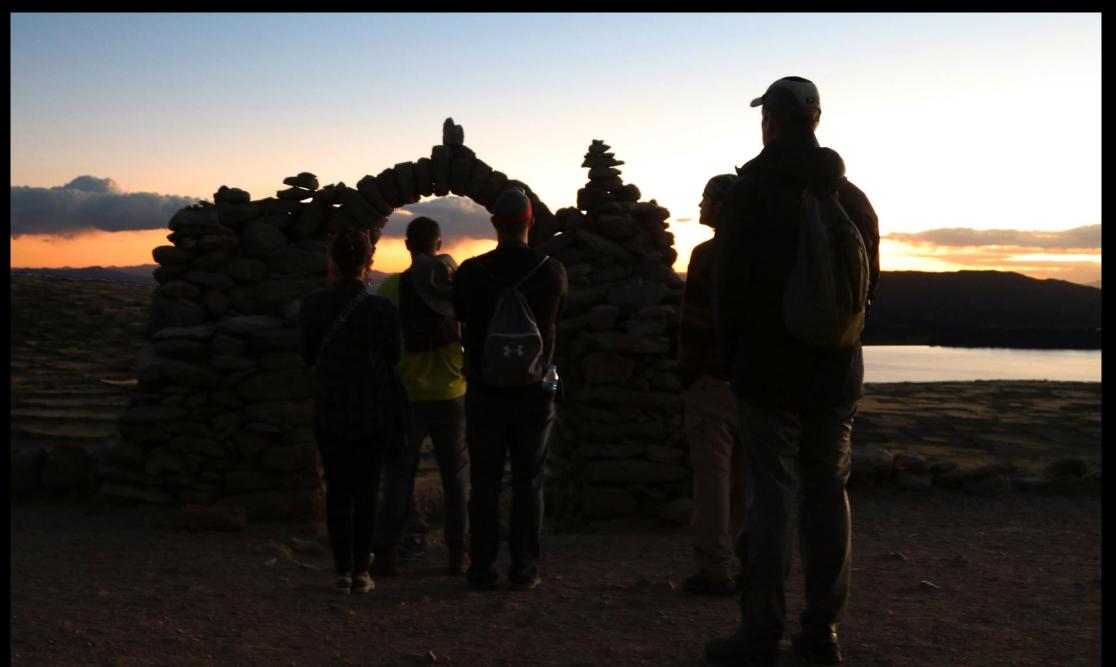


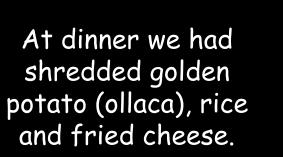






Walk three times around Pachatata and then request a wish at the gate.







Kitchen facilities.



Kentucky tee shirts and Bourbon candy for our hosts.



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

