



AUSANGATE PEAK CIRCUIT ON THE VILCANOTA RANGE

5 Days / 4 Nights

Level : Challenge trekking - Need good shape. High altitude trek

Duration : 5 days / 4 nights

Location : Vilcanota Range South from Cusco

Season : May - November

Departures : Private service every day

DAY 1: CUSCO - OCONGATE – TINKI - UPIS:

Starting from Cusco, taking the road south towards Puno, we will follow the Huatanay and later the Vilcanota River, passing the ancient Wari site of Pikillacta and the colonial villages of Andahuaylillas and Huaró. From Urcos, we will start going uphill until reaching the highland savannah. Later, the Cordillera Vilcanota will appear in the distance, with mount Ausangate and mount Jampa clearly visible until we will pass through Tinki town. Beginning the trek we will cross the Ocongate river and start traversing the puna (highland meadows), until we reach the foot of the Ausangate where the panorama of snowcapped peaks becomes breathtaking. We will camp at

Upis, where the hot springs will make it a great place to relax after the rigors of the day. (Lunch / Dinner).

DAY 2: UPIS – PUCACOCHA:

Today, first we will ascend the steep slopes to cross a 4,500 m pass, carrying on to Lake Pucacocha with the western ice-fall of Mount Ausangate looming over our lake side camp. (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner).

DAY 3: PUCACOCHA – PALOMANI PASS – HUCHUY FINAYA:

Passing small turquoise lakes we make the ascent of the Palomani pass (4,800 m) where the view of the south eastern ridge of Mount Ausangate on the Cordillera Vilcanota is absolutely amazing. Then, descending to Chilcapinaya we will make a campsite on Huchuy Finaya.

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner).

DAY 4: HUCHUY FINAYA – JAMPA PASS – PACCHANTA:

Hiking up the Jampa valley we will quite likely be able to meet highland shepherds tending their sheep and alpaca, spinning and weaving their wool into cloth with the peaks of Jampa and Colquecruz acting as a backdrop.

Circling northwest around the Ticllacocha lagoon and over the last pass (4,650 m) we will reach the small meadow of Pachaspata for lunch, continuing our trek to Pacchanta community. Slowly descending the valley, we arrive in the village of Pacchanta, where we will spend the afternoon resting. You will be able to soothe away from all those aches and pains in the relaxing waters of the hot springs making a campsite nearby. (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

DAY 5: PACCHANTA - TINKI – CUSCO:

On the last day, we will make a short walk across the puna grassland past small communities of shepherds and weavers who will take us back to the road at Tinki, here a bus will be waiting to take us to Cusco, where we arrive in the afternoon. (Breakfast / Lunch)

Price includes:

- Orientation meeting in Cusco (previous to departure date).
- Transfers put in and drop off (first day and last day).
- All balance meals during the trekking (5 days/4 nights), including snacks.
- All common equipment gear: Two men 4 season mountain tent, inflatable mattress, kitchen dishes, kitchen tent, dinner tent, toilet tent, table, chairs.
- Cook, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included as described cook.
- Mules and horses for the whole camping equipment including personal luggage.
- Muleteers.
- First-aid kit with Oxygen.
- Professional bilingual guide (English – Spanish), additional cost for other languages.
- Short wave radios.
- Environment care (all the garbage is going back to Cusco, portable toilet treatment).
- Entrance fee to Ausangate

Price does not include:

- Sleeping bag (\$37.5.00 for whole trek)
- Hotels in Cusco.
- Extra services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips and extra spends.