



**APU AUSANGATE PEAK
LODGE TO LODGE**

5 Days / 4 Nights

This is one of our most requested programs, through which we invite you to enjoy the full journey, in the vicinity of the Apu Ausangate, to conclude the route amidst one of South America´s most spectacular landscape scenarios, while, every night, you´ll be resting in the comfort of each one of our four lodges, with different views towards the Sacred Mountain

Level : Challenge trekking - Need good shape. High altitude trek
Duration : 5 days / 4 nights
Location : Vilcanota Range South from Cusco
Season : May - November
Departures : Set departures – every Friday from March to October

Day 1: Cusco / Chillca**(-/L/D)**

After breakfast you will start your trekking to Ausangate. In a comfortable coach we head along the Vilcanota River to visit the temple of Checacupe, then the upper valley of Pitumarca. At Japura, we'll trek a short distance to Chillca. Locals and musicians playing Andean instruments greet us in your first "Andean Lodge", as we sip cooca tea. Hot showers and full bathrooms as well as 8 double and matrimonial bedrooms are available. We emphasize tasty and nutritious local cuisine (such as Alpaca meat) but vegetarian or other preferences are welcome.

**Day 2: Chillca / Machuracay****(B/L/D)**

After breakfast we trek alongside thousands of alpacas and llamas in the glacier valley of Phinaya. On the way to more glaciers at Santa Catalina, we climb by the inspiring Pjachaj waterfalls. Above, our picnic lunch await us. Then, surrounded by moraine walls, glaciers and lagoons we walk about 5 hours to Machuracay Tambo.

Our bags, carried by a llama caravan, meet us there and the family that runs the lodge will welcome us. Overnight at the lodge.

**Day 3: Machuracay / Anantapata****(B/L/D)**

Today we take in our first mountain pass (16 587 ft.) with its panoramic, spectacular views. Descending alongside the glaciers, we hike to the Ausangate Cocha Lake for lunch. Then we submerge ourselves in the red sandstone sediment formations, a wonderful experience. Here, we see vicuñas and sometimes condors. After a day of great hiking we arrive at the third "Andean Lodge" ready to relax and enjoy. Overnight at the lodge.



Day 4: Anantapata / Huampococha

(B/L/D)

After breakfast, we take the trail to another mountain pass. Dropping down, we'll hike by Lake Kayrawiri, surrounded by rugged mountain peaks and the great valley below. Striations of color are imbedded in the hillsides. Then we go on to Cerro Laya Grande via massive glacier del Inca, and the most striking colors in the sediments of Yauricunca. We lunch here in this unique landscape. On our way to the fourth "Andean Lodge", we see hundreds of Andean geese nesting in the cliffs of Anta, and the flatiron formations of Apu Labrayani near Huampococha Tambo, where we will spend the night at the Camino del Apu Ausangate. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 5: Huampococha / Cusco

(B/L/-)

Walking up a great view of the mountains, we ascend to our final pass. From here it's all downhill, and we encounter some of the most capricious shapes of limestone formations of Cretaceous age. We hike here until the end of the trail in Trapiche, have lunch and then return by the bus to Cusco, after an experience of the unique time and space of the Andes. Overnight in Cusco.



End of the experience

NOTES:

The hike itself is rather demanding, mostly due to the altitude, ranging from 14,000 to 16,700 ft. / 4,300 to 5,100 m. at the highest mountain pass. There are also some significant changes of altitude during the course of the hike.

The distances on the trail vary from around 6 to 11 miles/10 to 16 km. per day. The lodges are all within daily walking distances, easily reachable in six to seven hours, considering regular hiking-speed and plenty of stops for taking landscapes.

While on the trail, hikers will need to carry a daypack with camera equipment, water bottle, extra layers of clothes, rain gear and other accessories they might need on the trail.

Besides the llamas that carry a large part of the guests' luggage, our groups are also followed by horses and horsemen, so that weary participants might have the option of continuing the trip on horseback.

The "Camino del Apu Ausangate" is making great efforts to provide its visitors with an unforgettable and save journey. In our lodges and on the trek, radio communication is use and always take oxygen and essential first aid equipment along.

Clothing:

- Hiking boots (If they are new, it is important to use them quite a lot before the hike, because it is common for new shoes to cause blisters).
- Shirts or long sleeved shirts (One per day).
- Walking pants.
- Polar or thermal clothing for the hike, sweater and/or vest.
- Warm coat or jacket.
- Thermal sleeping clothes.
- Cotton pants.
- Wool gloves.
- Scarf.
- Wool socks for sleeping.
- Hat or cap for the sun.
- Waterproof pants and "Gore-Tex" jacket or rain poncho.
- Small towel.

Distances day by day

Days	Place	Distance				Altitude	
		Distance		Dist. A-B		Altitude Ft.	Altitude Mts.
		Km	Mi	Km	Mi		
1st Day	Molino Viejo Start	0				14081	4292
	Chillca Tambo	3.3	2.05	3.3	2.05	14331	4368
2nd Day	Laguna Cochajasa					15909	4849
	Pamapacancha					15236	4644
	Machuracay tambo	18.2	11.3	14.9	9.26	15797	4815
3rd Day	Palomani Pass					16896	5150
	Ausangate Cocha					15256	4650
	Anatapata Tambo	29.83	18.53	11.63	7.23	15584	4750
4th Day	Huasacocha Ccasa					16253	4954
	Surinicocha					15623	4762
	Yauricunca					16338	4980
	Puruauccas					16240	4950
	Pucapama					15505	4726
4th Day	Huampococha Tambo	41.43	25.74	11.6	7.21	15748	4800
	Huampo Ccasa					16102	4908
5th Day	Congomire Exit Point	51.94	32.27	10.51	6.53	12749	3886
Total Distance		51,94 Km	32,27 Mi				

ALTITUDES DURING THE TREK

