



Majestic Ausangate : 5D

from : USD 1257.00

SEASON	April to November
DURATION	5 Days / 4 Nights (Cusco - Cusco)
FITNESS LEVEL	Very active (high altitude, long distances)
DEPARTURE DATES	Daily
ACTIVITIES	Horse Supported Hiking, Camping, Culture & Nature Exploration

Dominating the horizon southeast of Cusco, Mount Ausangate (6,372 meters / 20,900 feet) is the highest and most sacred mountain in southern Peru. The high Andean scenery experienced during this five-day hike is spectacular. Snowcapped peaks and glaciers rise above seemingly endless grasslands and turquoise lakes. Llamas and alpacas are herded by villagers who live in the isolated communities established generations ago by their ancestors. This is the perfect trip for anyone who loves being in the mountains.

Day 1: Cusco - Tinquí - Upis

Leaving Cusco, the morning will be spent on a scenic 5-hour bus ride as far as the village of Tinquí, where our mule drivers will be waiting for us. Our trek begins with a gentle ascent as we head around the base of Mount Ausangate (6372 meters / 20,900 feet). After a good lunch, we will hike for another 3 or 4 hours, gaining altitude and covering a total distance of approximately 10 kilometers. As we walk, we will encounter local farmers working their crops using traditional methods, and pass herds of alpaca and vicuña in their natural habitat. By mid-afternoon, we will arrive at our first camp, close to the natural hot springs of Upis.

Camp at Upis



Day 2: Upis - Ausangatecocha

Today's hike will take us close to the majestic glaciers of the sacred peak of Ausangate, as we ascend to Arapa Pass (4700 meters). From the pass, we will descend to the high plateau and the lakes of Pucacocha, Vinacocha, and Hatuncocha. Today's hike offers spectacular views of the summit and its glaciers. In the afternoon we will cross Apacheta Pass (5050 meters), where we will be met by truly stunning views of the nearby glacier. We will camp for the night on the shores of Lake Ausangatecocha.

Camp at Ausangatecocha



Day 3: Ausangatecocha - Chilcapinaya

After enjoying a breakfast surrounded by fantastic scenery, we will begin our ascent to the highest point of the trek at Palomani Pass (5100 meters). This is a strenuous climb, but our efforts will be rewarded by the panoramic views of Lake Ausangatecocha and the surrounding snow-capped mountains. After lunch, we will descend into the valley before climbing once more for about an hour to the grasslands at Champa Pampa. Here it is possible to view large herds of alpacas and observe vizcachas (a rabbit-like animal related to the chinchilla) among the rocks.

Camp at Chilcapinaya



Day 4: Chilcapinaya - Pachcanta

In the morning we will climb to the fourth and final pass on our route, at 5050 meters. On the way, we will be able to enjoy fantastic views of the surrounding snow-covered mountains. After stopping to rest and enjoy the scenery from the pass, we will embark on the long, gradual descent. During this descent, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the high Andean landscapes, as we pass beautiful glacial lakes and herds of alpacas, on the way to our final camp at Pachcanta. Arriving at the campsite, there will be time to relax in the natural hot springs, from where there are splendid views of majestic Mount Ausangate. In the evening, our meal will consist of a traditional Peruvian "pachamanca"; typical local ingredients cooked in the earth.

Camp at Pachcanta

Day 5: Pachcanta - Tinquí - Cusco

After an excellent breakfast, we will begin the undemanding 3-hour hike to the village of Tinki, where we will say goodbye to our mule drivers before boarding our bus for the return journey to Cusco. In the city you will be escorted to your hotel.

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Included

TRANSPORT	Private transport: Cusco-Tinquí, Tinquí-Cusco
HOTEL	Camping 4 / Total Nights 4
TOURS	According to program, including each day's activities, camping gear.
ENTRANCE FEE / PERMITS	To Ausangate park
MEALS	 Bx4  Lx4  Dx4
STAFF	Bilingual guide / cooks / wranglers / mules / emergency saddlehorses

Not included

EXTRAS	Travel insurance, sleeping bags, tips, tours & meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
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Rates 2024

2024 cost per person in US dollars

Service	1 Pax	2 Pax		
PRIVATE	US 3,228	US 1,792		
GROUP	US 1,508	US 1,197		

Departure on Mondays

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
16	20	13	10	15	12
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
10	14	11	9	13	11

Ausangate: The Majestic Mountain map