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TRIP DETAILS

6 days / 5 nts - Peru

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3018

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Cusco

Tinqui

Ausangate

Ausangatecocha

Q´Ampa

Pachanta

Cusco



PRICES FROM \$1,026

Trekking Ausangate

Day 1: Arrive in Cusco - Tinquí

We leave the city of Cusco by private transport and drive along the Cusco - Puerto Maldonado highway in the direction of Tinki (3800m/12464ft). On the way, we stop in Urcos, where we visit a beautiful lake with the same name. We then go on to Cattca, an agricultural and cattle raising community, where we can admire the local spectacular views, and finally we pass through Ocongata, capital of the district with the same name, and only half an hour away from our destination. After an approximate 6-hour drive, we arrive in Tinquí, where we sleep in a local lodge and start the trek the next morning.

Day 2: Tinquí - Ausangate

We leave Tinquí beginning with a gradual climb that crosses the puna (dry, high area with little vegetation), and arrive at our lunch stop after a three-hour hike. From here we can already enjoy a stunning view of the sacred Ausangate peak (6,372m/20,900ft). After lunch, we continue walking for another hour and a half to reach our campsite at Upis (4,400m/14,432ft). From this vantage point, we can marvel at the view of all the snowy peaks in the area. We camp and dine directly at the foot of Ausangate.

Day 3: Ausangate - Ausangatecocha

After breakfast, we continue our hike, climbing for two hours to reach La Arapa pass (4,850m/15,908ft). We then descend to our lunch stopover through an area where falcons and "vizcachas" (Andean rodents) may be sighted. This area also boasts three beautiful lakes that reflect tones of red, green, and turquoise (Pukacocha, HatunPukacocha, and Qomerqocha) and spectacular views of the surrounding snow peaks. After lunch, we continue on a long and slow ascent that will take us, after about two hours, to the second mountain pass, the Abra de Apuchata (4,900m/16,072ft). From here we descend, for another half an hour, to our campsite at Ausangatecocha (4,440m/14,563ft).

Day 4: Ausangatecocha - Q´Ampa

Today, we depart early to climb for two hours towards the third mountain pass, the Abra de Palomani (5,200m/17,056ft). This is the highest part of the entire hike, and from here we then descend for another 2h through an area of llamas, alpacas and "vizcachas" to reach Pampacancha (4,050m/13,284ft). From here we follow an uphill trail that leads us to our campsite in Q´ampa (4,300m/14,104ft). Along this easy 3-hour climb we may have the chance to spot llamas and alpacas, and perhaps pumas too. We will pitch camp and dine here.

Day 5: Q´Ampa - Pacchanta

We climb for 2 hours until we reach Q´ampa mountain pass (5,000m/16,400ft), where we may have the chance to sight Andean deer. From here we descend towards the Qomerqocha lagoon and finally arrive at Pacchanta (4,100m/13,448ft) after a trek lasting some five hours. Pacchanta is a small community with attractive hot springs where we can enjoy a relaxing dip. We camp and spend the night here.

Day 6: Pacchanta - Fly out from Cusco

We depart from Pacchanta and start to hike back to Tinquí. This will take roughly 2 hours. On arrival at Tinquí, we board our private transport that will return us to the city of Cusco, where we can expect to arrive after nightfall.

Rate per person on private services – AUSANGATE 6Day / 5nt:

N° Persons	1	2 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 10	11 - 16
Price	\$1,833	\$1,500	\$1,251	\$1,000	\$917

Rates valid until Dec 15, 2010

INCLUDES:

- Transfer from to the hotel
- Private transfer to Tinki/Cusco
- Professional English speaking guide
- Hot water in the morning for personal hygiene
- Cooker & cooking equipment
- Full Board included (please inform if passengers are vegetarian)
- Tent, mats & sleeping bags
- Dining & kitchen tents, tables & chairs
- Muleteer
- Horses that transport equipments and bags
- Oxygen equipment and medicines.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Extra porter or horses
- The cost for the additional horse for the whole program is \$ 150

RECOMENDATIONS:

- Boots to hike and tennis shoes.
- Raincoat or poncho. (necessary on raining season from November to March)
- Sun glass & a cap
- Insect repellent, sunblock.
- Flash light or torch and batteries.
- Camera and your passport.
- Canteen
- Warm & light clothing

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