

Trekking Ausangate (best seller!)

Day 1 : Cusco – Urcos – Tinquí - Upis

We leave the imperial city of **Cusco** quite early and go to the east. We observe some beautiful and very various landscapes and go through little typical villages, incas and pre-incas archeological sites.

En **Tinquí** (3850 metres), we meet the donkey-tender and cooks, who will come with us during the whole trek, as well as the animals carrying our camping gear and personal belongings. We start our first day of trekking and climb up to the **Upis** community (4400 metres). The landscape surrounding us is very typical of the region of puna. There is a lot of *ichu* (dry grass from the Andean's highlands) and wind. The view on the **Ausangate** is spectacular. Through our walk and in the village of **Upis**, we meet local people who will tell us about their textiles handcrafts, but will also explain the symbols in those works and how they are related to nature and to the andeans' beliefs. Discovering those traditions and costumes, which come directly from the Incas, is very impressive. In **Upis**, you also have the opportunity to relax in natural hot springs.

Transport time : 4 hours

Walk duration : 6 hours

Day 2 : Upis – Col de Arapa – Col Extrême Ausangate – Lagune Ausangate

We start by climbing up, with a beautiful sight on the major Apu, the **Ausangate**. We enjoy the beauty and strength of the south side of the Andes. When we arrive at the **Arapa pass** (4800 metres), we can have a look at this incredible mountainous region. We go down on the other side of the pass, go through many beautiful lagoons. After having had lunch, we climb again until we reach the **Extreme Ausangate pass** (4850 metres) then go to another lake, **the Ausangate lagoon**, where we camp.

Climate : cold

Walking duration : 7 hours

Day 3 : Lagune Ausangate – Col Palomani – Jampa

Today is both the most beautiful and the hardest day of the trek: we climb until we reach the highest peak of our journey, **the Palomani pass** (5200 metres), from where the view on the glaciers and **the Apu Ausangate** is a sort of reward for our efforts. Then, we go back to **the Pampa Finaya valley** and finally arrive in **Jampa** (4700 metres), where we camp.

Walking duration : 8 hours

Day 4 : Jampa – Col de Campa – Pacchanta

The Campa pass (5100 metres) is the challenge of today ! We walk through magnificent andean landscapes, where lamas, alpacas and vicunas quietly eat, surrounded by glaciers and by the spectacular snow-capped **Colqecruz**. Then, we go through several lagoons, before arriving to **the Pacchanta community** (4350 metres), where we will camp and relax in hot springs. We end the day by eating a typical meal.

Walking duration : 8 hours

Day 5 : Pacchanta – Tinquí – Cusco

After having had our breakfast, we slowly go on to reach the village of **Tinquí** (3900 metres), the final point of our trek. We take our vehicle back to **Cusco**. On the way back, we stop in **Tipón** or in **Saylla**, where we will have the opportunity to taste typical meals of the region, such as *cuy* (guinea pig) or *chicharrón* (made with pork)

Walking duration : 3 hours

Transport time : 4 hours

Price per person, based on a tour for at least 2 persons

Included :

- Local Transport from Cusco to Tinquí
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- Entry for the Ausangate park
- Guide professional bilingual (spanish, french, english)
- Professional equipment for mountain (tent for two persons, alimentary tent, mattress, bathroom tent, table and seats)
- Meals during the trek (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Cookers and assistants
- Horses for all the equipment and your personal luggages
- Emergency necessary with oxygen bottles

Not included :

- Breakfast for the first day
- Sleeping bags (you can rent one if you don't have one)

What's necessary to bring ?

- Backpack with a protection from the rain
- Sleeping bags
- Different kind of clothes adapted to the different climates (hot and cold)
- Trekking shoes
- Sandals
- Waterproof clothes
- Hot socks
- T-shirt with short and long sleeves
- Swimwear
- Solar protection

- Anti insect cream
- Sanitizer
- Hygienic paper
- Water bottles and sterilizing tablets
- Camera
- Hats
- Snacks as chocolate or fruit bars
- Original passport
- Original study card
- Money in soles

Pay attention to bring enough clothes because it can rain and your clothes won't have time to dry.