

VINICUNCA MOUNTAIN 2D/1N



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This is a breathtaking two-day trek in the Vilcanota's Cordillera, on a route we call the "Camino Del Apu Ausangate" located in close proximity of the highest Sacred Mountain in the Department of Cusco. The "Apu" is the Bearer of Life and Guardian of one of the most pristine mountain ecosystems in the world.

Our treks will be accompanied by lamas and horses that will carry our gear, and are owned by shepherds of the community of Chillca, who are proud to share their land with us, as well as the Spirit of their inspiring world.

On our hikes and in our unique "Tambos" or Andean Lodges, daily meals will be prepared by experienced chefs who will introduce you to a great variety of delicious Peruvian dishes and products.

DAY 1: CUSCO - HUAMPOCOCHA

We begin with a morning departure from Cusco, travelling by bus through the fertile Vilcanota Valley, to the town of Checacupe, from where we start to ascend Pitumarca. Through the spectacular canyon of Japura, we arrive at the pastoral community of Osefina, where we see herding of llamas and alpacas as the main local activity. Llamas will carry part of our personal equipment. Little by little, we will ascend through a picturesque valley where you can see some of the highest potato crops in the world. The landscapes change drastically as we leave behind the last houses until we reach the pass of Anta (16000 ft. / 4900 mt.) With the first views of the Vilcanota mountain range. We will spend the night in the Huampococha Tambo, located near the lagoon of the same name, where they usually nest "Huallatas" (Andean geese).



DAY 2: HUAMPOCOCHA – VINICUNCA - CUSCO

The first rays of the sun greet you at this magical location. After enjoying a hearty Andean breakfast, we begin to hike through rock formations of red sandstone. As you hike you'll see geological wonders and admire the beauty of this unique landscape, until reaching Mt. Vinicunca, or "Rainbow Mountain", renowned worldwide for its spectacularly colorful soil strata. This is most spectacular vantage points of the Route and in the entire Andes Mountains. After time to take in the amazing views, take photos and rest, we'll begin the descent through the valley to the town of Japura. On the way we'll have a final lunch stop, before taking our private transportation back to Cusco.



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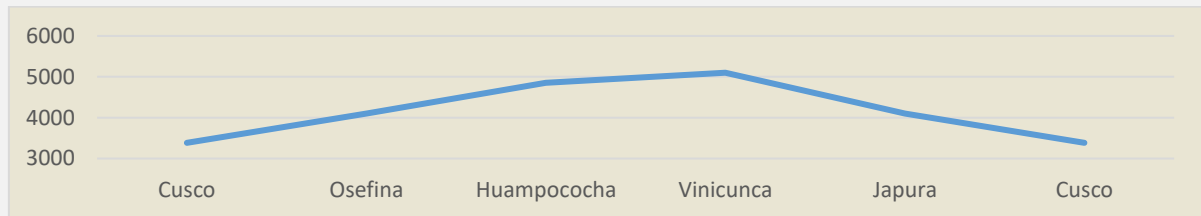
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PHYSICAL PREPARATION

To go on the "Andean Lodges" Apu Ausangate's Trail Trek, one must be in good physical condition, and we recommend a preliminary 3 to 4 day acclimatization stage, for your body to react better during the trek, as we will be hiking up to mountain passes at altitudes of about 5,000 meters, and it also is important to drink plenty of water and/or coca leaf tea.

ALTITUDES AND DISTANCES DAY BY DAY

Day	Route	By car	Hike	Distance	Difficulty	Min. Alt.	Max. Alt.
1	Cusco – Pitumarca	2.5 hrs.		104 km.		3384 m	3441 m
	Pitumarca – Osefina	1 hr.		14 km.		3441 m	4100 m
	Osefina – Huampococha		4 hrs.	6.5 km.	Medium +	4100 m	4900 m
2	Huampococha - Vinicunca		2 hrs.	6 km.	Medium	4800 m	5100 m
	Vinicunca – Japura		3 hrs.	10 km.	Medium +	4100 m	5100 m
	Japura - Cusco	3 hrs.		100 km.		3384 m	4100 m





INCLUDES

- Trip planning and full trek services, as indicated in the itinerary.
- Private bus transportation, from Cusco to trailhead and return to Cusco.
- Expert mountain trekking guides along the entire trek.
- Accommodations at our excellent eco-lodges in comfortable double rooms, with private bathrooms.
- All breakfast and dinners at the lodges; lunches & snacks served along the hike.
- Transportation for your baggage by llama caravan in waterproof bags.
- First aid kit and oxygen supply.

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Flights in Peru, or additional transportation before, during or after the program.
- Emergency transportation.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips for guides, drivers and lodge staff.



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