



MARIPOSA SUMMIT 6D/5N

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DAY 1: CUSCO - HUAMPOCOCHA

We leave Cusco early in the morning, on a private car along the fertile valley of the Vilcanota River, towards Cusipata. After a 2-hour driving trip, we will follow upstream the valley, by the road that leads to Quisacancha, where we will start our trek, it will be around 12 km through a stunning Andean valley. After arrival to the lodge, built in front of a spectacular landscape, we will relax and enjoy the beauty of this place.

Overnight: Huampococha Tambo



DAY 2: HUAMPOCOCHA - ANANTAPATA

We hike across colorful mountains, different tonalities of red, yellow, gray, blue, green veins, and we get to the Vinicunca Mountain. This segment offers an important opportunity to witness geology in action and to admire the singular beauty of this almost ethereal landscape, we will have a great chance of observing, small flocks of the funny Vicuñas that live in this isolated fields.

Overnight: Anantapata Tambo





DAY 3: ANANTAPATA - MACHURACAY

Impressive vistas to the south glacier of "Apu" Ausangate will inspire us as we hike; as we approach the mountain will hike along the red sandstone formations of "Nevado Del Inca".

We will do lunch on the banks of Lake Ausangatecocha and we start our hike up to the Palomani, pass at approximately 5200 msnm, and later well descend to Machuracay Tambo, could very well be the highest lodge in the world (aprox. 4850msnm), at the foothills of sacred Ausangate.

Overnight: Machuracay Tambo







DAY 4: EXTRA DAY IN MACHURACAY

Today, we will start our hike ascending through the moraines towards Cochajasa lagoon, we will have a breathtaking view of Ausangate and Mariposa mountains, and then we will start descending next to the inspiring Pjachaj waterfalls to the Uyuni Valley, where our picnic lunch awaits us.

In the afternoon, we will have a short hike, on a tended glacier valley, back to the lodge. This day we will rest in the base lodge earlier and prepare ourselves for the accent by checking the equipment, doing some technical training, and observing the route.

Overnight: Machuracay Tambo





DAY 5: SUMMIT RT MACHURACAY

We will be on the trail before 2 am, to deal with the approximation before dawn, with the first sun rays we will negotiate a rocky section to the ice, we fit our crampons and continue by the ice, through a field of sun cups, gaining altitude to the col, slope is around 35° and then we proceed to the ridge on Mariposa summit (aprox. 5490 meters above sea level).

After enjoying the wonderful mountain scenario, will start descend to the Tambo, depending on the climbing conditions, we will be coming back mid to late afternoon. In the comfort of the lodge will share our farewell dinner.

Overnight: Machuracay Tambo



DAY 6: MACHURACAY-CHILLCA-CUSCO

After a 3-hour down walk towards Chilca, our bus will meet us in the Killita Bridge, where we will load our material, say goodbye to our field personnel and depart to Cusco.





PHYSICAL CONDITIONING FOR THE CLIMBING

It is very important that you are aware of the fact that climbing at high altitude is much more strenuous than elsewhere. To get ready for our task, continuous aerobic exercise is necessary (biking is excellent, too).

Each member of the party should consult a physician, describing the conditions of the climb and asking him to recommend a training program. We are sure that you are in good physical condition, but these recommendations should suite all members of our team.





APPROXIMATE ALTITUDES AND DISTANCES DAY BY DAY

	PLACE	DISTANCES				ALTITUDES (METERS)		DIFFICULTY
DAY		CUMULATIVE DIST.		DAY DISTANCE		MIN.	MAX.	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
		KM.	MI.	KM.	MI.			
01	Cusco – Quisacancha (by car)	0	0			3384	4100	Low
	Quisacancha – Huampococha	12	7.45	12	7.45	4100	4800	Medium +
02	Huampococha – Vinicunca			6	3.73	4800	5100	Medium
	Vinicunca – Anantapata	23	14.2	5	3.11	4800	5100	Medium
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03	Anantapata – Machuracay	33	20.5	10	6.21	4800	5100	Medium
			0					
04	Cochajasa	41	25.4	8	4.97	4800	5100	Medium +
			8					
05	Mariposa Mt.	55	34.1	14	8.70	4700	5490	High
			8					
06	Machuracay – Uyuni (Exit Point)	59	36.6	4	2.49	4400	4800	Medium
			6					

CLIMBING MATERIAL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM

- Ice axe, a general uses one for 30-40 degree slopes.
- Crampons, 12 point, glacier & snow climb, crampon straps.
- Carabiners, four in total, preferably locking.
- Prusic knot or jumar ascender; one per pax, (for use in case of crevasse rescue)
- Seat and chest harness
- 2 pairs of boots, one pair for hiking and another pair for climbing (they should be double plastic or leather and hold crampons well)
- Gaiters and/or over-boots
- Clothing for trekking, clothing for climbing
- Sweater, parka with hood, wind/rain jacket and pants
- Climbing pants, 2 hiking pants, shorts
- Thermal underwear, 3 sets of underwear
- Balaclava hat, sun hat
- Wool shirts, light shirts
- Linen socks, 3 pairs of heavy wool socks
- Fingerless gloves, mittens
- Personal medical kit, pocket knife, 2 water bottles, glacier glasses, head lamp (spare bulbs and batteries).
- Other items of personal nature, as camera, binoculars, etc.





INCLUDED:

- All organization.
- Private transport to Cusipata and back from Chillca to Cusco.
- Llamas to carry part of your personal equipment on the trekking.
- Expert leadership.
- Lodging in double occupancy rooms (including private bathrooms with running cold and hot water)
- All technical group equipment such as ropes, medical-kit.
- Breakfast and dinner served in the lodges, snacks and lunches served on the way.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel insurance
- Tips for trekking staff
- Personal expenses
- Flights.
- Airport taxes

