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This is a breathtaking four 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 llamas and horses that will carry our gear. These 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 produce, and for your entertainment: authentic vernacular music, played by local inhabitants, will liven up some of our evenings at the "tambos."

DAY 1: CUSCO - CHILLCA

Early morning departure from Cusco along the fertile Vilcanota Valley to the town of Checacupe. After a visit to the colonial temple of the Immaculate, we start ascending the Pitumarca valley, along the spectacular Japura gorge that leads to Chillca, where we will be greeted by the community. From there it is a short and easy walk to the first "Tambo". Once at the lodge there will be time to relax and enjoy the music provided by the locals of Chillca.



DAY 2: CHILLCA - ANANTAPATA

Our hike begins at o8:30 in the wide valley of Pampa Uyuni where impressive glaciated mountains loom above the valley offering majestic views. After pass the Ausangate river we go to Astanapata community, tremendous views of the glaciated south face of the "APU" will inspire us as we continue towards the red sandstone formations of the "Nevado del Inca." Overnight stay in the "Anantapata Tambo," located right at the bottom of an imposing mountain.

DAY 3: ANANTAPATA - HUAMPOCOCHA

After a demanding ascent of the Palomani pass at an elevation of 5,200 m. /17,000 ft., we will descend to Ausangatecocha. Breathtaking views of the glaciated south face of the "apu" will inspire us as we continue towards the red sandstone formations of the "Nevado Del Inca". Overnight stay in Anantapata Tambo.

DAY 4: HUAMPOCOCHA - CUSCO



A spectacular part of the trail finds us hiking in the middle of mountains with red, ochre, and blue strata. This section offers us a glimpse of a marvelous geological wonder of natural beauty. Be on the lookout for groups of fascinating vicuñas, as they are frequently spotted in this isolated area.

After our picnic lunch, the bus will be ready for our return trip to Cusco.



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.





INCLUDES:

- General organization.
- Services of expert guides in high mountain trek.
- Private transport to Chillca and back to Cusco.
- Accommodation in double rooms.
- Breakfast and dinner served in the lodges, snacks and lunches served on the way.
- Waterproof bags for the baggage carried by llamas.
- First aid kit and oxygen.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to and from Peru / Cusco, or any kind of transport before or after completion of the program.
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping staff

