

Ausangate 5 day route

Nevado Ausangate 6380m offers astonishing scenery and back drops. Although not the most technical of all similar hikes in the region it is the highest all-round and for that time must be taken into account for acclimation purposes.

Here is the recommended itinerary for people with good physical fitness to take

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Cusco - Tinki – Upis

Day 1 involves the largest part of acclimatisation. It will mean a 3 hour drive to the start of the trail head at Tinki. After some lunch ascending on easy trail (4wd road) from 3900m to 4400m and an approximate 4 hour hike to the small villages of Upis.

DAY 2

Upis – Arapa Pass – Yanacocha/Vinococha/Pucacocha lake

From Upis you will need to hike a couple of hours to the first of the 3 major passes on the circuit, Arapa (4850m/15650ft). Time taken should be at a slow pace in order to further acclimatise. Along the way we shall see some green-blue-turquoise lakes that offer breath-taking photo-shots. From here you shall descend down for around 2.5 hours to the set of small lakes or lagunas and a camp-spot conveniently located at one off them.

DAY 3

Yanacocha lake – Palomani pass – Soracocha (Jampa)

This middle day incorporates the highest pass on the trail at Palomani (5205m/17056ft). You will pass around the beautiful small oval-shaped lake of Ausangatecocha before heading up to the pass. Trail will become wilder and scenery and panoramic views will be in abundance. From there you descend down to your camp site just before the small hamlet of Jampa. Approximate time will be 3-4 hours up to the pass and 2 more down to the campsite near Jampa.

DAY 4

Soracocha (Jampa) – Jampa pass – Pacchanta

A final full days' hike to the final pass of the trek (Jampa – 5000m/16400ft) will take about 3 hours up, then 4 down to the small village of Pacchanata and natural hot-springs. Here you can relax bathe and enjoy the moment you have done the toughest part of the trail

DAY 5

Pacchanta – Tinki – Cusco

This will be an easy 3 hours down on gravel-road again to Tinki, where you shall meet you transport to take you back to Cusco.

PRICES 2016 EXPRESSED IN AMERICAN DOLLARS PER PERSON

Pax	USD/Pax
2	795
3	600
4	520
5	500
6	475
8	405
10	350

The price includes:

- Private land transportation according to the itinerary.
- English speaking guide.
- Cook
- Porters and/or llamas-mules to transport most of the gear. (we highly recommend to limit the weight to a maximum of 10 kilos per person).
- Three meals per day (breakfast, lunch and main course in the evening) during the trekking portion.
- All group cooking gear for the trek.
- Camping equipment (two-person tents - 3 season good-quality, foam mattresses.
- Dining and kitchen tents.
- All entrance fees..

Costs Do Not Include:

- Meals, hotels and transportation outside the regular itinerary.
- Personal gear (inflate thermal rest, walking poles, medicine, clothes, sun glasses, sleeping bag -10°C)
- Medical/Evacuation trip insurance
- Tips and gratuities
- Alcohol and/or bottled drinks