

ONE DAY TREK

THE AUSANGATE 7 LAKES HIKE

1 day



DESCRIPTION

Allow yourself to be captivated by the brilliant crystals of Ausangate

The 7 Lakes of Ausangate is one of the most impressive hikes in the Vilcanota Mountain Range and leads to the imposing Ausangate Mountain, one of the tallest in Peru. This exciting day trip will take you to connect with the striking and purest Andean nature and gaze upon a gorgeous place surrounding these multi-colored lakes.

Along the route, you'll discover native communities that still keep their culture and traditions alive. Take a chance for a relaxing dip in the hot springs of Pacchanta and enjoy a traditional lunch prepared by a local family who will warmly receive you at home. Come join us and experience the beauty of Peru firsthand.

CONTENT



Map



Itinerary



Inclusions



Packing List



- DISTANCE / HOURS
- LUNCH & REST AREA
- FOOTPATH
- MAJOR ROAD
- SECONDARY ROAD
- LAGOON

DAY 01: Cusco | Ccatca - Pacchanta - Comercocha - Azulcocha - Pacchanta

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Traverse the 7 green and turquoise lakes of Ausangate in just one day, a thrilling hiking experience that'll leave you in awe.
- » Explore one of the most beautiful parts of the Ausangate glacier, the highest and most sacred in the region of Cusco.
- » Immerse yourself in the daily life of the most traditional communities in the Andean region.
- » See countless alpacas and llamas grazing in their natural habitat.
- » Enjoy a relaxing swim in the hot springs of Pacchanta, accompanied by one of the most striking Andean views.

DAY 01

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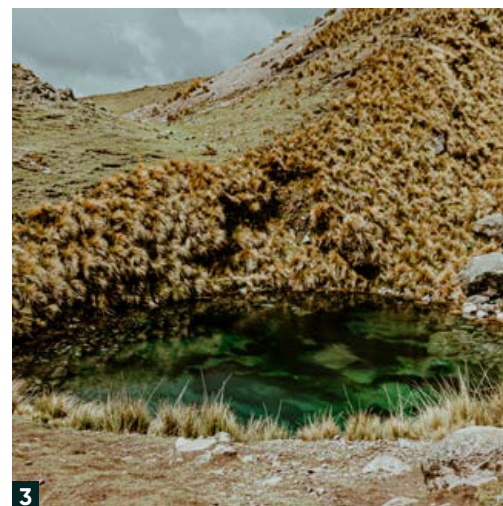
Hike to the crystal jewels of the Andes!

Very early, we'll leave for Pacchanta, the starting point of our journey. We'll have a nutritious breakfast with the locals. The trail looks good because, as we ascend, we'll be able to see some of the colorful lakes of the area: Comercocha, Alqacochoa, Patacocha, Otorongococha, and Azulcocha, among others.

After this incredible part of the hike, we'll go back downhill for a well-earned lunch and then be able to swim in the relaxing hot springs of Pacchanta. At the end of the day, we'll return to Cusco with a happy heart after the beautiful moments we've experienced on this adventure.

Lakes visited on the Hike

- Comercocha Lake
- Alqacochoa Lakes
- Patacocha Lakes
- China Otorongo Lake
- Orco Otorongo Lake
- Azulcocha Lake



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast and lunch
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate
- » HIKING DISTANCE:
16 km / 9.94 mi
- » HIKING TIME:
5 – 6 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
4,100 m / 13,451 ft
- » MAXIMUM ELEVATION:
4,800 m / 15,748 ft

1. Panoramic view of the spectacular colored lagoons.
2. Ancestral traditions at the foot of the snow-capped mountains.
3. Beautiful waterhole

INCLUSIONS



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entrance Ticket to the circuit “Ausangate 7 Lakes”

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing
- Experienced Tour Guide

Our official tour guides speak English and Spanish and are professionally trained and certified. We choose them for their experience, responsibility, unbridled passion for exploring, and pride in sharing our culture and history. In every experience, they will keep you safe and comfortable so you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have specialized first aid training and attend mandatory training sessions every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit and oxygen to handle basic emergencies (altitude sickness, diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.). If needed, we will evacuate you from the trail as quickly as possible and ensure you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- Extras Included in our Service

We believe that attention to small details is what sets us apart from other local companies. You'll receive a pair of trekking poles and a rain poncho.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your tour.

» Meals

- Breakfast & Lunch
- Snacks and water

For the hike, we'll provide you with a water bottle and snacks of local fruits, cookies,

chocolate, caramels, etc.

- One cloth snack bag per person

We'll provide you with a cloth bag for your snacks—perfect for storing wrappers and keeping the environment clean. Feel free to use it throughout your trek!

» Transportation

- All transportation is included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and after the end of the trip, we'll drop you back at the door of your hotel in Cusco.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Entry fee to Pacchanta Hot Springs (Optional)

PEN 15.00 (US\$ 5.00)

» Dinner

» Personal Hiking Clothes and Gear

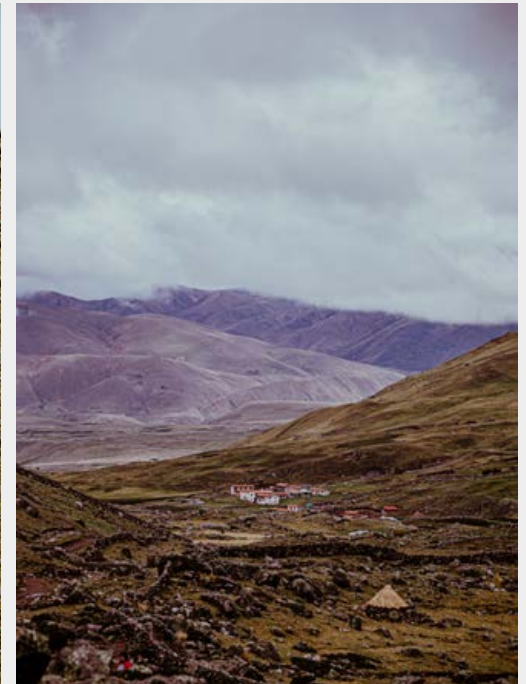
» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is usual on any excursion to Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our team, something extra is always welcome.

» Additional costs or delays beyond our control

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemic, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, acts of God, etc.



BEFORE YOU GO

We want to make your trip to Peru as memorable and as carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find the answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Salkantay Trekking in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

Have another question that we haven't answered here? Drop us a line and we will get back to you asap!

» Briefing or Informative Meeting

All information meetings and briefings are held in our main office in Cusco (or your hotel) at 5:00 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meetings last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. If you're unable to attend, you must coordinate another time by email, by phone or at the Salkantay Trekking office.

» Can I store my luggage at your office?

Of course! During the trip, your main luggage can be stored at our office (you can organize it with us on the briefing day or by email) or at your hotel, both free of charge.

Any equipment that you won't need on the trek can be stored safely in your hotel. Nearly every hotel will provide this service. Don't leave items of value with your bags; put them in the hotel safe and obtain an itemized receipt (in the unlikely case of theft, many insurance companies require that you have a copy of the receipt itemizing everything). It's best to put items such as credit cards inside a sealed, signed envelope for extra peace of mind.

» Pick up of guests

Salkantay Trekking can pick you up from your hotel, as long as it's in the Historical Center of Cusco. Your guide will coordinate the pickup time in the briefing session, but please keep in mind that the time may vary between 30 and 45 minutes due to traffic.

Cusco is an old city, meaning it has many narrow cobbled streets. Some hotels and Airbnbs may be located on streets without access to cars or on long, steep slopes, making it difficult to transport luggage. We strongly recommend that you book accommodation with good access.

» Group Tours

Group tours are made up of different types of people, then physical conditions and ages can vary. By agreeing to be part of a group tour, you also accept that some people may be faster or slower than you. Therefore, each person can go at their own

pace on the route.

It may be the case that a group wishes to modify the tour; however, the guide will be the one who decides, after consulting with all the participants, if such modifications are possible.

» Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are common in Peru, and this may interrupt some of our tours. Roads can be blocked, and train tracks can be taken over. However, we will try to keep your trip as originally planned, even if it means leaving the night before the scheduled date.

Under these circumstances, tours may also be canceled. In case of changes or cancellations, everything will be coordinated with you by our operations department. Your safety is our highest priority, and our decisions will be made to protect it.

» Lost objects

Please pay attention to where you leave your things and remember to take everything once you leave our transport or restaurant. You're the only one responsible for your objects during the tour.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- » Passport
- » Extra money (recommended soles)
- » Personal medication
- » Water bottle or CamelBak – (optional water purifying pills)
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Personal Care Products
- » Light footwear
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Pair of thermal pants
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Waterproof or wool gloves
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Wool hat for the cold
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 – 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank



*It is advisable to wear waterproof pants during the rainy season (September to March).



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