



## **Cordillera Vilcanota: Multiactivity High Day by day description**

### **DAY 1 CUSCO / OCONGATE / QOÑAMURO**

Pick-up at your hotel in Cusco. Leaving by vehicle southwards we arrive at Huambutio and start our winding ascent, to a high plateau. From here we continue over a rolling landscape and at the pass we view the Cordillera Vilcanota on the horizon for the first time. Descend past the village of Ccatca and outlying communities to finally reach Ocongate and a chance for last minute purchases. Continue through Tinki towards Qoñamuro a local community where we will set up camp at 3,800 m. (12,464ft.)

### **DAY 2 QOÑAMURO**

Spend the day visiting with local families participating in any of many activities depending on time of year and available community production: alpaca shearing, threading, dyeing weaving, adobe production, roofing with straw, festivities, etc. This will enable you to acclimatize as well.

### **DAY 3 QOÑAMURO / UPIS**

Continue across the wide open places above the tree line past small settlements of herders and weavers – their crafts will be on sale. As we slowly approach the northern face of Mt. Ausangate we will run into herds of alpacas. A crew of packhorses and llamas will accompany us along the way. Camp at Upis, with snow capped mountains around us at 4,400 m. (14,432 ft.) (Trekking: 5-6 hours, Distance: 9kms).

### **DAY 4 UPIS / NINAPARAYOC**

From our campsite we cross over a pass into an area full of small lakes and high marshes which we skirt, with the backdrop of the impressive peaks of Mariposa, Jampa, and Colquecruz, with a chance to see vicuña, llama and alpaca herds. Camp in Ninaparayoc in the vicinity of a lake, with beautiful crystal clear waters. (Time: 7 hours, Distance: 8 kms)

### **DAY 5 NINAPARAYOC / PACCHANTA / QOÑAMURO / CUSCO**

A nice walk down this valley with Mt. Ausangate behind us.- Rolling hills now extend below us as we hike into Pacchanta. We hike a short way to a roadhead and ride our mountain bikes along a two track trail over a ridge and accross a wide expanse of highland savannah (puna) downhill, back towards Qoñamuro and Tinki, where we will be picked up and driven back to Cusco. The views of the mountains and surrounding countryside with snow – capped peaks is fantastic. We drop you off at your hotel (Overnight and dinner not included).



**SERVICES INCLUDED:** Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek to your city of departure, two-man tents including sleeping pads, pack animals, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included as well as a bilingual guide on the trek, who will handle the first aid kit.

**SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:** Meals in the cities last hotel night, alcoholic beverages, extras, tips, laundry service, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets (where applicable), sleeping bags, hiking boots and other personal gear.