7 Lakes of Ausangate Full-Day Hike from Cusco

Glacial lakes & hot springs at Ausangate

DURATION	DIFFICULTY	MAX. ALTITUDE	BEST SEASON
Full day	Moderate	4,900 m	April to October (Dry Se

Escape the crowds and experience one of the Peruvian Andes' best-kept secrets on the 7 Lakes of Ausangate Full-Day Tour. Located in the high-altitude community of Pacchanta, about 3 hours southeast of Cusco, this scenic day hike takes you right to the base of Apu Ausangate—Cusco's highest and most sacred mountain. Why Hike the 7 Lakes of Ausangate? Unlike busier trails around Cusco, the Ausangate circuit offers raw, untouched Andean wilderness. Over roughly 5 hours of hiking (approx. 8.5 miles round-trip) between 15,090 ft and 16,075 ft (4,600–4,900 m), you will witness a striking palette of mineral-rich turquoise, emerald, and deep-blue glacial lagoons framed by towering glaciers. Highlights of the Trail Seven Glacial Lagoons: Visit Azulcocha, Patacocha, Pucacocha, Alqacocha, Q'omercocha, Orqo Otorongo, and China Otorongo. Andean Wildlife & Culture: Walk past herds of grazing alpacas…

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Early departure from Cusco to Pacchanta for a hearty Andean breakfast, followed by a 5-hour guided loop around seven turquoise glacial lagoons beneath Mount Ausangate, a traditional local lunch, and a relaxing soak in natural hot springs.

8.5 mi (14 km) · 5 hrs hiking · 16,075 ft (4,900 m)

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Early morning hotel pickup in Cusco (Historic Center)
- Round-trip tourist transportation (Cusco – Pacchanta – Cusco)
- Professional English/Spanish-speaking trekking guide
- 1 energizing Andean breakfast in Pacchanta
- 1 traditional Andean lunch in Pacchanta
- Entrance ticket to the 7 Lakes of Ausangate
- First-aid kit and emergency oxygen tank

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fee to Pacchanta Hot Springs (approx. S/ 10 PEN / ~$3 USD)
- Optional emergency/riding horse rental (approx. S/ 100 PEN / ~$28 USD, subject to local availability)
- Dinner, extra bottled water, trail snacks, and tips

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