

# MT. AUSANGATE BIKEPACKING EXPEDITION

2018 Dates & Pricing Apr. 1 - 8 | Jun. 30 – July 8 | 1,450 USD



## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Three 16,400 ft passes!
- ✓ Camp along glacial lakes and in mountain hamlets
- ✓ Ride a 30-mile loop around Mt. Ausangate (20,945 ft.)
- ✓ Hike-a-bike to reach epic singletrack descents
- ✓ Explore endless glaciers
- ✓ A photographer's dream
- ✓ Good times with a fun-loving team of guides

## DAY 1 Arrivals & Briefing

Welcome to Cusco. Your guides will meet you at the airport and then help to build your bike at the lodge. In the evening, we'll have an orientation, look over some maps and share dinner with the group. This is the time to buy any last minute snacks or gear!  
*(Night: Cusco Lodge)*

## DAY 2 South Valley Warm-Up

Enjoy stunning views of Mt. Ausangate from today's trailhead. Flow along narrow singletracks that cross fields of quinoa, potatoes, and barley and pedal along a trail that borders the Vilcanota River.  
*(Night: South Valley Lodge)*

**Dist: 14.5 mi** ⚡ **436 ft**

⚡ **7,245 ft Max: 14,730 ft**

## DAY 3 Meet Apu Ausangate

Shuttle to the mountain village of Pachanta. Load pack mules with camping gear and provisions. Kiss our vehicle goodbye. Ascend a singletrack to reach camp at Laguna Q'omercocha, at the base of Mt. Ausangate  
*(Night: Camping)*

**Dist: 4.5 mi** ⚡ **1,670 ft**

⚡ **10 ft Max: 15,800 ft**



## DAY 4 Q'ampa Pass Descent

Break down camp with sunrise and start a demanding two-hour hike-a-bike to the Q'ampa Pass, surrounded by glaciers. Then it's an epic descent down a narrow singletrack to the mountain hamlet of Chillca, where we'll make camp with the locals. *(Night: Camping)*

**Dist: 8.4 mi** ⚡ **1,146 ft**

⚡ **2,165 ft Max: 16,630 ft**

## DAY 5 Maximum Ascent

Ride and hike-a-bike to the Palomi Pass, the highest point of our circuit. Descend along rocky switchbacks to Laguna Ausangate before a second hike-a-bike to the Apuchata Pass. Descend towards beautiful glacial lakes and make our last camp. *(Night: Camping)*

**Dist: 7.3 mi** ⚡ **2,801 ft**

⚡ **2,367 ft Max: 16,790 ft**

## DAY 6 Closing the Loop

Pedal along the banks of glacial lakes and enjoy the views of rainbow rock formations. Descend through verdant valleys full of alpacas! Soak your legs in the Upis hot springs before finishing our circuit and heading back to Cusco. *(Night: Cusco Lodge)*

**Dist: 11.7 mi** ⚡ **1,030 ft**

⚡ **3,336 ft Max: 15,585 ft**

## DAY 7 Ride on!

Sleep in. You earned it! You'll have time in the morning to clean and disassemble your bikes with the help of your guides. Peru Biking can ensure your timely arrival at the airport or assist with other travel logistics, like storing your bike. Tupananchiskama – Until we ride again!

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## PRICING

Inscriptions for our fixed date rides cost 1,450 USD per rider; however, private group dates can be scheduled at riders' requests. See the following table for private group pricing:

# OF RIDERS	2	3-4	5-6
Cost per rider	1,640 USD	1,450 USD	1,360 USD

## TRAIL RATING



\*See Peru Biking's [FAQs online](#) for detailed descriptions of difficulty levels

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

You take care of arriving to Cusco's Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport (CUZ) and your team of guides will take care of the rest. Airport shuttle service is available to and from the group's hotel for each individual rider.

For riders interested in arriving prior to our scheduled start date or departing after the scheduled departure date, special shuttle service and storage of bikes can be easily arranged. Dates indicated for each [Mt. Ausangate Bikecamping Expedition](#) ride include one day for arrivals and one day for departures.

## GUIDES

Your group will have two experienced guides regardless of the size of the group. All guides are *at least* bilingual in English and Spanish. Guides carry first-aid certification to respond to trailside injuries. And they love to have a good time!

Your guides bring over 15 years of combined experience riding and guiding the Peruvian Andes. You're in good hands!

## ACCOMMODATIONS

In Cusco and The South Valley, your lodges will be charming bed & breakfast-style adobe homes that have been selected with a rider's needs in mind. There is ample space to store, wash and maintain your bikes and charming courtyards or patios where you can relax. Accommodations include Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, kitchen and open areas.

Along the trail, we'll spend three nights camping above 15,000 ft of elevation. Riders are provided with 3-person MSR tents for every two riders; however, individual riders are welcome to bring their own camping gear. Once the sun has set, it's typically lights out until the next day.

## GEAR & EQUIPMENT

All riders are expected to bring their own well-maintained mountain bike.\* We recommend all-mountain full-suspension bikes with at least 150 mm of travel on the front fork. An aggressive gravity-driven tire setup and dropper posts are both highly recommended. Detailed instructions for packing and traveling with mountain bikes will be made available in the pre-departure information package. Peru Biking will have a bike stand and basic tools to assemble and maintain bikes available throughout the course of the trip.

Riders should bring – at a minimum – a ¾ coverage all-mountain helmet, protective eyewear, kneepads, gloves, and a light pack with water reservoir or bottle. A full packing list will be made available in the pre-departure information package or can be accessed in Peru Biking's [FAQs online](#).

\*Well-maintained [2017 YT CAPRAS](#) (Size M or L) can be rented for 350 USD.

## MEALS

When in Cusco or The South Valley, all breakfasts are served at your lodging before the designated departure time for each day of riding. Lunches are served trailside and dinners will be served at your lodging.

Along the trail, we'll share simple campside meals inspired by classic Peruvian dishes with guides, riders, and mule handlers. Provisions and cooking equipment for camp meals are carried by pack animals so that riders can enjoy the scenery and the riding. Dinners will be served in the early evening hours to ensure adequate light for our meals.

All meals, excluding lunches for the days of arrivals and departures, are included.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The views, flora and fauna, and local communities encountered along the circuit are one-of-a-kind, the types of experiences and places that are truly unforgettable.

The circuit is demanding. Certain mountain passes require long hike-a-bike ascents, either pushing or shouldering bikes to the pass. The views from each mountain pass make the climb worthwhile. And the experience of descending along narrow singletracks that are rarely ever ridden is a big bonus. Mule handlers and riders will start the day's activities at staggered intervals to allow riders an uninterrupted and enjoyable riding experience.



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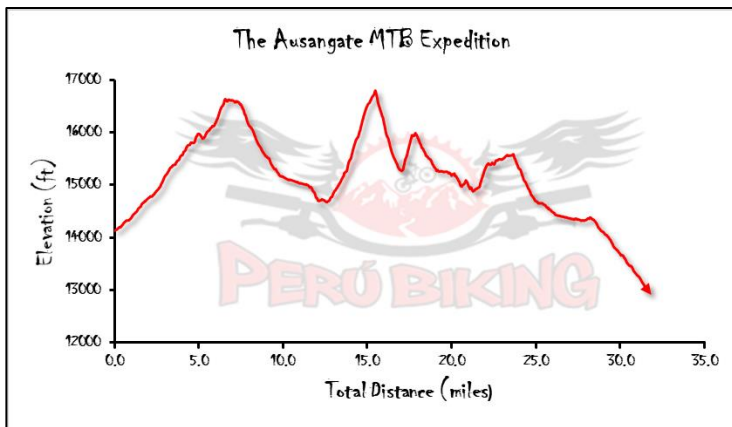


Riders should consider themselves advanced-level all-mountain riders with some downhill experience. While certain sections of trail are fluid and open, others are technical and rocky.

We hope to finish each day of riding by 3 PM, allowing the group time to settle in to camp – and perhaps to find some additional freeride lines!

## ALTITUDE & CLIMATE

Riding will be done between 9,000 ft and 16,800 ft of elevation. Aside from Day 2 and Day 3 of riding, no rides will be shuttle-assisted. Whereas many locals look to coca leaves as a traditional remedy for altitude sickness, riders might consider prescription medication also.



It's recommended that riders adopt a training regimen to prepare themselves for riding at altitude and for long consecutive days of riding.

Temperatures range from 15°F at night to 70°F during the day. Snow or other precipitation is always a possibility.

## SAFETY

Rider safety is paramount. Guides, drivers, mule handlers and everyone else involved prioritize the safety of the group over anything else. While cellular reception is unavailable along the remote trails that you'll be riding, guides will always carry two-way radios and a satellite communicator to keep the group together and to respond to any emergency.

## PAYMENT

To reserve a place in one of the [2018 Mt. Ausangate Bikepacking Expedition](#) rides, please email [info@perubiking.com](mailto:info@perubiking.com) to coordinate payment via PayPal transfer or via bank transfer. A 50% deposit of the total is required to reserve a place in the tour and a final 50% deposit is due one month before the start date.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Airport (CUZ) shuttle service for arrivals/departures
- ✓ Pre-expedition orientation
- ✓ Private transportation (all expedition-related transport)
- ✓ Expert MTB Guide and assistant MTB guide
- ✓ Water, fruits, and snacks
- ✓ 2 Nights of lodging in Cusco
- ✓ 1 Nights of lodging in The South Valley
- ✓ 3 Nights of Camping
- ✓ 6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, and 6 Dinners
- ✓ 3-person MSR Tent per 2 riders
- ✓ Access to MSR water filters, Dragonfly Stoves, fuel bottles and cookware
- ✓ Mules to transport provisions, tents and gear
- ✓ Mule handler
- ✓ Access to drybags for gear storage
- ✓ Access to first aid supplies and oxygen tank
- ✓ Access to bike-stand and tools
- ✓ Access to two-way radios and satellite communicator
- ✓ Admission to all hot springs
- ✓ Complimentary Peru Biking hat
- ✓ Pre-departure information package
- ✓ Non-stop Good Times!

## NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ Round-trip airfare to Cusco (CUZ)
- ✓ Bike rental or protective equipment
- ✓ Travel or medical insurance
- ✓ Sleeping Bag nor Sleeping Pad

## CONTACT & AVAILABILITY

Interested in a truly unique mountain bike experience? For more info, please contact [info@perubiking.com](mailto:info@perubiking.com) or send a message to:



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For Mt. Ausangate Bikepacking Expedition group rides, Peru Biking accepts a maximum of 6 riders. With smaller groups, we can guarantee a safer and more enjoyable experience for all riders in the group.