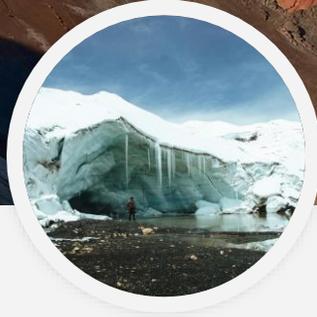




RAINBOW MOUNTAIN AND QUELCCAYA GLACIER TREK 2 DAYS

EXPLORE AND LIVE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



DESCRIPTION

Quelccaya Glacier are you ready for this adventure or Are you one of those people who love hiking in the mountains? Do you like to witness the best views of glaciers and lakes? Then, we offer you a two-day mini-program that includes camping in front of a breathtaking view. We will take you through the most spectacular destinations of the southern route of Cusco, surrounded by beautiful landscapes, nature, and lots of adventure. We will visit the Rainbow Mountain or Vinicunca and the beautiful Quelccaya Glacier. Let yourself be captivated by its impressive snow-capped mountains, stone cliffs, and beautiful lakes; undoubtedly, wonderful gifts of nature.

We will start this program by heading south of the city of Cusco to reach the picturesque Rainbow Mountain. After exploring this beautiful place, we will head in our private transport to the Sibinacocha lake, the second-largest in Cusco. We will camp in the Ruita sector, from where we will be able to appreciate the great Quelccaya glacier.

Afterwards, we will walk to the White lake and enjoy its crystal clear waters. From this point, we will ascend and admire the largest glacier in the world, Quelccaya (5,200 m), also known as Challpa. At the end of the day, we will return to Cusco, taking with us pleasant moments of this beautiful experience.



FULL ITINERARY

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Why Take the Rainbow Mountain & Quelccaya Glacier 2 Days?

- ✓ Contemplate the Mountain of Colors or the Rainbow Mountain with its beautiful shades. It will give you the feeling of seeing a large multicolored poncho in the landscape.
- ✓ You will have lunch in the great Sibilacocha lagoon, from here you will get incredible views of the Quelccaya glacier.
- ✓ You will visit the White Lagoon that is located at the foot of the Quelccaya Glacier.
- ✓ You will have the opportunity to camp at more than four thousand meters high.
- ✓ You will get to know the great Quelccaya glacier up close with its 17 km extension, considered the largest tropical glacier on the planet.

Today is the first day of this fabulous program, we will leave Cusco early in the morning to head to the village of Pitumarca, where we will have a delicious breakfast. After gaining energy, we will travel for another hour and a half until we reach the community of Cayrahuri, considered the starting point of the trek to reach the Rainbow Mountain. We will ascend little by little until we reach the planned objective, the viewpoint of the majestic Rainbow Mountain or Vinicunca (5,100 m / 16,732 ft.).

After enjoying the unique views, we will descend until we reach the transportation that will take us for two hours to the Sibinacocha lake. Here, we will be able to appreciate the diverse fauna typical of the Andean region, alpacas, and vicuñas that walk around the mountains. We will take a short walk around the lake to appreciate the scenery and learn about the trout, the main fish of the area. We will enjoy our lunch while contemplating the great Quelccaya glacier and the mountains of the Vilcanota range on the horizon.

In the afternoon, our private transportation will take us for an hour and a half to Ruita, passing through the village of Phinaya. Before dinner, we can take a short hike and explore the area with its beautiful scenery. In the evening, we will rest in our camp to regain strength after a wonderful day.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

4 Km / 2.49 miles

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Camps

After warming up with a coca tea and enjoying a refreshing breakfast, we will begin our adventure for the day. We will walk for about 30 minutes to the lake Blanca, also known as Saqracocho. We will enjoy the place to continue with a steep ascent through some stone cliffs that have the appearance of guardians.

As we go up, we will have impressive views of the Quelccaya glacier, also called Challpa. It is worth mentioning that, due to the extension that the glacier occupies, it is located between two regions: Puno and Cusco, has an area of 44 km² and stands out because its ice mass is not located around any of the peaks of the Vilcanota mountain range, but on a plain.

When we reach the top of the trail (5,200 m / 17,060 ft), we will feel happy to have achieved our goal. In addition, we will discover lakes born from the melting of the glacier. We will return to our campsite and get ready to finish our trip. On the way, we will be able to appreciate parihuanas known as flamingos and vizcachas which are part of the typical fauna of the area. Finally, we will arrive in Cusco after this beautiful experience and we will end our program.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

7.3 Km / 4.54 miles

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch..

**ACTIVITY DURATION:**

4.30 hours



INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED / NOT INCLUDED

At Peru Hike company, we specify the included and non-included services under all the tour itineraries listed on our website. We take care of all the logistics, but please pay attention to the details to avoid missing anything. Some items may be different for specific programs, so please read carefully before booking with us.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

High Quality Service & Safety

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Experienced Guide speaks English and Spanish
- ✓ A professional cook only for our group
- ✓ Motorola Talkabout Radio, for communication
- ✓ Medical Kit – First Aid Kit
- ✓ One duffle bag per person
- ✓ Customer Service 24/7
- ✓ Extra oxygen

Private Camping Equipment

- ✓ We also include a large tent with table and chairs for you to enjoy your meal without worry-free, and all the cooking equipment, carried by our Car
- ✓ We also included a portable toilet

Permits & Entrance Tickets

- ✓ Entrance ticket to Ausangate Trek
- ✓ Entrance ticket to Rainbow Mountain
- ✓ Entrance ticket to Quelccaya Glacier

Transportation

- ✓ Private transportation from your hotel in Cusco to the start of the trek.
- ✓ Horses, and muleteers horses carry your 8-kg / 16-pound personal items.
- ✓ Private transportation from the end of the trek to Cusco to your hotel.

Meals

- ✓ Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, and 1 Dinners
- ✓ Meals: vegetarian and vegan
- ✓ Water to drink on the trail every day
- ✓ Wake up tea, every morning
- ✓ Tea Time or Happy Hour, every afternoon
- ✓ Snacks on the trail daily
- ✓ Products for hygiene

Accommodation

- ✓ Personal Accommodation in Private Campsites
- ✓ 4-Person, 4-season tents, destined for 2 travelers
- ✓ 1 Polar sheet per person
- ✓ Pillows throughout the tour
- ✓ Rubber warmers, for the night

Additional Included

- ✓ PRO Air sleeping pad, Thermo-Rest brand
- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ Trekking stick



WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED?

What Is Not Included?

- Travel Insurance
- Tips for our staff





BEFORE YOU GO

Is it for me?

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 Peru Hike Company in one place. Please read the following information carefully – it will help you with any questions about our services.

How many days do I need to acclimate in Cusco before the Trek?

It's very important to be well acclimated to the altitude before exerting yourself on a trek. We recommend that you arrive in Cusco at least 2 or 3 days before the trek starts to help you adjust and avoid possible problems with altitude sickness while on the trek. You might have already been in another area of Peru at a high altitude before arriving in Cusco. In that case, we still recommend you have a whole day in Cusco to rest, recover from your travel, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Cusco before departing for the trek. Here are some suggestions for activities to do in the Cusco vicinity before starting your adventure trek:

City Tour and Sacred Valley



City Tour



Sacred Valley



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 meeting by email, by phone or at the Peru Hike Company office.



Trek Balance Payment (in Cusco)

The trek has to be paid for in full at most 6.30 pm one day before your departure (generally after the briefing). It would be much appreciated if you pay the trek balance in cash US dollars or local currency at our office in Cusco. You can withdraw some money from several ATMs along Avenida Sol (either in US dollars or local Peruvian Soles). You can pay by credit card or PAYPAL online, but you will have to pay a charge, charged by VISA and PAYPAL. We do not accept bank checks or payment of the balance by traveler's checks.



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.



Duffel Bag or Canvas Case

You'll receive a canvas case or duffel bag during your briefing. Our horses will carry them, and the horsemen will hand them to you when you get to each camp. They measure 60 x 24 x 22 cm (23.6 x 9.45 x 8.66 in). A maximum of 8 kg / 17 lb is allowed for each duffel bag, including the weight of your sleeping bag, sleeping mat, clothes, and other personal items.



Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are usually 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.



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 the, 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.



Lost Objects

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



Pick up of guests

Peru Hike Company 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 cobble 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.

THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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