



# AUSANGATE TREK TO RAINBOW MOUNTAIN 2 DAYS

EXPLORE AND LIVE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



## DESCRIPTION

Ausangate Trek to Rainbow Mountain 2 Days is one of the most spectacular and best-selling trekking experiences in Peru. This unforgettable Ausangate Trekking adventure takes you deep into the heart of the Andes, combining the breathtaking beauty of Ausangate Peru with the vibrant colors of Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) and the surreal landscapes of the Red Valley.

This unique Rainbow Mountain Trek 2 Days offers a perfect alternative to the classic crowded route, following peaceful and scenic trails surrounded by glaciers, turquoise lagoons, and dramatic high-altitude valleys. Along the journey, you will witness the impressive Ausangate Mountain (6,372 m / 20,900 ft), the highest and most sacred peak in the Cusco region, while walking through remote Andean communities where llamas and alpacas roam freely.

The experience begins in Cusco and quickly immerses you in a world of natural beauty and cultural authenticity. Unlike typical day tours, this Ausangate Trek to Rainbow Mountain allows proper acclimatization and a deeper connection with the landscape, making it one of the best options for travelers looking for a real high-altitude trekking experience in Peru.

One of the highlights of this Rainbow Mountain hike is arriving early at the viewpoint of Vinicunca, where you can enjoy the mountain with fewer crowds and better light conditions. As the sun rises, the colorful mineral layers reveal intense shades of red, orange, green, and turquoise, creating one of the most iconic landscapes in South America. The adventure continues to the impressive Red Valley Peru, a hidden gem known for its deep red mountains and panoramic views.

This Ausangate Trek 2 Days is ideal for adventure travelers who want a short yet powerful journey filled with glaciers, colorful mountains, and untouched nature. Whether you are looking for the best Rainbow Mountain tour from Cusco or a more immersive Ausangate trekking experience, this route offers the perfect balance of challenge, beauty, and authenticity.



# FULL ITINERARY

## AUSANGATE TREK TO RAINBOW MOUNTAIN 2 DAYS

### **Why Choose the Ausangate Trek to Rainbow Mountain 2 Days?**

- ✓ Hike the spectacular Ausangate Trek to Rainbow Mountain in the heart of the Andes.
- ✓ Visit the famous Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) and the incredible Red Valley.
- ✓ Enjoy breathtaking views of the sacred Ausangate Mountain.
- ✓ Explore remote valleys, glaciers, and colorful landscapes.
- ✓ See llamas, alpacas, and traditional Andean communities.
- ✓ Experience one of the best short treks in the Cusco region.

Your adventure begins very early in the morning in Cusco. At 3:30 AM, our professional guide will pick you up directly from your hotel. We then begin a private drive of about 3 hours toward the beautiful Ausangate region.

During the journey you can rest comfortably in our vehicle. We provide warm blankets so you can relax or sleep, allowing you to arrive well rested before starting the trek.

Upon arrival in the Upis area, we reach our private campsite near the Upis Hot Springs, located at about 4,400 m (14,435 ft). Here we meet the rest of our trekking team and enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast with spectacular views of Ausangate Mountain (6,372 m / 20,900 ft).

After breakfast we begin hiking along our exclusive private trail toward Arapa Pass (4,800 m / 15,748 ft). This route offers incredible views of Ausangate and Upis Lake, and unlike other companies, our groups follow a quieter path that allows us to enjoy the scenery without crowds.

From Arapa Pass we enjoy panoramic views of glaciers, valleys, and colorful Andean landscapes. We then continue along a scenic trail to Hatun Pucacocha (4,500 m / 14,764 ft), where we stop for a delicious buffet lunch beside a beautiful lake with the impressive Ausangate glacier rising in front of us.

After lunch we hike uphill to Pucacocha Pass (approx. 4,900 m / 16,076 ft), where some of the most spectacular views of the entire Ausangate region await us, surrounded by glaciers and turquoise lakes.

From there we descend for about one hour to reach our campsite at Anantapata, a peaceful valley often called the paradise of alpacas, where hundreds of alpacas graze freely.

At camp you can relax during happy hour with hot tea and snacks while enjoying the quiet beauty of the Andes. Later, we share a delicious dinner prepared by our trekking chef before resting for the night.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

15 km / 9.32 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Camps

The day begins very early in the morning when our staff wakes you with a hot cup of tea or coffee delivered directly to your tent. This is a traditional service during the Ausangate Trekking experience. Afterward we enjoy a hearty buffet breakfast before beginning our hike toward one of the most famous landscapes in Peru.

The first section of the trek is a 40 minute uphill hike to Warmisaya Pass (4,985 m / 16,354 ft). From this spectacular viewpoint we will have our first incredible view of Rainbow Mountain, also known as Vinicunca.

From the pass we descend toward the beautiful Comercocha Lake, surrounded by dramatic Andean scenery. After passing the lake we begin a final uphill hike of about one hour toward the world-famous Rainbow Mountain (5,036 m / 16,522 ft).

Thanks to our carefully planned itinerary and early start, our groups arrive very early, allowing us to be among the first visitors of the day and enjoy the magical moment of sunrise at Rainbow Mountain before the crowds arrive.

After exploring the colorful landscapes and taking photos, we continue toward the impressive Red Valley, one of the most spectacular hidden landscapes of the region. This valley is known for its deep red mountains and dramatic scenery that few visitors experience.

After visiting the Red Valley we continue hiking through a beautiful valley filled with alpacas until we reach Llactoc, where our trekking chef will be waiting with a delicious final lunch.

Following lunch we say goodbye to our trekking team and begin our private drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel at approximately 4:00 – 4:30 PM.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

8.5 km / 5.28 mi

**MEALS**Breakfast, lunch, dinner,  
snacks.**MINIMUM ELEVATION:**

4,630 m / 15,190 ft





# 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 porters and horses
- ✓ We also included a portable toilet

## Permits & Entrance Tickets

- ✓ Entrance ticket to Ausangate Trek
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- ✓ Entrance ticket to Rainbow Mountain
- ✓ Entrance ticket to Red Valley

## 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

- ✓ From 5 to 12 travelers in the group, 1 emergency riding horse is 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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