



RAINBOW MOUNTAIN AND RED VALLEY TREK 2 DAYS

EXPLORE AND LIVE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



DESCRIPTION

Rainbow Mountain Trek and Red Valley 2 Days is one of the most incredible short trekking adventures in the Cusco region. This Rainbow Mountain Trek 2 Days takes you deep into the Andes, where colorful mountains, vast valleys, turquoise lagoons, and the spectacular Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) and Red Valley await. Along the route, you will also reach the scenic Pucacocha Pass, one of the best viewpoints to admire the majestic Ausangate Mountain, the highest and most sacred peak in southern Peru.

On this Rainbow Mountain and Red Valley 2 Days trek, you will hike through remote valleys, cross high mountain passes like Pucacocha Pass, and follow ancient trails still used by local shepherds.

From this impressive viewpoint, you will enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the glaciers of Ausangate, surrounded by colorful hills and pristine Andean landscapes. Along the route, you may encounter herds of llamas and alpacas, vicuñas, and native Andean birds while glacial lagoons reflect the surrounding mountains.



FULL ITINERARY

AUSANGATE TREK TO RAINBOW MOUNTAIN 2 DAYS

Why Take the Ausangate Trek To Rainbow Mountain 2 Days?

- ✓ Visit the spectacular Rainbow Mountain and explore the colorful landscapes of Red Valley.
- ✓ Hike to Pucacocha Pass for breathtaking views of the glaciers of Ausangate Mountain.
- ✓ Enjoy dramatic high-altitude scenery with colorful valleys and snow-capped peaks.
- ✓ Follow peaceful trekking routes away from the busiest tourist trails.
- ✓ Camp in the Andes and experience unforgettable starry mountain nights.
- ✓ See llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and Andean wildlife along the trail.
- ✓ Discover authentic Andean villages and traditional mountain lifestyles.
- ✓ Capture incredible photos of Rainbow Mountain, Red Valley, and Ausangate.
- ✓ Enjoy a short but immersive trekking adventure in the Peruvian Andes.
- ✓ Experience one of the most beautiful and unique landscapes near Cusco.

Our adventure begins very early in the morning. We will pick you up from your hotel at 4:00 a.m. and drive for approximately three hours to the starting point of the hike.

While we make the final preparations, our chef will be preparing a delicious and nutritious breakfast to give you all the energy you need for this incredible journey. Before we begin, our guide will give you a detailed briefing about today's itinerary, along with important safety tips that will also be useful for the following days.

We start this impressive and little-known trek in a beautiful green valley, from where you can already admire the majestic Ausangate Mountain in the distance. Along the way, you will pass through small Andean communities and discover the deep connection with nature that defines the local culture. Hundreds of alpacas and llamas will accompany us along the trail, watching every step we take.

Our hike continues toward the first mountain pass, Pukaqocha (4,870 m / 15,977 ft). From here, you will enjoy a breathtaking panorama of the crystal-clear Pukaqocha Lagoon with the enormous Ausangate Mountain rising right in front of you. You will see how the lagoon's waters are born from the glaciers of this sacred mountain. It is truly a spectacular sight, so don't forget your camera.

After a short break, we continue hiking for about two hours to Anantapata, where we will stop for lunch and take some time to rest.

Once we have regained our energy, we begin a three-hour ascent to the highest point of the day, known as Abra Minasniyuc or Warmisaya Pass (4,985 m / 16,354 ft). From here, for the first time and in the distance, you will witness the incredible colors of the Rainbow Mountain. It is a view that feels straight out of a dream.

We then descend for about 45 minutes to our campsite, located next to the beautiful Surine Qocha Lagoon. Upon arrival, we will welcome you with our happy hour. Later in the evening, you will enjoy a well-earned dinner before settling in for a restful night under the Andean sky.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

12 km / 7.45 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**ACCOMMODATION**

Private Camps

We will wake you up very early in the morning with a hot cup of coca leaf tea served right in your tent. After that, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our chef. Get ready, because today you will finally discover the famous Rainbow Mountain and the spectacular Red Valley.

We begin the day with a 45-minute ascent to the viewpoint of Rainbow Mountain. Once at the top, you will have plenty of time to explore at your own pace and take in the breathtaking scenery. From here, you can admire not only the vibrant colors of Rainbow Mountain, but also the majestic Apu Ausangate and the snow-capped peaks that surround the area. Thanks to our early start, you will be able to enjoy this incredible place before the crowds arrive.

After experiencing this true gem of the Peruvian Andes, we continue our trek toward the impressive Red Valley. This otherworldly landscape looks as if it belongs to another planet and is still visited by very few travelers. You will be amazed not only by its striking colors, but also by the deep sense of peace and silence that surrounds the area. It takes only about 30 minutes of walking to reach the viewpoint, where you will get the best panoramic views of the valley.

We then begin a 1.5-hour descent through beautiful Andean landscapes, passing ancient villages and herds of llamas. If you are lucky, you may even spot some vicuñas, elegant wild animals that have lived in this region since pre-Inca times.

After a well-deserved and delicious final lunch, our transport will be waiting to take you back to the door of your hotel in the city of Cusco.

**WALKING DISTANCE**

6.5 km / 4.04 mi

**MEALS**

Breakfast, lunch

**RETURN**

Returned to cusco



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
- ✓ Medical Kit – First Aid Kit
- ✓ Private Camping Equipment
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Return 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

Extra inclusions

- ✓ 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


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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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