

PREMIUM RAINBOW MOUNTAIN

The Rainbow Mountain, known locally as Vinicunca, is a place that feels almost unreal. Sitting high in the Peruvian Andes, its bright colors come from layers of minerals that were hidden under ice until the glaciers began to melt. This journey takes you through quiet trails with snowy peaks, alpacas and llamas.

Andean communities that have lived here for generations. It asks for some effort, but the reward is a view you'll remember forever.



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Your adventure begins early as you leave Cusco and travel south through the Andes toward Cusipata. After approximately two hours on the road, you'll enjoy a buffet breakfast there before continuing along the mountain route to the trailhead.

The hike takes you through a wide valley where locals care for their alpacas and llamas, with the Ausangate glacier visible in the distance. As you gain altitude, the landscape gradually changes until the Mountain of Seven Colors finally appears at the summit. Reaching the top is a special moment — take time to capture photos, enjoy the views, and appreciate being at over 5,000 meters above sea level.

During the descent, you have the option to visit the Red Valley viewpoint. This stop should be coordinated with your guide, depending on the group's pace and timing.

After the hike, you'll return to Cusipata for a buffet lunch before heading back to Cusco, arriving in the afternoon near the main square.

TOUR DETAILS

- **Duration:** Full Day (approximately 12–14 hours).
- **Start Time:** Between 4:00 AM – 5:00 AM (pickup time).
- **End Time:** Approximately 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM (return to Cusco).
- **Difficulty:** Moderate to Challenging (high altitude conditions).
- **Initial Altitude:** Cusco – 3,400 m (11,155 ft).
- **Highest Altitude:** 3,400 m (11,155 ft).
- **Hiking Time:** 3–4 hours total (round trip, depending on pace).
- **Driving Time:** Approximately 3 hours each way (6 hours round trip).
- **Group Size:** Up to 18 participants.

INCLUDED

- Round-trip tourist transportation from Cusco
- Professional bilingual guide (Spanish & English)
- Buffet breakfast in Cusipata
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- Entrance ticket to Rainbow Mountain
- First aid kit and oxygen assistance



NOT INCLUDED

- Red Valley entrance fee: approximately 20 soles optional stop, payable on site in cash.
- Optional horse rental on trail: payable locally (price varies from 50 to 150 soles).
- Tips for guide and driver (optional).
- Personal expenses and souvenirs.

Note: Red Valley entrances are managed and controlled directly by the local community. Depending on their regulations on the day of your visit, they may charge a single entrance fee or separate fees for the viewpoint and the Red Valley area. These policies and any price adjustments are beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding.



WHAT TO PACK

Conditions at over 5,000 meters can be cold in the morning, sunny at midday, and windy at any time. Dressing in layers will help you stay comfortable throughout the hike.

- Warm jacket (early mornings are cold)
- Light sweater or fleece
- Waterproof jacket or rain poncho
- Comfortable hiking shoes with good grip
- Hat (for sun protection)
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Sunscreen (high SPF)
- Lip balm with sun protection
- Small backpack
- Mineral water (bottled water recommended)
- Snacks (energy bars, fruit, nuts)
- Cash in Peruvian soles (for optional entrances, horse rental, personal expenses)
- Personal medication if needed



FAQS

1. How difficult is the hike?

The hike is considered moderate to challenging due to the altitude (over 5,000 meters / 16,400 ft). The trail itself is not technical, but the high elevation makes it physically demanding. A reasonable level of fitness is recommended.

2. Do I need to acclimatize before the tour?

Yes. We strongly recommend spending at least 1–2 days in Cusco before taking this tour to adapt to the altitude.

3. Is the entrance to Rainbow Mountain included?

Yes, the entrance ticket to Rainbow Mountain is included in the tour price.

4. Is the Red Valley included?

The visit to the Red Valley viewpoint is optional and depends on the group's pace and coordination with the guide. Entrance fees to the viewpoint and the Red Valley area are not included and must be paid in cash on site.

5. How long is the hike?

The hike usually takes between 1.5 to 2 hours uphill and about 1 to 1.5 hours downhill, depending on your pace and weather conditions.

6. What time does the tour start and end?

Pickup is early in the morning (approximately 4:00–5:00 am). Return to Cusco is typically between 4:00–6:00 pm, depending on traffic and group timing.

7. Is there an option to rent a horse?

Yes, horses are available along the trail and can be rented directly from local handlers. This service is optional and paid in cash on site.

8. What happens if the weather is bad?

Weather in the Andes can change quickly. The tour operates in most weather conditions. In case of extreme conditions that make access unsafe, your guide will make decisions prioritizing safety.

9. Are there bathrooms available?

Basic restroom facilities are available at the breakfast stop and near the entrance checkpoint. These are simple local facilities and usually require a small cash payment (in soles).

There are no proper bathrooms along the hiking trail itself, so we recommend using the facilities before starting the hike.

10. Can children join this tour?

This tour is not recommended for very young children due to the high altitude. Parents should carefully consider their child's physical condition and acclimatization before booking.

11. Is this tour suitable for everyone?

Due to the altitude, this tour is not recommended for travelers with serious heart or respiratory conditions. If you have any medical concerns, please consult your doctor before booking.

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