**DESCRIPTION**

Surprise yourself with a destination like no other: Rainbow Mountain! Vinicunca Mountain offers you a dream-like landscape with the colors of the rainbow all stacked on top of one another for you to see like a multicolor mantle or a reflection of a rainbow on Earth. Vinicunca can be admired all year-round.

The peak of this hike is at approximately 5000 MASL (16400 FASL) and can be reached after a four-hour walk from the base camp. The radiant sun will accompany you all along the route and so will families of sheep, horses, and camelids like llamas and alpacas.

The imposing mountain landscape is sure to be the protagonist of your photographs.

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**OVERVIEWS**

**Duration:** 14.5 Hours

**Departure:** Cusco (03:30 am)

**Return:** Cusco (7:00 pm)

**Destination:** Rainbow Mountain

**Language:** English / Spanish

**Amount of Walking:** Moderate
ITINERARY

The adventure begins very early with our team picking you up from your hotel at 3:30 AM and heading to the small community of Pitumarca (located south of Cusco). In Pitumarca, we will make a stop to grab some last-minute items like water, drinks, snacks, sun block, etc. The drive to Rainbow Mountain allows for some gorgeous, sweeping views through the car windows as we ascend from valley to the base camp of our hike!

Our Andean breakfast will be at approximately 6:30 AM. Salkantay Trekking will have all food prepared and ready for you to enjoy before we start the trek so that you will have energy and stamina to continue! With the sun finally awake to light our path, we will begin trekking in the quiet and remote landscapes of the Cusquenian puna. You will trek at your own pace, enjoying in detail the flora of the Andes and breathing in pure, unpolluted Andean air.

The trail crosses through untouched nature with just a few Andean communities scattered in the mountains. Along the path, we will go between towering, colorful mountains, across small streams, and beside lakes reflecting all the beauty around them. The entire day, you will be under the watchful eye of the APU Ausangate.

This trek is a particularly special treat for any adventurous traveler. In a few places around the world, history has left this artistic mark of change for us to marvel over today. It seems as if the different mineral layers of the earth were, at one point, turned up on their sides in a huge phenomenon of nature, and now the landscape seems like something out of a dream or fairy tale!

At approximately 11:00 AM, we will reach Vinicunca’s summit. The dazzling view of the striped Rainbow Mountain will reward all 4 hours of effort to reach its summit, leave you without words and, better yet, leave you with no regret for having done our Rainbow Mountain Trek. Once at the top, you will have time to take as many photographs as you would like or just sit and take in the panoramic view of the surrounding multi-colored mountains and valleys!

For your return, we will use the same route. You will walk back to the community of Pitumarca where a car will be waiting to bring you back to Cusco after we eat lunch. Arrival time in Cusco will be approximately at 7:00 PM.
INCLUDED
- Transportation: Cusco – Chilca – Cusco
- Professional and experienced guide licensed in tourism (English and/or Spanish)
- Entrance ticket to Rainbow Mountain
- Meals: 01 breakfast, 01 lunch
- Waterproof layer for rainy season
- Snacks

NOT INCLUDED
- Water
- Trekking poles
- Meals: 01 dinner, snacks

RECOMMENDATIONS
- 1-liter water bottle
- Hat, sun block, sunglasses
- Extra layers for the cold and wind
- Trekking poles
- Trekking shoes/boots
- Snacks (i.e. dried fruit, chocolates, granola bars, nuts, etc.)
**Vinicunca**

**RAINBOW MOUNTAIN TREK**

**WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Bus transport.
- Entrance ticket.
- Snacks.
- Guide.
- Meals: 01 breakfast, 01 lunch.
- Vehicle Transportation
- Trek

**Important places**

- Lima
- Cusco
- Puno
- Andahuaylillas
- Quillhuana
- Checacupe
- Pitumarca
- Quesuno

**Legends**

- Green icon: Start of the tour
- Orange icon: Important places
- Brown icon: Vehicle Transportation
- Red icon: Rainbow Mountain

**Checkpoints**

- Vinicunca (Rainbow Mountain) 5000 mt. - 16404 ft.
- Ausangate Mountain 6384 mt. - 20944 ft.
- Pampa (Break) 4885 mt. - 16027 ft.
- Cusco 3350 mt. - 10990 ft.
- Andahuaylillas 2938 mt. - 9630 ft.
- Quillhuaña 3210 mt. - 10532 ft.
- Checacupe 3446 mt. - 11306 ft.
- Pitumarca 3570 mt. - 11712 ft.
- Quesuno 4890 mt. - 16043 ft.

**Additional Sites**

- Karyawirri 4880 mt. - 16010 ft.
- Andahuaylillas 2938 mt. - 9630 ft.
- Quillhuaña 3210 mt. - 10532 ft.

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