



ONE DAY TREK

PALCCOYO RAINBOW MOUNTAIN

1 day



DESCRIPTION

Palccoyo: a striking adventure to the alternative Rainbow Mountain!

What's better than just a rainbow mountain? The three rainbow mountains of Palccoyo. This new alternative route is lighter, less strenuous, and with no crowds battling for a picture. If you are hungry for spectacular and remote scenery, come join us on this one-day tour to merge a wide smile with the colors of Palccoyo on a hike that will make you feel like the only one on the planet!

On this guided tour, you will visit Checacupe, known for its emblematic bridges: Inca, colonial and republican. You will hike for only an hour and a half to see not just one but the three colorful mountains of Palccoyo. Then, you will ascend at your own pace up to 4,900 meters to admire the sacred Ausangate, the highest snow-capped mountain in Cusco. In addition, you will feel the indescribable tranquility and unique silence of the Vilcanota mountain range as you walk through the beautiful Rock Forest. Give it a try and get thrilled by the history, culture, and mind-blowing nature.

CONTENT



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Itinerary



Inclusions



Packing List



AUSANGATE
6372 m. / 20905 Ft.



Cusco
3400 m. / 11155 ft.








Checacupe
3446 m. / 11306 ft.

Palccoyo
Montaña Arcoíris
4900 m. / 16076 ft.

 1:50 Hrs.



-  DISTANCIA/HORAS
-  ALMUERZO / DESCANSO
-  SENDERO A PIE
-  CARRETERA PRINCIPAL
-  CARRETERA SECUNDARIA

DAY 01: Cusco - Checacupe - Palccoyo Rainbow Mountains - The Rock Forest

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Enjoy a private trip to the rainbow mountains of Palccoyo away from the tourist crowds.
- » Visit the bridges of Checacupe belonging to three great historical eras of Peru.
- » Feel like an adventurer walking among high Andean mountains with pristine landscapes and views over the Red Valley and herds of alpacas.
- » Witness the amazing rock forest, and discover its meaning in relationship with the sacred Ausangate snow-capped mountain.

DAY 01

Cusco – Checacupe – Palccoyo Rainbow Mountains – The Rock Forest



Discover the wonderful rainbow mountain of Palccoyo

You will leave Cusco early in our private transportation to the town of Checacupe to visit its emblematic bridges: Inca, colonial and republican. The trip continues for another hour and a half across the beautiful Andean highlands to Palccoyo and to the starting point of the tour. You'll walk for 50 minutes to its viewpoint to appreciate the colorful mountain Palccoyo and the snow-capped Ausangate in the distance. Then, you will go to the rock forest where you can take amazing pictures before heading to the lunch spot. End off with a drive back to Cusco taking with you the best memories of the trip!



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate
- » WALKING DISTANCE:
3 km / 1.86 mi
- » WALKING TIME:
1 - 2 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
3,400 m / 11,150 ft
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:
3,310 m / 10,200 ft
- » HIGHEST ELEVATION:
4,900 m / 16,070 ft

1. Palccoyo's Rainbow Mountains
2. In Palccoyo you will find three colored mountains
3. Rock formations in Palccoyo

INCLUSIONS



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entry Ticket for Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Pre-departure Briefing

You'll meet your tour guide and group in our office for an orientation before your trek. The meeting will be at 5:00 pm the evening before the trip begins.

- Experienced Tour Guide

English and spanish speaking official tour guide. All our guides are graduates of the professional career of Tourism of the National University San Antonio Abad of Cusco. We choose them for their professionalism, experience, responsibility, seriousness, unbridled passion for exploring, and sincere desire to proudly share in our culture and history. He or she will keep you safe, sound, and comfortable on your trek so that you can enjoy your time worry-free!

- Medical Kit or First AID Kit

All Salkantay Trekking guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions with our guides every February. Your guide will always carry a first aid kit to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.) as well as oxygen. If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic for treatment.

- Extras Included in our Service

We believe that attention to small details is what sets us apart from other local companies. You'll receive a pair of walking sticks with rubber tips (or trekking poles) and a rain poncho.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Salkantay Trekking leading up to your trek.

» Meals

- Breakfast and Lunch

- Snacks and water

Before starting your trekking, your tour guide will provide you a cloth bag with local fruits, cookies, chocolate, caramels, etc. In addition, you'll receive a bottle of water.

- One cloth snack bag per person

To avoid the usage of plastic bags that contaminate our environment, we'll give you a cloth bag for your snacks.

- Hygiene Products

You'll be provided with a small towel and soap before each meal to clean your hands.

» Transportation

- Transport

All your transportation is included in this package. We will pick you up from your hotel and take you to the starting point of the hike. Once you complete the tour, we will take you back to the door of your hotel in Cusco.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» Dinner

» Hiking Clothes

» Travel Insurance

» Tips for our staff

Tipping is the norm on any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our entire team, something extra is always welcome, especially considering the hard work they do.

» Additional costs or delays beyond our control

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemic, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, act of God, etc.



BEFORE YOU GO

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

Have another question that we haven't answered here? Drop us a line and we will get back to you asap!

» 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 time by email, by phone or at the Salkantay Trekking office.

» 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 theft, 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.

» Pick up of guests

Salkantay Trekking 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 cobbled 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.

» 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.

» Strikes and demonstrations

Strikes and demonstrations are 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.

» Lost objects

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

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- » Valid Passport
- » Extra money (recommended soles)
- » Personal medication
- » Water bottle or CamelBak - (optional water purifying pills)aa
- » Sunblock: factor 70 or more
- » Hiking boots or shoes (preferably waterproof)
- » Trekking pants (*)
- » Trekking socks
- » Pair of thermal pants
- » Warm jacket
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Raincoat or rain poncho.
- » Waterproof or wool gloves
- » Sun hat to protect neck and face
- » Wool hat for the cold
- » Neck gaiter or buff
- » Sunglasses with UV protection
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank



*It is advisable to wear waterproof pants during the rainy season (September to March).



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