

A person wearing a vibrant, multi-colored poncho stands on a rocky ledge, looking out over a vast, colorful mountain range. The mountains exhibit distinct horizontal layers of red, orange, yellow, and green, set against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing away from the camera towards the horizon.

ONE DAY TREK

PALLY PUNCHU

1 day



DESCRIPTION

Traverse the sharp, striking colors of the Rainbow Mountain of Pally Punchu

Found during the Covid-19 lockdown, Pally Punchu is the third Rainbow Mountain in Cusco, after Vinicunca and Palcoyo, that's been made popular on social media. It's made up of spectacular, sharp edges and is still uncrowded, so don't miss taking at least one day to explore this new and exceptional place southeast of the imperial city.

You'll pass by the beautiful blue lagoon of Langui as you walk about two hours to the top. Feel privileged to appreciate the breathtaking views in the area as you walk along the mountain's perfect lines with shades of cyan, brown, and magenta. You'll also learn about authentic Andean traditions and geology while flanked by staggering red mountains and pastures. Join us, and don't forget to bring your Andean poncho for the best photos!

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Itinerary



Inclusions



Packing List



- DISTANCE / HOURS
- LUNCH & REST AREA
- MAJOR ROAD
- MINOR ROAD
- LAGOON

DAY 01: Cusco - Cusipata - Sicuani - Layo - Pally Punchu

FULL ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Embark on an adventure to the least visited Rainbow Mountain in Cusco, Pallas Punchu.
- » Walk through pastures and fields that seem to be from a movie, and survey one of the most impressive Andean landscapes of the region.
- » Appreciate the blue lagoon of Langui from side to side.
- » Learn the meaning of Pallas Punchu and the fascinating geological history of the area.
- » Snap your best picture walking along the steep edges of the mountain all the way to the peak.

DAY 01

Cusco - Cusipata - Sicuani - Layo - Pallay Puncchu

Pallay Puncchu, the third Rainbow Mountain in the Peruvian Andes

Start the adventure with a drive of about 4 hours from Cusco. You'll stop by the beautiful Langui Lagoon before arriving at the town of Layo. From here, we'll start our one-hour uphill hike through pastures and alongside the diverse fauna of the area. Once at Pallay Puncchu, you'll be able to climb mountain sharp borders to appreciate from close-up its many colors, as well as the views of the lagoon and part of the Andes mountain range.

You'll also learn about geology while you hike, and take amazing photos if you bring a woven poncho with you for the experience. After lunch, you'll return to Cusco by private transportation, taking the best memories of this tour.



DAY FACTS

- » MEALS:
Breakfast, Box Lunch, and Snacks
- » DIFFICULTY:
Moderate
- » HIKING DISTANCE:
3 km / 1.86 mi
- » HIKING TIME:
1 to 2 hours
- » STARTING ELEVATION:
4,570 m / 14,993 ft
- » MINIMUM ELEVATION:
3,300 m / 10,827 ft
- » MAXIMUM ELEVATION (PALLAY PUNCHU):
4,730 m / 15,518 ft

1. Impressive shapes and colors in Pallaypuncchu
2. Langui lagoon view
3. Magnificent view from Pallaypuncchu

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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

» Permits & Entrance Tickets

- Entry to Pallay Punchu Mountain

» High Quality Service & Safety

- Experienced Tour Guide

English and Spanish speaking official tour guide. Along the entire route, your guide will explain the culture and surroundings and keep you safe, sound, and comfortable to enjoy your trip 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 our attention to small details sets us apart from other local companies. You'll receive a cover to protect your backpack on the trail and a rain poncho.

- 24/7 Customer Service

We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication and preparation with the agency leading up to your tour.

» Meals

- Breakfast and Box Lunch
- Snacks and water

For the hike, we'll provide you with a bottle of water and snacks, including local fruits, crackers, chocolate, candies, etc.



- One cloth snack bag per person

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

- Hygiene products

We'll provide you with a small towel and soap to clean your hands before each meal.

» Transportation

- Transport

All transportation is included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and after the end of the trip, we'll drop you back at the door of your hotel in Cusco.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

» **Lunch in the Restaurant of Sicuani and Dinner**

» **Personal Hiking Gear**

» **Travel Insurance**

» **Tips for our staff**

Tipping is the standard in any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our team, something extra is always welcome.

» **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
- » Medium trekking backpack (15 - 25 liter)
- » Camera and charger
- » Power bank



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



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