

Rainbow Mountain Trek

Meeting Point: Regocijo (plaza) Square

Pick time: 4:00 to 4:30 AM (time to wait Maximo 15min)

Cusco-Vinicunca

We begin with the gathering at Plaza Regocijo in the morning, and we head south from Cusco through the town of Arco (by the way leading Cusco- Puno) to the Checacupe District (2 hours by bus) then take the detour that will lead us to PITUMARCA. From this point we continue along a road through small villages until reaching the community of HANCHIPATA (1:20 hours by bus), where we will have breakfast, and then embark on the hike. After breakfast we drive for another 25 minutes uphill by bus until we reach the checkpoint (Vinicunca control) where we pay our entrance fee. After the entrance we walk 5 kilometers to the top of the mountain. As we go along the path you can appreciate the many mountains including the majestic Ausangate, as well as alpacas, llamas, some small family homes and beautiful lagoons. The walk will last approximately 2:30 hours to VINICUNCA (Rainbow Mountain). At the peak, we will spend 45 minutes taking photos and enjoying the mountain and the beautiful scenery and visiting the Red Valley if so desired. It will then be a 1 and a half hour hike back down to the starting point and then take a 25 minutes bus back to Hanchipata where we will have our lunch (buffet style). After lunch we take a three hour bus ride back to Cusco and will be back at around 6:00 PM approx.

****Optional 20 minute trek each way to the Red Valley once the top of Vinicunca is reached. (Extra charge of S/.5) Weather permitting and the energy level of the hiker****

Cusco-Hanchipata: 3 hours by bus Approx.

Hanchipata-Colorada: 2.5 hours mountain hike up, 1.5 hours down.

Difficulty: rise 20% - 80% fall. 45 minutes flat, 1 hour gradual rise, and 10-15 minutes vertical rise.

Included:

- Guide service (for whole group) remember the tour guide is no private.
- Breakfast
- Lunch Buffet
- Wooden walking sticks
- Private transport / return
- First aid kit
- Oxygen tank
- Entrance include

Not included:

- Mineral waters
- Optional 5 soles for red valley
- Snack
- Optional saddle-horse for riding (S/.90 round trip)
- Waterproof bags
- Rain ponchos
- Entrance include 25 soles International tourist/20 soles National

What to bring:

- Long-sleeve shirt
- Water-proof Trekking pants
- Polar or thermals
- Trekking shoes
- Woolen gloves
- Scarves
- Wool socks
- Hat or cap
- Camera
- Small backpack
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses

Emergency Contacts:

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