

# PROYECTO PERU

## Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain

Embark on an unforgettable adventure to Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain, one of the hidden gems of Peru! Unlike the well-known Rainbow Mountain, Palccoyo offers a more serene, breathtaking experience where you'll be treated to not just one, but three vibrant mountains covered in dazzling colors, plus the mystical Stone Forest, a site revered by Andean shamans. This is a must-see destination when traveling through Cusco.

### **Itinerary:**

- **Hotel Pick-up & Breakfast in Cusipata**  
Your day starts with a convenient pick-up from your accommodation in Cusco, either from your homestay or Plaza Regocijo if you're near the main square. Once you arrive in Cusipata, enjoy a hearty breakfast to fuel up for the adventure ahead.
- **Checacupe Stop**  
On your way, make a quick stop at Checacupe to cross both an Inca bridge and a colonial bridge. This is also a great time to stock up on any last-minute snacks or drinks.
- **Explore Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain**  
After the stop, head towards the base camp, enjoying the scenic journey. Once you arrive, you'll take a short, gradual 30-45 minute hike to reach Palccoyo Pass at 4,880m (16,000ft). Here, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the three Rainbow Mountains, Ausangate Mountain, and the mesmerizing Stone Forest. Be sure to capture stunning photos of this colorful, awe-inspiring landscape!
- **Return Hike & Lunch in Cusipata**  
After taking in the views, return to base camp along the same path, soaking in the breathtaking scenery once again. Then, head back to Cusipata for a freshly prepared hot lunch to replenish your energy.
- **Return to Cusco**  
Finally, you'll ride back to Cusco, arriving by late afternoon at Plaza Regocijo.

### **What's Included:**

- Round trip transportation
- Meals: Breakfast and buffet lunch
- Entrance fee
- Professional English-speaking tour guide

### **What's Not Included:**

- Personal expenses
- Snacks or soft drinks

## Preparation Tips:

- **Altitude Preparation:** Palcoyo Rainbow Mountain sits at a high altitude, so it's important to stay hydrated, rest as needed, and consult your doctor about altitude sickness prevention.
- **Dress in Layers:** Weather can be unpredictable, so bring warm clothing and lighter layers. If you're visiting during the rainy season (mid-September to February), don't forget your rain jacket.
- **Recommended Footwear:** Opt for sturdy hiking shoes, though supportive sports shoes can also work.
- **Sun Protection:** Sunscreen and sunglasses are a must at high altitudes.
- **Snacks & Water:** Bring your own snacks and plenty of water, as there are no vendors along the trail.
- **Cash:** Carry some soles for any potential purchases.
- **Environmental Respect:** Always carry out your trash and stick to designated paths to protect the environment.

## Emergency Contacts:

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