

CUSCO DAY TOURS

Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) Day Tour from Cusco

Full day Max. 10 people Cusco

From US$40 · per person

OVERVIEW

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Rainbow Mountain day hike from Cusco: hotel pickup, breakfast and buffet lunch, expert guide and the 5,036 m Vinicunca viewpoint. Optional Red Valley.

The Rainbow Mountain, also known as Vinicunca, is one of the most impressive and unique landscapes in the Peruvian Andes. In just one day, you can marvel at this natural phenomenon, famous for its vibrant colors reminiscent of a rainbow. At Explore Peru 360, we are direct tour operators, ensuring a high-quality experience with bilingual guides (Spanish and English), modern transportation, and meals included, all designed for you to enjoy to the fullest.

Additionally, this tour includes a visit to the Red Valley, a fascinating area that simulates a reddish desert, complementing the magic of Vinicunca. Don't miss the chance to live an unforgettable experience with our exclusive Rainbow Mountain tour cusco. Join Explore Peru 360, the direct operators, and discover the true colors of this spectacular destination.

Schedule: We offer pickup service between 4:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. directly from your accommodation near the center of Cusco. Reservation Information: When booking, make sure to provide us with the name and address of your hotel or Airbnb. If you prefer to meet us at our office, please let us know. Updates: If you haven't confirmed your accommodation at the time of booking, you can send us the details later at booking@exploreperu360.com.

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	DIFFICULTY
Full day	**Max. 10 people**	**Moderate**
STARTS IN	MAX. ALTITUDE	DEPARTURES
Cusco	**5,036 m**	**Daily Departures**

Places visited

Montaña de colores






Itinerary

DAY 01

Cusco - Cusipata - Rainbow Mountain - Red Valley - Cusco

Detailed Itinerary for the Rainbow Mountain Excursion Early Pickup: Our team will pick you up from your hotel between 4:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. If you prefer, you can also choose to meet us directly at our office at 5:00 a.m. Departure from Cusco: Once all participants are gathered, we will depart from Cusco at 5:15 a.m. to begin the two-hour journey to the town of Cusipata. Breakfast in Cusipata: Upon arrival in Cusipata, you'll enjoy a delicious breakfast at a local restaurant, with plenty of time to rest before continuing. Trip to the Entry Point: After breakfast, we will continue by vehicle for about another hour to the entry point of Rainbow Mountain, where an entrance fee of 30 soles must be paid.

Included

+ Round-trip Transportation: Travel in complete comfort from Cusco to Rainbow Mountain and back. We have a modern fleet of Mercedes Benz vehicles, specially designed for tourist services.
+ Included Meals: Breakfast: Enjoy a selection of natural juices, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, fruit salad, and your choice of bread or pancakes with butter and jam. Buffet Lunch: We offer a varied buffet with options to satisfy all tastes.
+ Tour Guide: All our tours are led by professional bilingual guides who speak English to enhance your experience.
+ Safety Measures: We have first aid equipment and carry an oxygen tank for emergencies, ensuring that all participants enjoy a safe experience.

Not included

- Entrance Fee to Rainbow Mountain: The entrance fee is 30 soles, collected by local communities and the government.
- Entrance Fee to Red Valley: The entrance fee is 20 soles. Make sure to bring cash to cover this fee.
- Personal Equipment: Personal equipment is not included, so make sure to bring everything you need for the hike.
- Tips: Tips for guides and staff are not included but are always appreciated.
- Horse Rental at Rainbow Mountain
- If you prefer not to do the entire hike, you have the option to rent a horse at the Rainbow Mountain checkpoint. The locals will be happy to offer you this service, and your tour guide can easily help you arrange it.
- Renting a horse to ride to the summit costs between 90 and 100 soles (approximately 25-30 USD). This includes a local guide who will lead the horse while you enjoy the effortless ride. If you prefer to descend on horseback as well, the additional cost is between 40 and 60 soles (approximately 10-17 USD).
- Prices may vary depending on the demand of the day. During busier times, costs may be higher, while on quieter days you might find better rates. It's always a good idea to negotiate kindly! Remember that payments are made in Peruvian soles.
- It is very important to treat the horses with respect. We recommend choosing operators that ensure the animals' well-being and make sure they are well cared for.
- Photographic Memories at Rainbow Mountain
- During your visit, you'll have many opportunities to capture memorable photos. Locals, often dressed in traditional outfits, are accompanied by llamas and alpacas, creating a colorful and authentic landscape that enhances your photos.
- If you decide to take photos with the locals and their animals, a tip of around 5 soles (2 USD) is typically given. This small amount helps the local community and ensures you have a unique keepsake from your trip.

What to pack

Prepare for Altitude: Rainbow Mountain is over 5,100 meters (16,000 feet) above sea level, so it's essential to be ready for the effects of altitude. Remember to stay well-hydrated, rest sufficiently, and consult your doctor about altitude sickness medication if necessary.

Dress in Layers: The weather at Vinicunca can be unpredictable. It's best to dress in layers to adapt to temperature changes. Bring warm clothing for the cold mornings, but also lighter clothes for when the sun is at its peak.

Choose the Right Footwear: While many complete the hike in sneakers, hiking boots are recommended for greater comfort and support. The trails are well-maintained, making the trek easier, but it's always good to prioritize comfort.

Don't Forget Sunscreen and Sunglasses: UV radiation is much more intense at these altitudes, so it's vital to protect yourself with sunscreen and sunglasses.

Bring Water and Snacks: You won't find any vendors during the hike, so be sure to bring enough water and some snacks to keep your energy up throughout the trek.

Carry Cash: Payments for entrance to Rainbow Mountain and Red Valley are only accepted in soles, so don't forget to bring cash.

Take Care of the Environment: Rainbow Mountain is an impressive and delicate place. Please help protect this beautiful environment by taking any waste with you and respecting the trails to minimize your impact on the ecosystem.

Prices per person

Option	Adults	Students	Children
Regular rate	**US$45**	**US$45**	**US$45**
Promo rate (with a Machu Picchu tour booked)	**US$40**	**US$40**	**US$40**

Prices in US dollars per person. Subject to availability; confirm your date before booking. Free cancellation up to 10 days before.

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