

## TOUR OVERVIEW

Embark on a journey like no other to discover the stunning Rainbow Mountain, known locally as Vinicunca. This NEW, shorter, and more accessible program lets you explore this natural marvel in just one day. Located in the awe-inspiring Ausangate region, Rainbow Mountain's vibrant layers of color create a breathtaking landscape that feels like nature's masterpiece. As you trek, you'll pass through charming Andean villages with traditional adobe and stone houses, encountering herds of llamas and alpacas grazing freely. To crown your adventure, you'll enjoy spectacular views of the towering Ausangate Mountain (6,385 m / 20,945 ft.), the highest and one of the most sacred peaks in Cusco. "From sacred summits to vibrant landscapes, experience the untamed beauty of Rainbow Mountain."

The Rainbow Mountain Explore the vibrant Rainbow Mountain, part of the stunning Ausangate range (6,398m/20,991ft). Surrounded by glaciers, lagoons, and traditional Andean villages, this unforgettable trek offers breathtaking scenery and a glimpse into the local culture of alpaca and llama herders.

## ITINERARY

## The Rainbow Mountain.

Full Day Vinicunca So how do we go about getting this tour started? We begin early morning at 4:30 am, heading south towards Puno lane taking the route by Cusipata, here we will take a break for breakfast before returning to our bus and continue down the road, the route will be as such: Cusco – Cusipata – Phulawasipata: 102 km (asphalt and carriage track). Phulawasipata – Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) (Walk): 3 km. Take note: This walk will require some acclimatization due to the fact you will be over 5000 meters in altitude surrounded by the cold climate of Rainbow Mountain. The annual average temperature varies between 7 to 12 °C. Specifically speaking the months of May, June and July are the coldest months for this site. Here's a rundown of how the mineral composition gives Rainbow Mountain its name: The Pink is comes from the red clay, mudstones (fango) and claystones The Whiteness comes from the quartz sandstone and marl, rich in calcium carbonate The Red is composed of claystones (Iron) and claystones belonging to the upper tertiary The Green is due to the compounds of phyllites and claystones rich in ferromagnesian The Earthy Brown is product of the fanglomerate made up of magnesium rock belonging to the quaternary era Finally, the Mustard Yellow forms due to the presence of calcareous sandstones rich in sulfur minerals

Breakfast

Lunch

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ The Rainbow Mountain