

RAINBOW MOUNTAIN

& Red Valley

Full Day Tour

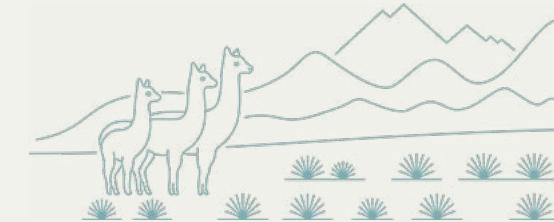


ONE DAY
TOUR





Feel the colors of the Andes in one day



Looking for an epic one-day hike in Cusco? The Rainbow Mountain Peru tour is your answer. Rising above 5,000 meters (16,000 ft), Rainbow Mountain—also called Vinicunca—is one of the most stunning sights in the Andes, paired perfectly with the nearby Red Valley.

Your adventure begins early with hotel pickup and a scenic drive to the trailhead, where our chef prepares a fresh breakfast before a 2-hour hike to the summit. The altitude is a challenge, but the views are worth it.

After exploring the colorful landscape and the striking Red Valley, enjoy a warm picnic lunch before returning to Cusco.

TreXperience offers small-group tours with private transport, expert guides, meals, and full support—from your hotel to the summit and back.

Why Rainbow Mountain & Red Valley?

- Explore the Rainbow Mountain and Red Valley in 1 day
- Visit the local Andean communities and interact with them
- Hike along with llamas and alpacas
- Enjoy our picnic meals prepared by expert chefs
- Travel in small groups with an exclusive tour guide





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Rainbow Mountain & Red Valley

One Day Tour



Legend

Transportation

Driving Route

Hiking Route

Van Transportation

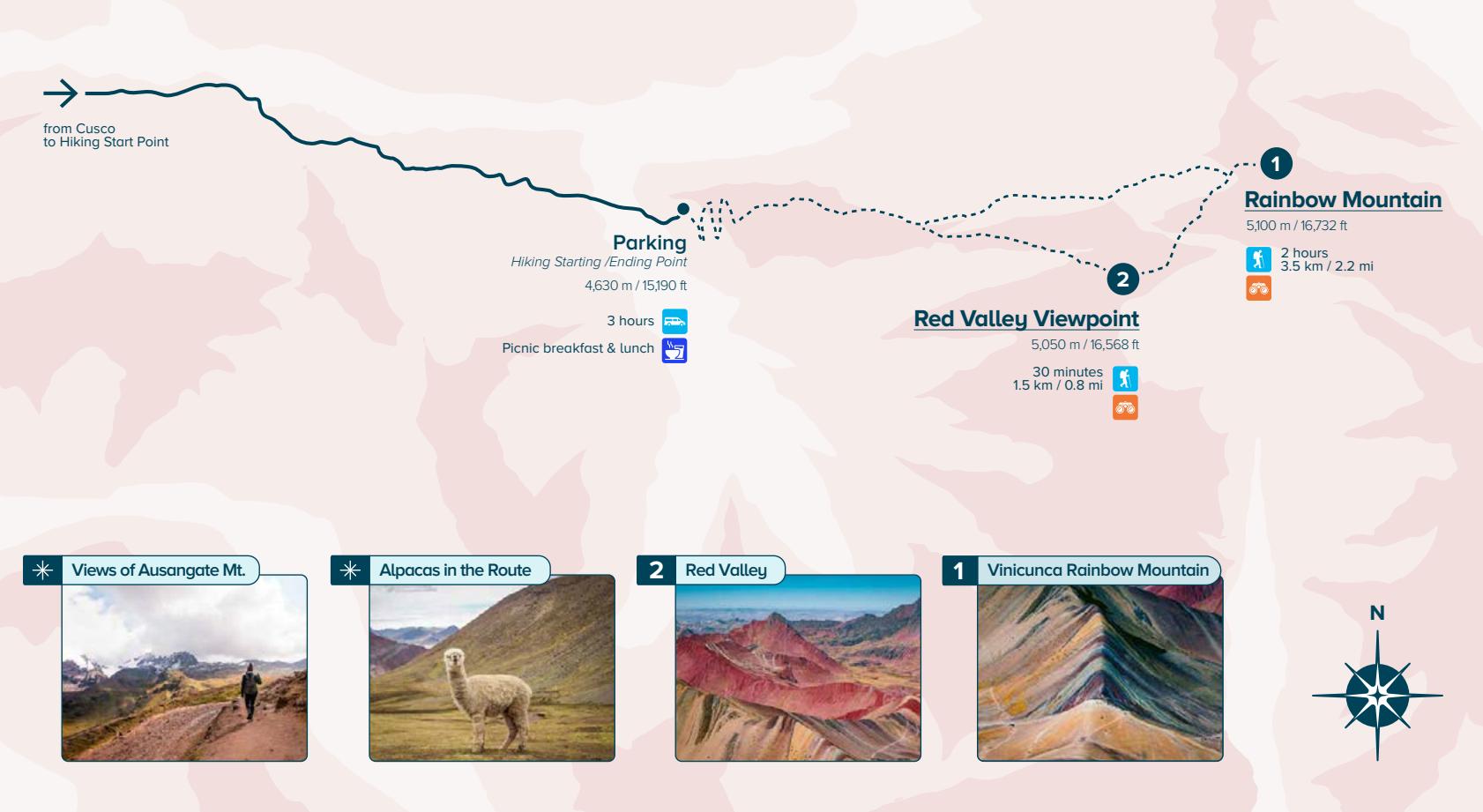
Hiking

Meals

Meals

Experiences

Viewpoint



One Day Itinerary

1 Cusco - Pitumarca - Hiking Start - Rainbow Mountain

Start your adventure with a 3-hour drive from Cusco to the trailhead. After a scenic breakfast with mountain views, begin a 2-hour hike to the 5,000-meter summit of Rainbow Mountain, surrounded by snow-capped peaks, llamas, and alpacas.



2 Rainbow Mountain - Red Valley Viewpoint - Hiking End

From the summit, continue a short hike to the stunning Red Valley, a hidden gem of vivid landscapes. Then descend for a picnic lunch before returning by bus to Cusco, arriving around 5:30 p.m.



Tour Details

Starts / Ends **Cusco / Cusco**

Duration **Full Day**

Distance **10 km / 6.2 mi**

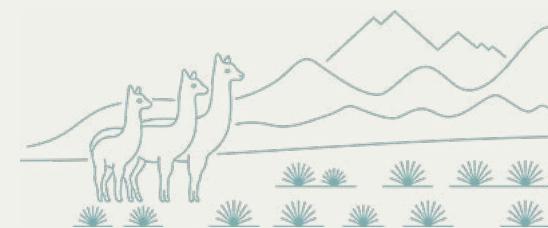
Difficulty **Moderate**

Group size **Up to 16**

Activities **Hiking**

Meals **Picnic Breakfast
& Lunch**

Languages **English, spanish**



Full Itinerary

Cusco – Pitumarca – Hiking Start –
Vinicunca Rainbow Mountain – Red Valley

We'll pick you up at 4:30 a.m. from your hotel in Cusco (city center, hotels, Airbnb, or hostels) and drive about 3 hours to the trailhead. Upon arrival, our chef will prepare a delicious breakfast with coffee or coca tea while you enjoy panoramic views of the Vilcanota Mountain range — the perfect start before your hike to the 5,000-meter summit.

After breakfast, begin a 2-hour uphill hike to Vinicunca, also known as Rainbow Mountain. The trail climbs gradually, with a steep





section near the top. Along the way, you'll see snow-capped peaks, herds of llamas and alpacas, and endless Andean landscapes that grow more spectacular with every step. Bring warm clothing, gloves, and a camera, as the temperature at the summit can drop below freezing.

At the top, your guide will explain the geological origin of the mountain's colors and its importance to local communities. After taking in the breathtaking views, continue for 30 minutes to the nearby Red Valley, a stunning, rarely visited area known for its deep red hues and dramatic scenery.

You'll then descend for about an hour to the trailhead, where a freshly prepared picnic lunch will be waiting. Enjoy traditional Peruvian dishes made from local ingredients before boarding the bus back to Cusco, arriving around 5:30 p.m.

Times may vary depending on weather, trail conditions, and walking pace.



Vinicunca Rainbow Mountain



Included

- Transportation: TreXperience offers a door-to-door service (pick up and drop off at your hotel)
- Professional tour guide (all our tour local tour guides speak fluent English)
- Picnic Breakfast & Lunch
- Snacks, water, hot drinks
- Entrance tickets to Rainbow Mountain

- Entrance ticket to Red Valley
- First Aid Kit, Oxygen tank, Satellite phones
- Trekking poles
- Trekking chef, porters
- Picnic equipment (Tents, chairs, tables)

Not included

- Optional horse riding
- Tips



Essential Gear

When preparing for the Rainbow Mountain Hike, it's important to pack properly for the altitude, cold weather, and rugged terrain. Here are some essential items you should bring:



Small backpack

Carry your essentials comfortably.



Upper warm clothes

Warm layers: thermals, fleece, hat, gloves, scarf.



Gloves

Warm gloves against wind, moisture, and cold.



Waterproof jacket

Protection against rain and snow.



Insulated or fleece jacket

Insulated jacket for colder mountain nights.



Trekking pants (2 pairs)

Lightweight convertible pants for all weather.



Trekking socks (4-5 pairs)

Thermal socks, wool or synthetic.



Hiking boots

Hiking boots that fit, with strong, grippy soles.



Wool hat or Beanie

Warm hat to protect head and ears from cold wind.

What TreXperience provides?

During the trek, we take care of your comfort: You'll have a rain poncho, a pair of trekking poles a backpack rain cover and a company t-shirt.



TreXperience T-shirt

A comfortable souvenir of your trek.



Backpack Cover

Keeps your backpack dry in the rain.



Rain Poncho

Protects you from unexpected rain.



Trekking Poles (1 pair)

Extra support and balance on the trail.

About our camping equipment

On every trek, we never compromise on quality or safety: spacious and durable sleeping tents, a dining tent, and a restroom tent from certified brands. We also carry oxygen and satellite phones for your peace of mind at all times.



Dining Tent

Comfortable space to share meals.



Oxygen Tank

Extra safety in high-altitude areas.



Private Toilet Tents

Clean and practical during the route.



Satellite Phones

Reliable communication in remote areas.

Our Service

Our service combines comfort, organization, and unique details that make the difference. We include comfortable and safe transportation, expert guides, and on-route meals prepared by local chefs.



Transportation

Travel is by private van, ensuring comfort, safety, and personalized service throughout the journey.

Expert Guides

Cusco-born expert guides passionate about their culture, blending history, nature, and Andean traditions to create authentic, meaningful, and unforgettable experiences.

Meals in the route

Our chefs prepare delicious picnic-style meals along the Rainbow Mountain route, combining Peruvian flavors with comfort, freshness, and an unforgettable dining experience surrounded by nature.



Our Awards

Our agency has been honored with prestigious international awards that highlight the quality of our service, our commitment to sustainability, and our dedication to providing authentic experiences.



El Inka Dorado
Award
2023



Lux Life Travel
& Tourism
2022



Premio Miradas
2022



Empresa Peruana
del año
2022



Luxury Travel Guide
Global Awards
2023



Internacional
Travel Awards
2022



Travel & Hospitality
Awards
2022



Travellers'
Choice
2025
Best of the Best



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*“Your journey is more than a trek
it’s a cultural connection that
stays with you forever”*

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