

**THE RAINBOW MOUNTAIN****2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT**

LEVEL	:	Challenging hike (you need at least three days acclimatized)
DURATION	:	2 days /1 night
SEASON	:	April to October
LOCATION	:	Ausangate area
DEPARTURES	:	Everyday upon request
DISTANCES	:	21.60 KM (hiking distance)
HIGH ALTITUDE	:	5040 masl

**DAY 1: CUSCO – PITUMARCA – QUESOYONI – ANANTAPATA – SURINE QOCHA:**

After breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel and set out on a drive through the South Valley, following the asphalt road towards Puno; on the route we will have chance to visit the picturesque Andean village of Checacupe with its colonial stone worked bridge and the colonial Church “Immaculate Conception”; go on driving we will arrive to Pitumarca (3600 masl) the last village where we can buy some supplies or snacks; from this point the route to follow is unpaved path until reach Quesoyoni (4376 masl), where we will meet our local horseman who will accompany us on this hiking adventure.

We will load all the gear on the horses and begin our hike uphill, following a lovely stream; you will be immediately surprised by herds of alpacas and llamas.

We will arrive to Anantapata where we will have the lunch; from this place we will have great views of the magnificent Ausangate Mountain and the valley.

After lunch, we will hike for almost 2 hours, climbing steadily until we reach the Anantapata pass (5010 masl); an amazing view of the vilcanota chain from this pass.

From here, we will hike down for 1 hour to our campsite close to the Surine qocha (4795 masl) where we will spend the night.

**Distances for this hiking day:**

- Distance from Cusco to Quesoyoni: 135 km (by bus)
- Distance from Quesoyoni to Anantapata pass: 9 km
- Distance from Anantapata pass to Surine Qocha: 1.20 km
- Lowest elevation: 4376 masl (Quesoyoni, starting point of the hiking)
- Highest Elevation: 5,010 masl (Anantapata pass)
- Distance to walk: 10.20 km
- Average walking Time: 6 hrs.

**DAY 2: SURINE QOCHA – VINICUNCA – QUESOYONI – CUSCO:**

We will have an early breakfast to start our last day hiking; today our main goal is to reach Vinicunca Mountain (5040 masl). After 1 ½ hours hiking up we will be rewarded for our efforts when we finally see the amazing Vinicunca (known as the rainbow mountain) with its colorful layers of rock sediment (turquoise, orange, brown and red), beside to the great views of the colored mountain, we will appreciate the snow-capped of Ausangate. Time to take pictures and soak in the environment.

After some time to rest, we will start to hike downhill following the K´airahuire valley, we will enjoy our last lunch at K´airahuire (4530 masl); finally we will arrive to Quesoyoni where we will aboard our private transport to return to Cusco.

**Distances for this hiking day:**

- Distance from Surine Qocha to Vinicunca: 3.4 km
- Distance from Vinicunca to Quesoyoni: 8 km
- Highest Elevation: 5,040 masl (Vinicunca)
- Lowest elevation: 4376 masl (Quesoyoni)
- Distance to walk: 11.40 km
- Average walking Time: 5 hrs.

**INCLUDED**

- Orientation meeting in Cusco (previous to departure date).
- Transfer Cusco – beginning point of trek (Quesoyoni) – Cusco
- All balanced meals during the trekking (2 days/1 night), including snacks.
- All common equipment gear: Two men 4 season mountain tent, inflatable mattress, kitchen dishes, kitchen tent, dinner tent, toilet tent, table, chairs.
- Cook, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included as described
- Horses for the whole camping equipment including personal luggage.
- Muleteers and one seat horse for emergency
- First-aid kit with oxygen.
- Professional bilingual guide (English - Spanish), additional cost for other languages.
- Shortwave radios
- Environmental care (all the garbage goes back to Cusco, portable toilet treatment).
- Filtered and boiled water
- Entrance fee to Vinicunca mountain

**NOT INCLUDED :**

- Sleeping bag (\$15.00 for whole trek)
- Extra services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips and extra expenses
- Walking stick (passengers MUST take it)