

1 Day

Pallay Punchu Tour

01 day

Description



1-Day Excursion to the Rainbow Mountain Pallay Punchu

Found during the Covid-19 quarantine, Pallay Punchu is the third Rainbow Mountain in Cusco, after Vinicunca and Palcoyo, that's been made popular on social networks. It's made up of spectacular, sharp edges and is still not crowded, so don't miss the opportunity to take a day to explore this new and exceptional place to the southeast of the imperial city.

pastures and red mountains. Join us, and don't forget to bring your Andean poncho for best photos!

You'll travel with our guide by the south highway until you reach Sicuani. You'll pass by the beautiful blue lagoon of Langui as you walk about two hours to the peak. You'll feel privileged to appreciate these impressive views in the area as you walk along the perfect lines of the mountain in tones of cyan, brown and magenta. Apart from that, you'll learn about authentic Andean traditions and geology while you are surrounded by astonishing



Full Itinerary

Day 01

Cusco > Cusipata > Sicuani > Layo > Pallas Punchu



Pallas Punchu, The third Rainbow Mountain in the Peruvian Andes

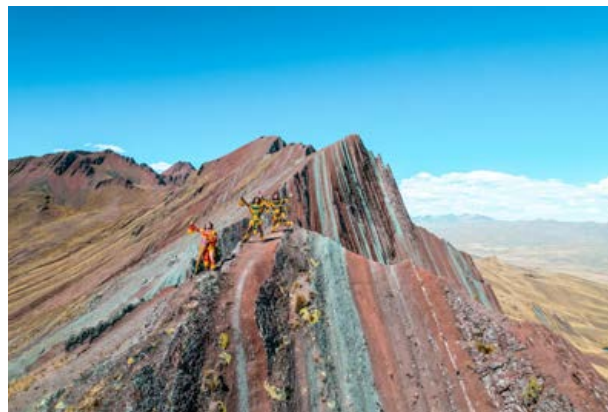
This fascinating adventure starts when we pick you up from your hotel early in the morning. We'll take you by car two and a half hours away to Cusipata to eat an energizing breakfast. After that, we'll continue down the road toward Sicuani, along the way taking in the beauty of the blue Lagoon of Langui, which extends more than 15 km across. We'll stop by the shore before continuing our journey on to Layo, where the hike begins.

Once we're there, we'll start this challenging hike uphill for about two hours. We'll walk on a trail leading through pastures and impressive red lands accompanied by typical fauna of the area: alpacas, llamas and, if we're lucky, kestrels, peregrine falcons or the famous condor flying overhead. When we get to Pallas Punchu of the Apu Taqullo which, translated in Quechua, means "woven poncho," you'll have the opportunity to climb the sharp edges of the mountain and

feel like you're flying over the surface of another planet.

This mountain stands out because of its precise lines, perfectly sculpted by nature across millions of years. You'll be able to distinguish diverse colors like red, brown, yellow, green, magenta and ocher, among others. While you enjoy the wonderful pigmentation of various tonalities, you can also lean out across the edge to get an even better look at the impressive Langui lagoon and a part of the Andes mountain range.

You'll reach an altitude of more than 4,600 MASL (15,100 FASL), so we recommend that you are acclimatized before your tour to avoid any altitude sickness during the trip. We'll return to Layo by the same trail. We'll stop again on the edge of the Lagoon to have lunch outdoors or, if you prefer, you can eat in a rural restaurant in Sicuani. Finally, we'll go back to Cusco to end this surprising adventure.



Day Facts

Meals:
Breakfast and Box Lunch

Level of difficulty:
Moderate

Hiking distance:
10 km / 6.2 miles

Hiking time:
3 hours 30 minutes

Starting altitude:
3,978 meters / 13,052 feet

Minimum altitude:
3,300 meters / 10,827 feet

Maximum altitude (Pallas Punchu):
4,600 meters / 15,100 feet

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Inclusion & Packing List

What is Included?

High Quality Service & Safety

- **Experienced Tour Guide**
An official English and Spanish-speaking tour guide will accompany you along the route. Your guide will explain the culture and surroundings and keep you safe, sound, and comfortable to enjoy your trip worry-free!
- **Medical Kit or First AID Kit**
All Ausangate Peru guides have received specialized training in first aid. We hold mandatory training sessions for them every February. Your guide will always have a first aid kit and oxygen to face basic emergencies (altitude sickness, travelers' diarrhea, cuts, scrapes, etc.). If necessary, we'll evacuate you from the path as quickly as possible and ensure that you arrive at a clinic for treatment.
- **Extras Included in our Service**
We believe that attention to small details is what sets us apart from other local companies. You'll receive a pair of trekking poles and a rain poncho.
- **24/7 Customer Service**
We have telephone service available 24 hours/day for ease of communication with Ausangate Peru leading up to your tour.

Meals

- **Breakfast and Box Lunch**
- **Snacks and Water**
For the hike, we'll provide you with a water bottle and snacks of local fruits, cookies, chocolate, caramels, etc.
- **One cloth snack bag per person**
To avoid the use of plastic bags that contaminate our environment, we'll give you a cloth bag for your snacks.

Transportation

- **Private Transport**
All transportation is included in this tour. We'll pick you up from your hotel and after the end of the trip, we'll drop you back at the door of your hotel in Cusco.

Permits & Entrance Tickets

- **Entry to Pallay Punchu Mountain**

What is NOT Included?

- ✕ **Lunch in a Restaurant of Sicuani (Optional)**
- ✕ **Personal Hiking Gear**
- ✕ **Travel Insurance**
- ✕ **Tips for our staff**

Tipping is the standard in any excursion in Peru. Although we pay good salaries to our team, something extra is always welcome.

- ✕ **Additional costs or delays beyond our control**

Landslides, bad weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to a safety concern, illness, pandemics, government policy changes, political instability, strikes, an act of God, etc.

What Should you Bring

Essential packing list

- ☐ Duffle Bag
- ☐ Daypack

Documents

- ☐ Original Passport

Clothing

- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Base Layer
- ☐ Trekking Shirts
- ☐ Hard Shell Jacket and Rain Gear
- ☐ Insulated Jacket
- ☐ Fleece Jacket
- ☐ Trekking Shorts and Trousers

Headgear

- ☐ Hat for Sun Protection
- ☐ Head Band or Beanie
- ☐ Neck Gaiter or Balaclava

Hands

- ☐ Inner Gloves
- ☐ Outer Gloves

Footwear

- ☐ Hiking Boots
- ☐ Trainers (Trekking shoes / sandals)
- ☐ Hiking Socks
- ☐ Thermal Socks
- ☐ Gaiters

Important Accessories

- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Trekking Poles
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Water Bottle or Hydration Bladder
- ☐ Camera / Videocamera
- ☐ Notebook / Journal and Pen



Personal Gear and Medications



✦ **Trekking Towel:**

A small to medium sized hiking towel can come in great use. LifeVentures or Discovery provide good, quick-drying trekking towels.

✦ **Small Locks:**

To protect your belongings in your rucksack or duffle bag

✦ **Waterproof Ziplock Bags:**

These come in handy for storing important / valuable items like your money, a passport and electrical equipment

✦ **Isotonic Powder:**

Can be used to flavour your water nicely and helps replace electrolytes, improving energy levels and aiding water absorption. Here are some good Isotonic powdered drinks

✦ **Diamox:**

Also known as acetazolamide, is a medication that can be used as a prophylactic (preventative) solution for altitude sickness. It does not cure altitude sickness and should never therefore be used as a method to continue ascending to high altitudes. It can however help prevent the onset of altitude sickness and is commonly used by high altitude climbers and trekkers.

✦ **General Medications:**

We recommend taking paracetamol or aspirin for headaches (a common altitude sickness symptom on the Salkantay Trek) and Imodium for diarrhoea (another common problem as food preparation can be a little unhygienic)

✦ **Basic First Aid Kit:**

If you are joining an organised trek, your guide will most likely be carrying a first aid kit. If you are hiking unsupported or independently then a first aid kit is a must. Here are some compact and good outdoor first aid kits: Outdoor First Aid Kits

✦ **Suncream / Lip balm:**

No one wants burnt skin or cracked lips! Be sure to bring 1 x suncream (SPF 30) and 1 x lip balm

✦ **Baby wipes:**

For quick and easy wet washes when no showers are in sight! bring 1 x baby wipes

✦ **Blister Plasters:**

The dreaded blisters! We recommend taking Compeed blister plasters

✦ **Hand Sanitizer:**

Great for disinfecting hands before and after eating, or when they get dirty during the hike

Our Hiking Team

Our Tour Guides

Your tour will be led by a trained and highly experienced professional with a very solid guiding background, years of hiking and wilderness experience, medical certifications, and a passion for leading people into unforgettable adventures.





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