



Peru Grand Expedition Machu Picchu, Ausangate and Rainbow Mountain

Trip Description

This comprehensive 16-Day Grand Peru Circuit is the definitive itinerary for exploring the country's diverse landscapes, commencing with cultural tours in Lima and the "White City" of Arequipa, featuring a unique Peruvian culinary workshop. The first phase continues through Southern Peru, showcasing the immense Colca Canyon with a visit to the Condor's Cross lookout, followed by an overnight homestay in the charming village of Coporaque. The journey transitions to the Altiplano for an excursion on Lake Titicaca, visiting the unique Uros Floating Islands and Taquile, before a scenic bus route transfers you to the Inca heartland of Cusco, stopping at major archaeological sites along the way.

The itinerary pivots in Cusco, where you explore the Koricancha (Temple of the Sun) and the monumental fortress of Sacsayhuaman before venturing into the Sacred Valley, visiting the agricultural laboratories of Moray and the geometric Maras Salt Mines. This phase culminates with the legendary guided tour of Machu Picchu. The grand finale is a highly rewarding 5-Day Ausangate/Rainbow Mountain Trek. This demanding high-altitude circuit takes you over passes reaching nearly 5,000 meters, allowing you to witness the magnificent Ausangate Mountain before culminating in a sunrise visit to the iconic, mineral-colored slopes of Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), completing the ultimate adventure experience.

This tour offers an unparalleled blend of cultural immersion, extreme trekking, and historical sightseeing—ideal for the ambitious traveler who wants to see the best of Peru. From relaxing in a Coporaque homestay and mastering Peruvian cuisine to standing atop the Ausangate passes and exploring Machu Picchu, this journey is rich with diverse, unforgettable moments. **The tour is fully supported, including all domestic flights (Lima-Arequipa, Cusco-Lima), professional guiding, quality accommodation, and full camping logistics.** Don't choose between culture and adventure—experience both. **Book your 16-Day Grand Peru Circuit &**



Ausangate Trek today and embark on the most comprehensive journey through the soul of the Andes!

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Lima

Welcome to Peru! Upon arrival at Lima International Airport, our local representative will greet you and transfer you to your hotel for a restful night in the capital.

Included:

- **Airport assistance**
- **Private transfer**
- **Hotel in Lima**

Day 2: Lima City Tour - Flight to Arequipa

Start the day with a guided city tour of Lima, showcasing its colonial charm and modern vibe. In the afternoon, take a domestic flight to Arequipa, known as "The White City."

Included:

- **Airport assistance**
- **Professional guide**
- **Entrance fees**
- **Transport**
- **Hotel in Arequipa**
- **Breakfast**

Day 3: Arequipa Cultural Experience



Explore Arequipa through a culinary workshop where you'll prepare a traditional Peruvian lunch. Afterward, visit the San Camilo Market, the main square, the Jesuit Church, and the Santa Catalina Monastery.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Transport
- Hotel in Arequipa
- Breakfast

Day 4: Volcanoes Lookout - Colca Valley

Drive across the Altiplano to a 4,900-meter-high pass for panoramic volcano views. Continue to the Colca Valley, spotting llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas en route. Overnight in the charming village of Coporaque.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Transport
- Homestay in Coporaque
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 5: Colca Canyon - Condor's Cross - Puno

Visit the dramatic Colca Canyon and the Condor's Cross lookout point, ideal for spotting the majestic Andean condor. After lunch in Chivay, transfer to Puno by tourist bus.

Included:

- Professional guide



- Entrance fees
- Transport (Canyon tour & tourist bus to Puno)
- Hotel in Puno
- Breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Lake Titicaca Excursion - Uros & Taquile Islands

Sail across Lake Titicaca to visit the floating Uros Islands and the community-run Taquile Island. Learn about ancient traditions and enjoy breathtaking lake views.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Motorboat transport
- Hotel in Puno
- Breakfast, lunch

Day 7: Scenic Route to Cusco

Journey by tourist bus from Puno to Cusco, stopping at key sites like the Pukara Museum, La Raya Pass (4,300 m), the Temple of Wiracocha in Raqchi, and the beautiful chapel of Andahuaylillas.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Tourist bus
- Hotel in Cusco
- Breakfast, lunch



Day 8: Cusco City & Inca Sites

Discover Cusco's historic center, including the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral, and the Koricancha (Temple of the Sun). In the afternoon, explore four nearby Inca ruins: Sacsayhuaman, Q'enqo, Puka Pukara, and Tambomachay.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Transport
- Hotel in Cusco
- Breakfast, lunch

Day 9: Sacred Valley Tour - Train to Aguas Calientes

Visit the Sacred Valley, including Chinchero, Moray's circular terraces, the salt mines of Maras, and the impressive Ollantaytambo Fortress. In the late afternoon, board the train to Aguas Calientes.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Transport
- Train to Aguas Calientes
- Hotel in Aguas Calientes
- Breakfast, lunch

Day 10: Machu Picchu Guided Tour - Return to Cusco

Wake up early to visit Machu Picchu, the legendary Inca citadel. Enjoy a guided tour before returning by train and bus to Cusco.



Included:

- Professional guide
- Entrance fees
- Shuttle bus & train tickets
- Hotel in Cusco
- Breakfast, lunch

Day 11: Cusco - Tinquí - Upis (Trekking Starts)

Transfer to Tinquí to meet your trekking team. Begin your hike to Upis (4,380 m), located at the foot of the sacred Ausangate Mountain. Optional visit to nearby hot springs.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Camping equipment
- Transport
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- 6 hrs trek (Altitude gain: +650 m / loss: -150 m)

Day 12: Upis - Pucacocha

Continue trekking past rocky terrain and pristine lakes to reach the Pucacocha campsite (4,575 m). Watch for vizcachas and Andean wildlife.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Camping equipment
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner



- 6 hrs trek (Altitude gain: +580 m / loss: -430 m)

Day 13: Pucacocha - Vinicunca Base Camp

Ascend to two scenic passes, reaching up to 4,980 m, and take in panoramic views of the Ausangate range and the colorful Vinicunca Valley. Overnight at base camp (4,555 m).

Included:

- Professional guide
- Camping equipment
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- 8 hrs trek (Altitude gain: +840 m / loss: -850 m)

Day 14: Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) - Punku Wiri

Reach the famous Rainbow Mountain pass (4,965 m) early in the morning to enjoy the vibrant hues without the crowds. Continue trekking along dramatic mineral-colored valleys to Punku Wiri.

Included:

- Professional guide
- Camping equipment
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- 8 hrs trek (Altitude gain: +685 m / loss: -585 m)

Day 15: Punku Wiri - Return to Cusco

Finish the trek with a descent through stunning valleys. Meet your vehicle for the drive back to Cusco.

Included:

- Professional guide



- Transport
- Hotel in Cusco
- Breakfast, lunch
- 6 hrs trek (Altitude gain: +80 m / loss: -1,180 m)

Day 16: Flight to Lima - International Departure

Transfer to Cusco Airport for your domestic flight to Lima and connection to your international flight.

Included:

- Airport assistance
- Domestic flight Cusco - Lima
- Breakfast
- Transport

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Transport:

- Private airport transfers and local transport
- Domestic flights: Lima-Arequipa & Cusco-Lima
- Tourist bus: Chivay-Puno & Puno-Cusco
- Train: Ollantaytambo-Aguas Calientes-Ollantaytambo
- Boat tour on Lake Titicaca

Accommodation:

- Hotels in Lima, Arequipa, Puno, and Cusco
- Homestay in Coporaque
- Camping during the Ausangate & Rainbow Mountain trek



Meals:

- Daily breakfast
- Selected lunches and dinners as detailed in the itinerary
- Picnic meals during the trek

Activities & Excursions:

- Guided tours in Lima, Arequipa, Cusco & Sacred Valley
- Culinary class in Arequipa
- Colca Canyon & Condor's Cross visit
- Lake Titicaca boat tour (Uros & Taquile)
- Machu Picchu guided tour
- 5-day Ausangate & Rainbow Mountain trek

Additional Services:

- All entrance fees
- Professional English-speaking guide throughout the tour
- Airport assistance in Lima and Cusco

Not Included

The following services and personal expenses are not included in the tour package:

- International flights to and from Peru
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses such as drinks, laundry, and souvenirs
- Tips for guides, drivers, porters, and staff
- Optional activities not mentioned in the program
- Sleeping bag and personal trekking equipment (available for rent upon request)
- Alcoholic beverages



Recommendations

- **Physical Preparation:** This journey includes high-altitude trekking up to nearly 5,000 meters. We recommend that travelers be in good physical condition and engage in light training before arrival.
- **Health & Safety:** It is essential to consult your physician before the trip regarding vaccinations and altitude medication. Travel insurance covering medical assistance and evacuation is strongly advised.
- **Packing Essentials:** Bring layered clothing suitable for varying climates, sturdy trekking boots, a warm sleeping bag, and waterproof gear. A personal daypack is useful for carrying daily essentials.
- **Acclimatization:** Take it easy during the first days in Cusco and the Andes to adapt to the altitude. Drink plenty of water, avoid alcohol, and rest when necessary.
- **Responsible Travel:** Respect local communities and traditions, minimize plastic use, and follow "leave no trace" principles during treks.
- **Booking Conditions:** The Inca Trail and treks such as Ausangate & Rainbow Mountain require limited permits. Early booking is highly recommended to secure availability.