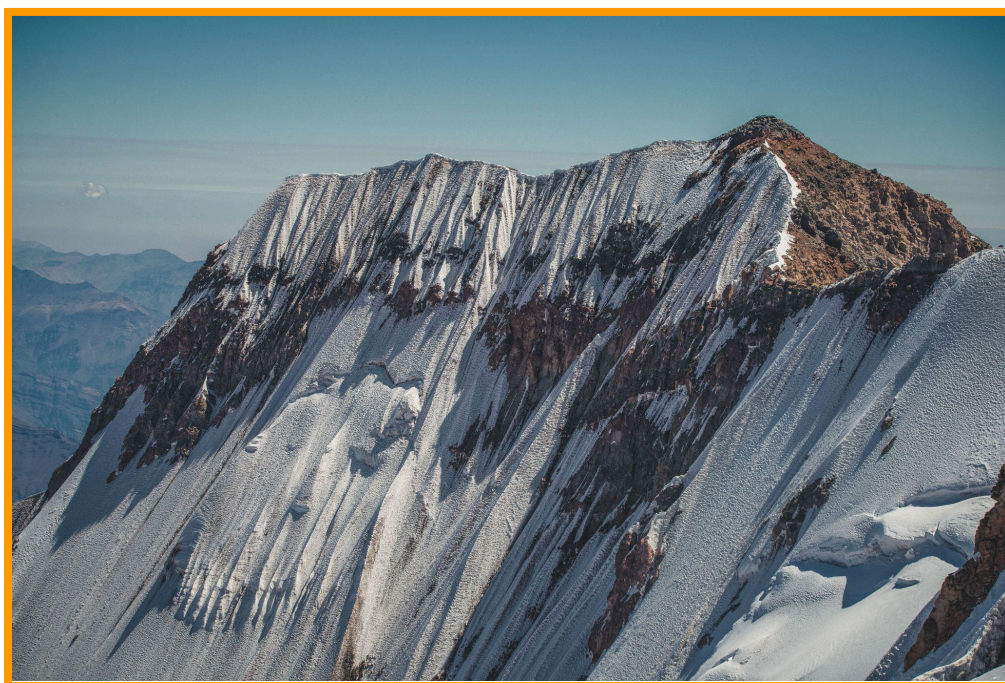




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Aconcagua — the highest peak in the Americas

We like...

- The highest mountain in the world outside Asia and the 2nd highest of the Seven Summits
- One of the highest non-technical mountains in the world and good introduction to Expeditions
- A spectacular and comfortable base camp with amazing food
- A mix of walking and scrambling over rock, snow, and ice sections
- Great preparation for 8,000m peaks and Everest
- Explore and relax in the beautiful city of Mendoza

Trip Facts

Elevation:	6,962 m / 22,838 ft
Location:	Argentina, Mendoza Province
Climbing season:	Dec - Feb
Group Size:	+4 people
Route	Polish Traverse
Type of climb:	Rock – Snow / Ice

Rating

Steepness	▲▲▲▲▲
Fitness	▲▲▲▲▲
Risk	▲▲▲▲▲



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Price

USD\$ 7,900 Per person (groups +4)

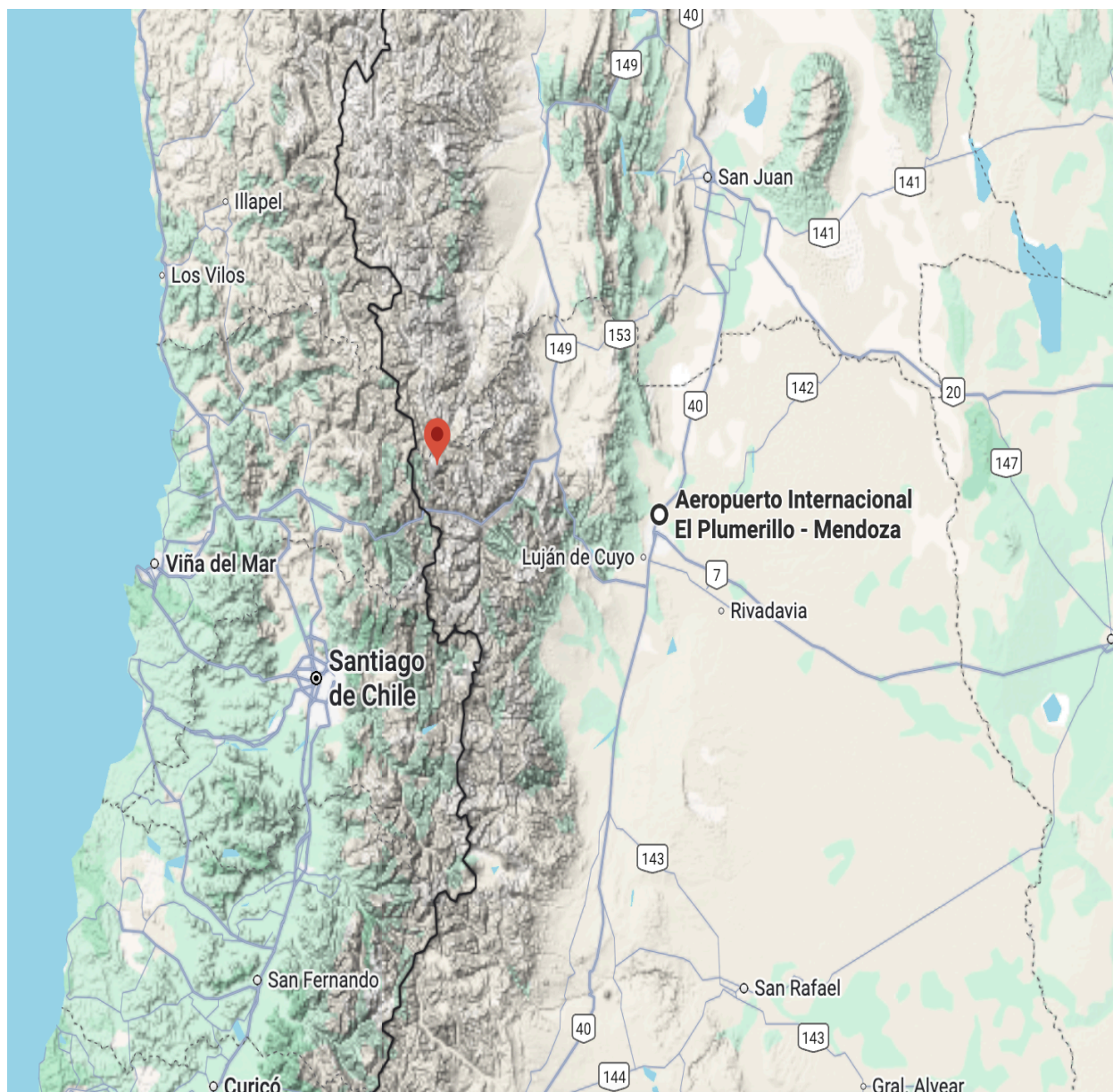
(Deposit: 30% at booking - Balance: 70% one month before the departure date)

<i>Included</i>	<i>Excluded</i>
• All arrival and departure transfer services to and from airport • Transport of up to 2 duffle bag of a maximum total weight of 30 kgs by mules to and from Base Camp • Accommodation as indicated at a good quality hotel in Mendoza on a double basis (single room option at extra cost) • 1 night accommodation in Penitentes (dinner and breakfast included) • Necessary staff including experienced guides, cook, kitchen staff and porters during trekking and climbing. • Guides will carry professional first aid kits and pulse oximeters to monitor acclimatisation progress. • Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner with tea or coffee) during trek and climbing. • All shared gear for the expedition (sleeping tents, stoves, cooking gear) • Loan of a Garmin OutReach two-way satellite messaging system with satellite subscription • Complete Base Camp Service (tents, bathroom, dining tent) • Assistance with the required climbing permit procedure • Satellite phone at Base Camp & higher (available to members as a paying service) • Showers at Base Camp • Solar panel/generator for light and battery charger • Portable hyperbaric chamber at Base Camp • Emergency oxygen with mask and regulator • Pulse Oximetre • 1 porter per 4 climbers for common gear (20 kg) • World Sherpas Duffle bag	• Tips for climbing guides and staff: suggested at 10% of the trip cost. • Lunch & dinner in Mendoza • Extra hotel charge at Mendoza and Penitentes (bar bills, laundry, extra nights) • Personal Porters • Personal trekking and climbing equipment (see gear list) • Personal medical, travel & evacuation insurance (mandatory) • International airfare • Mt. Aconcagua State Park Climbing Permit • Any costs incurred by the climber for leaving trip early (transfers, mules, guides) • Wifi available at Base Camp \$24 per day • Personal porters \$1,415 • Helicopter out of Plaza de Mulas - \$1,720 • Helicopter out of Plaza Argentina - \$1,920



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Location Map



Climbing Route



Mountaineers in the heart of the Andes.

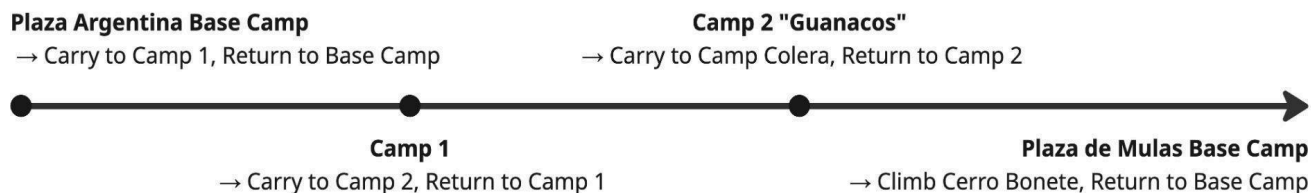


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Elevation and distance travel graph



Acclimatisation Rotations





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Expedition Itinerary

Day	Program
1	Arrival in Mendoza airport and transfer to hotel (760m/2,493ft)
2	Preparation day, get climbing permits at the office in Mendoza and gear check and pack our gear.
3	Mendoza – Penitentes – Punta De Vacas – Pampa de Lenas (2,950 m / 9,678 ft) Transfer from hotel in Mendoza to Penitentes. From here we prepare the Mule loads. There are lockers and safe storage areas here, but we can also leave things in storage at hotel in Mendoza. A 15 min drive to Punta de Vacas and then we begin 4-5-hour trek to Pampa De Lenas where we enjoy the Gaucho BBQ
4	Pampa de Leas – Casa de Piedra (3,240 m / 10,630 ft) We leave in the morning to our second approach camp with great views of the Polish traverse and the east face of Aconcagua. (approximately 5-6 hours)
5	Casa De Piedra – Plaza Argentina Base camp (4,190 m / 13,746 ft) We make our way up the Relinchos Valley along the trail until we get to Plaza Argentina. We will be greeted by our base camp chef with a delicious feast while we settle into our Base camp
6	Rest day in Plaza Argentina Base Camp Sleep, eat, drink water, tea and relax in our luxurious base camp.
7	Plaza Argentina – Camp 1 (4,800 m / 15,748 ft) – Plaza Argentina We start on the mountain itself and do a gear carry to camp 1. WE leave some equipment here and return to Base camp (approximately 7 hours)
8	Rest day in Plaza Argentina Base Camp
9	Plaza Argentina – Camp 1 (4,800 m / 15,748 ft) We leave Base camp and make our way to Camp 1 with the remaining gear. Expect to carry a heavy pack here approximately 15-20 kg. (approximately 4-5 hours)
10	Camp 1 – Camp 2 (5,486 m / 18,143 ft) – Camp 1 We do a gear carry to Camp 2 also known as ‘Guanacos’. There are spectacular views of Mt Mercedario and other peaks in the Ramada massif. Return to camp 1 for the night. (approximately 5-6 hours)
11	Camp 1 – Camp 2 (5,486 m / 18,143 ft) Move to Camp 2 ‘Guanacos’
12	Rest day at Camp 2
13	Camp 2 – Colera (5,970 m / 19,586 ft)



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	We will move to our last camp before our summit push, Colera just below 6,000 m / 19,685 ft. (approximately 4-5 hours)
14	Climb to Summit (6,960 m / 22,837 ft) We leave camp early to give our best effort to attempt the summit of Aconcagua. Carry a light backpack, water, snacks, clothing, phone etc (approximately 8-12 hours)
15	Extra weather day
16	Extra weather day
17	Colera – Pl. De Mules Base Camp (4,350m / 14,271 ft) We continue our circumnavigation of Aconcagua by descending via the northwest side of the mountain (the normal route). Start the celebrations with a delicious dinner.
18	Plaza de Mulas – Horcones – Penitentes – Mendoza It's about a 7-hour trek but the mules take most of our gear and we travel light. We reach the trailhead at Horcones where our van will meet you and drive you back to the hotel in Mendoza (drive approximately 3-4 hours)
19	Transfer to Airport or extend your stay in Mendoza.

The itinerary is indicative and is subject to changes according to weather and mountain conditions as well as other circumstances that the climbing guide will deem necessary for the safety and / or success of the expedition.

Base Camp set-up

- Individual spacious tents with mattress, pillow, and light
- Toilet tent
- Shower tent (with hot water available on request)
- Mess tent for meals with table, chairs and cutlery
- Snacks / tea / coffee available during the day
- Heating of mess tent during dinner

Communications

- Phone network is usually available from Camp 1 and Camp 2 (with Argentina SIM Card), also from Base Camp and other parts of the mountain
- Company satellite phone is available for a fee at Base Camp and higher on the mountain



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Gallery



Evening at high camp watching the clouds drift below our tents on Aconcagua



Standing side by side, we take in the vast glaciers and towering peaks of Aconcagua.



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Step by step, we climb the red slopes beneath Aconcagua's towering summit.



Climbing through the night, our headlamps light the way toward Aconcagua.