



## ACONCAGUA EXPEDITION

Argentina, South America

### ITINERARY

**Day 1:** Flight from your country of origin and arrival in Mendoza, Argentina. We will arrange for a private pickup at the airport. There will be time to explore this wonderful city known for its steak dinners and fantastic red wine. We will have a group dinner to discuss trip logistics.

**Day 2:** A half-days drive to Penitentes, close to our trailhead, where we will stay the evening in a hotel.

**Days 3-5:** We begin our trek with mule support to Plaza Argentina (13,780 feet), our basecamp. Mules will carry all of our equipment so as to allow us to enjoy the beautiful three-day trek with lighter packs.

**Day 6:** Acclimating/rest day in Plaza Argentina and preparing for our ascent.

**Day 7:** Carry some loads to Camp I, but returning to basecamp for the night so as to practise the philosophy of sleep low, climb high. Throughout the expedition we take our acclimating very seriously and go slow so as to remain safe and ensure the best chances for summiting.

**Day 8:** Rest day and acclimating in basecamp.

**Day 9:** Move to Camp I (at approximately 15,500 feet) and spend the night.

**Day 10:** Either another rest day in Camp I or carry loads to Camp II

**Day 11:** Move to Camp II (approximately 17,700 feet)

**Day 12:** Rest day at Camp II

**Day 13:** Move to Camp III, our high camp. Exact elevation and location of high camp will be determined according to conditions and group strength, but will be somewhere above 19,000 feet.

**Day 14:** Rest day at high camp to prepare for our summit attempt.

**Days 15-17:** These extra days are built into the itinerary to allow for weather and/or flexibility for group strength, etc. We feel having a somewhat flexible itinerary is very important to our success. One of these days will be the summit day.

Summit day: from high camp, we eventually join the normal route and climb through the Canaleta, a scree or snow gully that tops out at the Cresta del Guanaco, a ridge leading to the South Summit. We continue on to the higher north summit (22,841 feet) and the highest point in the Western and Southern Hemispheres. We descend back to basecamp for the night.

**Day 18:** We descend to another basecamp, Plaza del Mulas (where we breath in some thicker air for change!)

**Day 19:** Trek back out to the trailhead near the Puente del Inca and overnight at a hotel in Penitentes.

**Day 20:** Travel back to Mendoza where we will celebrate our time on Aconcagua with a good dinner and some rest.

**Day 21:** Flights back home, or begin an optional stay in Mendoza.

**Itinerary subject to change**