

MOUNTAINEERING

ASCENT TO ACONCAGUA - NORMAL ROUTE 18 DAYS

Ideal program to acclimatize and summit
Aconcagua safely with guides



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ARGENTINA



Experience an 18-day expedition combining trekking, high camps and a strategic rest plan to maximize your summit chances on Aconcagua (6,962 m). Full logistics, expert guides, and safety buffer days to outsmart the notorious white wind.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER



PRICE

From 5.350€ /person

Group discounts





Highlights

- PROGRESSIVE ACCLIMATIZATION PLAN WITH TWO EXTRA SAFETY DAYS.
- FULL LOGISTICS: PACK MULES, DOME TENTS, SHOWERS, AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.
- CERTIFIED GUIDES AND MEDICAL TEAM AT ALL CAMPS
- ALL MEALS AND MOUNTAIN SERVICES INCLUDED.

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
✕ No private group options available, only open groups				

Travel only with your family or friends.

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Open groups

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Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	02 Dec 2025	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	10 Dec 2025	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	16 Dec 2025	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	23 Dec 2025	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	30 Dec 2025	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	06 Jan 2026	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€
Aconcagua Ascent – Normal Route (18 Days)	13 Jan 2026	18	7	Mendoza	5.350€

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Included

- Professional high mountain guide, certified and specialized in Aconcagua expeditions.
- Comprehensive assistance in obtaining the permit to enter Aconcagua Provincial Park.
- Private door-to-door transportation: airport → hotel → Puente de Inca → Horcones and return to Mendoza.
- 2 nights in a 3★ hotel in Mendoza – double/triple room, taxes and breakfast included.
- 1 night in Puente de Inca refuge, shared base, with breakfast and dinner.
- Mules with no weight limit for carrying personal equipment between Puente de Inca and Base Camp (round trip).
- Mountain accommodation in double tents or dome tents (4–8 people) and high-altitude tents.
- Full board throughout the expedition (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).
- Unlimited hot and cold drinking water at all base camps.
- Fully equipped dining domes at base camps.
- Exclusive bathrooms for clients at each base camp.
- Satellite Wi-Fi and free device charging points at base camps.
- Free hot showers at base camps.
- Secure storage for personal equipment.
- Complete logistical support (tents, trash, common equipment, and biological waste).
- Permanent communication between camps, Puente de Inca, and Mendoza (VHF/UHF and satellite phone).
- Medical equipment at base and high-altitude camps: oxygen, hyperbaric chamber, and complete first aid kits.
- High-altitude dining domes with benches, tables, and exclusive bathrooms for greater comfort.

Not Included

- Aconcagua Park entrance permit and climbing fee (amount varies depending on nationality and route). Book with Inka Expeditions to get a discount.
- Mandatory helicopter rescue and evacuation insurance, with a specific clause guaranteeing full coverage in emergencies.
- Expenses incurred due to early departure or not using the reserved days due to bad weather: mule saddle, personal luggage transport, unforeseen transportation, extra hotel nights, flight changes, and private porter service. We recommend travel insurance that covers these situations.
- Personal mountain equipment (technical clothing, footwear, accessories, etc.).
- Administrative charges and additional fees (local taxes, surcharges for card or other electronic payments).
- Personal expenses both in the city and in the mountains: laundry, drinks, additional showers, tips, personal porters, etc.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary, for example, lunches and dinners in Mendoza or Uspallata.
- Transfer from hotel → airport at the end of the expedition.



Itinerary

DAY 1: MENDOZA – WELCOME AND BRIEFING

Airport reception, transfer to downtown hotel, and group meeting with the guide to review permits and go over the program. Time to rest and get to know the team.

Accommodation: Hotel (double/triple occupancy)

Meals: —

DAY 2: MENDOZA / PUENTE DE INCA – PERMITS AND LOGISTICS

Processing of park permits assisted by the guide, minibus transfer to Puente de Inca, organization of loads for the mules, and night in a mountain refuge.

Accommodation: Refuge

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 3: PUENTE DE INCA / CONFLUENCIA – ENTRANCE TO THE PARK

Transport to Horcones, first view of Aconcagua, and 4-5 hour trek to Confluencia, our initial acclimatization camp.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, Packed lunch, Dinner.

DAY 4: TREKKING TO THE PLAZA FRANCIA VIEWPOINT – 4,000 m

5-hour hike to the base of the imposing south face to gain altitude and improve acclimatization; return to Confluencia.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, box lunch, dinner.

DAY 5: CONFLUENCIA → PLAZA DE MULAS – 4,300 m

Long day (8-9 hours) crossing Playa Ancha and the Cuesta Brava to the park's largest base camp.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, box lunch, Dinner.

DAY 6: PLAZA DE MULAS – REST DAY

Active recovery: shower, medical check-up, and exploration of the camp to acclimatize to the altitude.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 7: TRANSPORT TO CAMP 1 – 5,050 m

Transportation of equipment and food; ascent with load and return to the comfort of Plaza de Mulas to optimize energy.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch on the go, Dinner.

DAY 8: PLAZA DE MULAS – SECOND DAY OF REST

Hydration, food, and equipment check before starting the mountain climb.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 9: ASCENT TO CAMP 1 “PLAZA CANADÁ” – 5,050 m

Start of the high altitude section; steady progress towards sleeping above 5,000 m for the first time.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 10: ASCENT TO CAMP 2 “NIDO DE CÓNDORES” – 5,550 m

500 m climb with panoramic views of the mountain range; camp setup and rest.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 11: ACCLIMATIZATION AT CAMP 2

Light activities and rest led by the guide to promote physiological adaptation.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 12: ASCENT TO CAMP 3 “PLAZA CÓLERA” – 5,970 m

Approximately 4 hours of walking along the northern ridge; setting up tents and preparing for the summit attempt.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 13: SUMMIT DAY – 6,962 m

Route via Filo Norte, Refugio Independencia, Portezuelo del Viento, and La Canaleta to the summit; descent back to Camp 3.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAYS 14-15: RESERVE DAYS

Description: Additional days to attempt the summit or wait for better weather conditions.

Accommodation: Tent

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 16: DESCENT TO PLAZA DE MULAS

Full return from Camp 3 with celebration and special dinner at Base Camp.

Accommodation: Tent/Dome bedroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 17: PLAZA DE MULAS → PUENTE DE INCA → MENDOZA

Departure trekking, private transportation reception, and arrival at the hotel in Mendoza.

Accommodation: Hotel (double/triple occupancy)

Meals: Breakfast, box lunch.

DAY 18: MENDOZA - END OF THE TRIP

Description: Breakfast and check-out. Transfer to the airport (not included).

Accommodation: —

Meals: Breakfast.

Payment and Cancellation Policy

Initial Deposit: To secure your place, an initial payment of €650 is required at the time of booking.

Final Payment: The remaining amount must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

Extras: Additional travel costs, such as insurance, flights, or other optional services, must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation Insurance: The customer may take out travel cancellation insurance in order to obtain a refund of the full amount paid (according to the terms and conditions).

The end user may cancel the trip, with the right to a refund of the amounts paid, except for the penalties indicated, but must also pay the Agency the amounts indicated below once the trip has been confirmed. If the trip does not take place because the minimum number of participants has not been reached, the customer may save the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the reservation.

SPECIAL cancellation policy:

FULL REFUND UP TO 24 HOURS AFTER PURCHASE

-More than 45 days before the trip: the deposit paid will be retained and the rest of the amount will be refunded.

-Less than 45 days before the trip: the amount paid will not be refunded.

*A €250 administration fee applies.

*No refunds will be given for cancellations of reservations that have already been issued. If there are other non-refundable expenses that have already been incurred, these will also not be refunded and will be deducted from the amount to be paid.

*The cost of canceling issued flights is 100% of the amount.

Packing List

Required equipment

- Double-layer mountaineering boots or 6,000 m boots
- Crampons and classic ice axe (55-70 cm)
- Harness, helmet, and three safety carabiners
- Sleeping bag rated for -20°C and insulated mat
- High-altitude down jacket, Gore-Tex jacket, and pants
- Thermal base layer and fleece
- Category 4 sunglasses and snow goggles
- Inner gloves, thermal gloves, and mittens
- 70-liter backpack for carrying gear + 35-liter daypack
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- Personal first aid kit and medication.

Recommended equipment

- Telescopic poles and gaiters
- 1-liter thermos + Camelbak (insulated tube)
- Powerbank, chargers, and SPF 50 sunscreen
- Earplugs and sleeping bag liner
- Energy snacks, gels, and electrolytes
- Camera or phone to record the adventure
- Thermal blanket and duct tape for quick repairs.

FAQs

What level of physical fitness is required?

Excellent aerobic fitness and previous experience in high-altitude trekking are required: days of up to 1,000 meters of elevation gain carrying a backpack and adverse weather conditions. The program includes rest days, but the summit requires 12-14 hours of continuous effort.

What is the technical level?

The Normal Route is mainly walked on scree and hard snow with sections of moderate slope. Knowing how to use crampons and ice axes is essential; there is no technical climbing involved.

Is it mandatory to purchase rescue insurance?

Yes. Aconcagua Park requires insurance that covers helicopter evacuation. Without it, the climbing permit will not be issued.

What should I know about the climbing permit?

The permit is mandatory, personal, and non-refundable. It costs approximately USD 850 (Normal Route, 2024-25) and must be paid in cash in Mendoza (USD or EUR). It is not included in the price of the trip. By booking with an authorized agency, you are eligible for an official discount. Minors under the age of 18 require special authorization.

What type of accommodation is used?

3-star hotels in Mendoza, refuge in Puente de Inca, dome tents in Confluencia and Plaza de Mulas, and double The North Face Ve25 tents at high altitude.

Are meals included?

Yes. Full board is provided in the mountains with cooks at base camp and guides at higher altitudes. In Mendoza, only breakfast is included.

Can special diets be accommodated?

We offer menus for vegetarians, vegans, and celiacs at no extra cost. Please let us know when you make your reservation so we can plan the ingredients.

What happens if the weather prevents the summit from taking place?

There are two days of backup. If it still doesn't improve, we will descend for safety reasons. There are no refunds for bad weather, but your insurance may cover additional expenses.

Can I hire a personal porter?

Yes, we offer an extra porter service for items weighing up to 20 kg at an additional cost depending on the distance (see rates).

How is communication during the expedition?

Campsites with VHF/UHF and satellite phone; free Wi-Fi internet in Plaza de Mulas for basic messages.

What is the nearest airport?

El Plumerillo International Airport (MDZ) in Mendoza, 20 minutes from the hotel.

Do I need a visa for Argentina?

Most European and American nationalities do not require a visa for tourist stays of less than 90 days. Check specific requirements.

How is trash and waste managed?

All trash and fecal matter is transported to the recycling center in Puente de Inca, in compliance with the park's Leave No Trace policy.

Are there medical checkups?

Yes, at Plaza de Mulas, a doctor monitors oxygen saturation and blood pressure; the hyperbaric chamber can be activated if necessary.

What is the recommended season?

From December to February, when temperatures are milder and the approach routes are operational.

Can I rent equipment in Mendoza?

Double boots, crampons, and high-altitude down jackets are available for rent; we can help you make your reservation.

What happens if I drop out of the expedition?

You must pay for transportation by mule or helicopter and extra nights at the hotel. Travel insurance with cancellation coverage is recommended.

What is the tipping policy?

Voluntary. As a reference, 5-10% of the trip price is distributed among guides, muleteers, and cooks.

Is there an age limit?

We accept participants aged 18 to 65 with a medical certificate of fitness. Those over 65 require additional cardiorespiratory assessment.

How do I prepare for my pre-training?

A 4-6 month plan combining trail running, backpacking, and strength training, especially for the core and legs, is recommended to build tolerance for altitude and weight.



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