

ANDES MOUNTAIN EXPEDICIONES

CENTRAL ANDES MOUNTAINEERING TUPUNGATO (6.570m.)



Located in the heart of Maipo valley, we have the tallest volcano of the Central Andes and the third highest peak in the Central Andes Tupungato Volcano are between Chile and Argentina border line. This is a magnificent expedition, in a little visited place, surrounded by imposing mountains.



This trip has three days of remote and pleasant approach to base. In these days we use horses for carry load. Common equipment such as tents, stoves, pots, food, dinner tent will be transferred by horses. We have access to our mules and gear every night on the approach. Maximum weight of duffel bag is 20kg.

Occasionally a thunder shower will pass by and have us quickly changing from shorts to our warm clothes.

At day two of our program our van will drive through rugged mountain scenery to Chacayar, beginning of our base camp.

Our meals are varied and well chosen. Fresh and delicious food is always available in our trips. Vegetables, fruit, meet, chicken and even fish are among our menu, as well

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as pastas, rice, potatoes rich in carbohydrates. Wine, coke, beer, biscuits, cheese, crackers and everything we need to make our trip pleasant. In high camps we use intensive amount of calories per day, carbohydrates, weight, taste, variety and creativity.



Also, we will discuss the philosophy and style of the Tupungato expedition, prescription medications at altitude, the effects of Diamox (Acetazolamida), sanitation, water treatment, teamwork, techniques and advises to climbing a big mountain like Aconcagua.

For Tupungato we take a maximum of 9 clients and 3 guides + cook man.

We use Nonin Pulse oxymeters for high mountaineering expeditions. Every expedition has one of these instruments to measure the saturation of oxygen of each client allowing for daily control and safety in the route to the summit.

Rent equipment available for Tupungato Expedition.

SANTIAGO (U\$)	
EQUIPMENT	RENT PRICE
DOWN JACKET	150
GLOVES	60
MOUNTAINEERING BOOTS	130
GAITORS	55
CRAMPONS	65
ICE AXE	45
MATRESS	40
SLEEPING BAG	150

Bring your personal duffel bag to put in your equipment such as crampons, ice axe, mountaineering boots, technical clothes, etc, and one horse will carry it to next camp, until base camp. On approach days you can use a day pack to carry trail food, water and some extra clothes in case of cold days.

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At the end of expedition, we will use same system to carry down common and personal equipment with horses.

PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival to Santiago.

Pick up the Group at the Santiago airport. Private transfer to our Hotel in Santiago. Equipment check.

Day 2: Transfer to Colorado Valley.

Transfer from Santiago towards Cajón del Maipo valley. After one hour by car, we arrive at the beginning of our trek, place where the horses be loaded. Around 5 hours of trek until our camp. Camp Agua Buena. Set up tents and dinner.

Day 3: Hike to Flojos camp.

Breakfast. Trek from Aguan Buena camp to Vega de Los Flojos at 10,827 ft. (3.300 m.). Set up camp and dinner.

Day 4: Base Camp.

Breakfast. Hike to our base camp at 4.250 alti-meters. Will be a 5 to 6 hour of trek. Set up our base camp. Dinner.

Day 5: Rest day at base camp.

Day 6: Carry load to camp 1 at 4.800 meters., where is located the Paso Tupungato, the border line. Back to base camp. Dinner.

Day 7: Move to Camp 1.

Breakfast. Move the expedition to Camp 1. Set up tents and dinner.

Day 8: Carry load to Camp 2.

Breakfast. Carry food, fuel, and some mountaineering equipment to camp 2. Return to camp 1. Dinner.

Day 9: Move to Camp 2.

Breakfast. Move the expedition to camp 2 at 5.500 meters. Dinner.

Day 10: Summit day.

Early before sunshine, we will out of our tents toward the **summit** of Tupungato at 6.570m. (21,555 ft) Back to Camp 2.

Day 11 and 12: Extra day for summit.

Day 13: Cam 2 – Base camp.

Breakfast. Dow the mountain until our base camp. Rest and dinner.

Day 14: Base camp – Agua Buena.

Breakfast. Down hill until Agua Buena Camp at 10,827 ft. (3.300 m.). Set up our tents and dinner.

Day 15: Santiago.

Breakfast. Trek out from Agua Buena camp to Chacayar. Here we will take out transport to Santiago. Hotel.

Day 16: Hotel – Santiago airport.

Private transfer to Santiago airport.



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Service includes:

- Mountain Guides
- Two night Hotel in Santiago, double room with breakfast
- Private ground transport
- High mountain tent
- Mules for carry common equipment until base camp
- Mules for carry personal mountaineering equipment until base camp
- Base camp Dinner tent with tables and chairs
- First aid kit
- Radio communication UHF - VHF
- Meals while we are in the mountain (Breakfast, dinner and box lunch)
- Satellite phone
- Pulse oximeter
- Tupungato permit entrance

Service does not include:

- All personal climbing equipment
- Accident and rescue insurance
- Cash for extra expenses
- Extra meals in cities
- Sleeping bag and mattress

Central Andes Personal Mountaineering Equipment

Upper body:

- 2 T-shirt's long sleeve polypropylene first layer
- 2 T-shirt's polypropylene short sleeve
- 1 expedition weight polypropylene or capilene (Patagonia) shirt
- 1 jacket of pounds or fleece
- 1 breathable jacket such as Gore-Tex with hood
- 1 jacket of pile
- Down or Polarguard parka with hood

Head

- sun cap
- Ski hat fleece or wool
- balaclava

Hands

- 1 pair of gloves thin polypropylene
- 1 pair of gloves heavy polypropylene
- 1 pair of gloves doubles (neoprene or fleece internal layer /Goretex shell)

Lower body:

- 2 lightweight polypropylene underpants
- 1 fleece pants with full length side zippers
- 1 breathable windproof pants or bibs such as Gore-Tex (full length side zippers recommended)
- 1 lightweight trekking pants (day of trekking approach)

Feet

- 2 pair of socks polypropylene, thick for up to base camp
- 1 pair of sock polypropylene, thin for summit day
- 2 pair of socks for approach trekking days
- Trekking boots or lightweight trekking shoes

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- Plastic double mountaineering boots
- Gaitors

Technical Equipment:

- adjustable trekking poles
- Ice axe (walking ice axe 50 to 70 cm long)
- crampons (desirable flexible and automatic)
- Day pack for approach
- backpack (65 liter or more)
- Sleeping bag (at least for -20°C)
- long cushion insulator (inflatable pad or foam pad)

Personals

- 2 pair of sun glasses (one as a spare)
- sun screen lotion protector
- sun screen lip protector
- Skin moisturized
- bottle of water of at least 900 cc with thermal cover (insulator)
- frontal lamp (more pound)
- Duffel bag

Booking process:

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

- Reservation and confirmation of any trip will be made with 30% deposit of the total cost of services, 51 days before departure ("Day 1"). (ask for the bank swift instructions). Payments will be wired to Bank account in Chile (US\$, Euros)

A) Fill the Application document <http://www.andesmountain.cl/aplicacion.html>

B.1) Deposit 30% of total trip cost (Swift), US Dollars, Euros or Chilean Pesos.

Andes Mountain Expediciones account bank information:

Bank name	Banco Santander Santiago
Address	Providencia, Santiago, Chile
Account name	Pedro Marzolo
Account number	510003010-3
Swift code	BSCHCLRM

B.2) Also we have a PayPal option to pay with your credit card.



C) Balance amount must be paid prior our departure date, through a new bank deposit (at least 3 weeks before departure) or in Santiago. Payment of balance in Santiago will be in cash money (USD\$, Euro or Chilean Pesos) or personal traveler cheque.

CANCELLATIONS

Upon written notice of cancellation, the following fees will apply:

- Before 51 days USD \$250 (Booking fee)
- Less than 50-31 days 50% of the reservations
- Less than 30 days, no refunds.

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REFUNDS

Because land cost is quoted as a package, no refunds will be given for unused services. There is no refund for arriving late or leaving a trip early.

Cancellation or compensation payments do not apply due to **force Majeure**, that is, unusual events and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of Andes Mountain Expediciones or its sub-contractors for events that occur such as war, strikes, riots, terrorist activity or threats, natural disasters, climate conditions or fire, environmental emergencies, transport changes in airline companies, boaters and land carriers, changes in providers, etc.

INSURANCE

We do not provide or include accident or travel insurance policy in our expedition cost. We can provide logistical support and assistance.

RESPONSIBILITY

Andes Mountain Expediciones acts only as agent for the passenger with regards to travel, and assumes no liability for any type of injury, damage, loss, accident, social-political disturbances, natural phenomena or anything beyond our control. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of passengers.

Andes Mountain Expediciones assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care. If you or your clients have medical problems we recommend that you have a medical certificate filled by the traveler and his/her physician. Climbers are responsible for selecting a trip according to their capability and experience, and bringing appropriate personal equipment, without jeopardizing his/her safety and the safety of the group. Our staff and guides are ready to advise you and answer your questions prior and during expeditions.

Personal valuables

The operator does not assume responsibility for any loss or theft of personal belongings of the client.

If you need more information, please contact us. Also, if you would like to receive a brochure of our company, please let me know your post address to send it.

Thanks,

Pedro Marzolo

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