



- Expedition Itinerary -
Aconcagua
(22,842ft, 6,962 m)
Upper Guanacos Traverse

Meeting Location: Mendoza, Argentina. A specific hotel and its location will be provided to you so that you may make prior arrangements. AAI provides 1 night stay on the front end of your expedition.

Meeting Time: The team will meet at noon on the first day of the expedition.

**As a reminder, this itinerary can and will change from trip to trip. Climbing days and rest days are often dictated by weather and conditions. This day-to-day plan is rough and should be used for general reference only.*

Day 1 - (2,449ft/765m)

Arrive at Hotel Mod in Mendoza, Argentina and complete an equipment check. Change money for the remainder of the trip and pay for the climbing permits. After this business has been taken care of, the group will go out to dinner.



Day 2 - (8,540ft/2,063m)

The expedition team will purchase the individual climbing permits and then drive approximately 3 hours to the town of Penitentes, and spend the night at Hotel Ayelen.



Day 3 - (9,330 ft/2,844m)

Organize gear in Penitentes and then trek to Papa de Lenas. During the trekking portion of the trip, mules will carry the heaviest gear. We will carry light packs on the approach to the basecamp. * Quick Stats: 7 miles, 1330' of elevation gain.



Day 4 - (10,665ft/3,251m)

Trek to Casa de Piedra. This 9-mile portion of the trek affords the first views of the mountain. From camp one can clearly see the Polish Glacier on the mountain.

** Quick Stats: 9 miles, 1335' of elevation gain.*



Day 5 (14,000ft/4,267m)

Hike to basecamp at Plaza de Argentina (14,000 ft/4267 m). This portion of the trek will take us into the Relinchos Valley. This section requires two major river crossings. Occasionally we will arrange to have mules carry us over the river if it is too high to cross on foot.

**Quick Stats: 7 miles, 3335' of elevation gain.*



Day 6 (14,000ft/4,267m)

Rest day. Organize food for the carry to Camp I. Great hiking and bouldering may be found a short walk from basecamp.



Day 7 (16,400 feet/5,000m)

Carry to Camp I. This carry will take approximately 4-6 hours. Quick Stats: 2 miles, 4800' of elevation gain and loss



Day 8 (16,400 feet/5,000m)

Another rest day at basecamp to help acclimatize for the rest of the expedition.



Day 9 (16,400 feet/5,000m)

Move to Camp I.

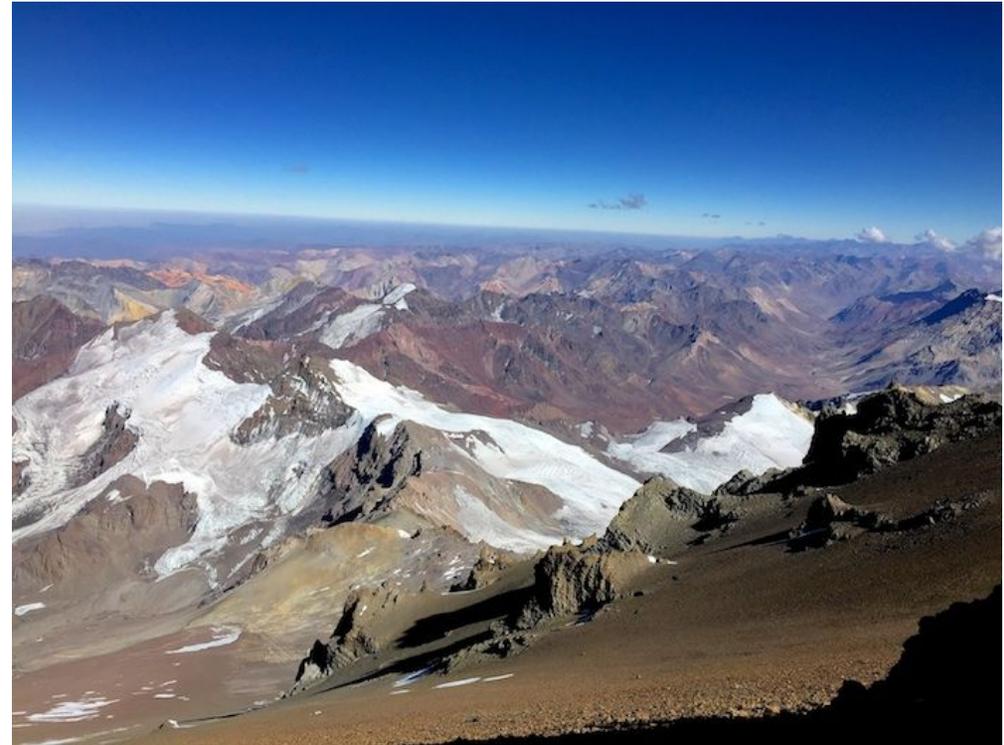
**Quick Stats: 2 miles, 2400' of elevation gain.*



Day 10 (18,000 ft/5,486 m)

Carry to Camp II. Camp II is known as both Chopper Camp as well as Guanacos III camp. It is here that we connect with the Upper Guanacos route by crossing Ameghino Pass on a gentle traverse.

**Quick Stats: 3200' of elevation gain and loss*



Day 11 (18,000 ft/5,486 m)

Rest day or move to Camp II.

**Quick Stats: rest or 1600' of elevation gain.*



Day 12 (19,600 ft/5,970 m)

If at Camp 2, carry to Camp III (19,600 ft/5970 m), also known as the White Rocks Camp. If we take a rest day on Day 11, move to Camp 2.

**Quick Stats: 3200' of elevation gain and loss; or 1600' of elevation gain.*



Day 13 (19,600 ft/5,970 m)

Rest day or carry to Camp III.

**Quick Stats: rest or 3200' of elevation gain and loss.*



Day 14 (19,600 ft/5,970 m)

Move to Camp III. **Quick Stats: 1600' of elevation gain.*



Day 15-18 (22,842 ft/6,962m)

These days are either for summit day or for the move to White Rocks Camp. Summit day begins around 5:00am. It takes about 7-10 hours to get to the top and then another 3-4 to descend down to camp. For the False Polish, we climb north to the Independencia Hut at approximately 21,400 feet, meeting up with the Ruta Normal. Then we traverse the West Face and climb up into the Canaleta (a couloir) that leads to the summit ridge.

**Quick Stats: 6485' of elevation gain and loss.*



Day 19 (14,400 ft/4,300 m)

Hike to Plaza de Mulas (14,400 ft/4300 m), the basecamp for the Rوتا Normal.

**Quick Stats: 5200' of elevation loss.*



Day 20

Hike to Penitentes and spend the night. **Quick Stats: 6400' of elevation loss.*



Day 21:

Return to Mendoza.

Day 22:

Fly home.