



Argentina Mt. Aconcagua

17-Day Trek - Polish Traverse Route

TRIP OVERVIEW

Aconcagua, or “Stone Sentinel,” comes from words indigenous to the Quechua language spoken by the Incas. Located in the Central Andes, the Aconcagua Provincial Park is a protected area created to preserve its cultural treasures—flora, fauna and important archeological sites. The Park is home to several glaciers, and peaks higher than 16,000 feet. The highest elevation, Mt. Aconcagua, is the highest in the Western Hemisphere at 22,841 feet (6,962 meters).

Your spectacular 23-day Argentinian adventure starts with a flight into Mendoza, Argentina. You’ll do a day of community service there and then journey to your hotel in the mountains to prepare your equipment and gear for base camp. For the next several days, you’ll trek four to nine hours each day to a variety of camps on Mt. Aconcagua: Pampa de Leñas, Quebrada de Vacas, Plaza Argentina, and Camp 3 “Colera” among others, experiencing elevations ranging from 8,858 feet (2,699 meters) to 22,841 feet (6,962 meters).

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 17 days trekking
- 32 miles to Plaza de Argentina Base Camp over 3 day of moderate, non technical trekking
- 10-12 days of difficult to strenuous trekking on the mountain
- 20 miles of moderate, non technical trekking down to park exit gate
- English speaking Wilderness First Responder guide
- 4 season tents
- 3 healthy gourmet meals per day in private dining tent at basecamp
- 3 days built in the itinerary for summit attempt

23-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

Day 1 and 2: Travel day and welcome to Mendoza, Argentina

Day 3: Purchase climb permits

Day 4: Drive Mendoza to Penitentes

Day 5: Mt. Day One on trail, Punta de Vacas trailhead to Pampa de Lenas campsite

Day 6: Mt. Day Two to Casa de Piedra Campsite

Day 7: Mt. Day Three to Plaza de Argentina Base Camp

Day 8: Mt. Day Four, full rest day

Day 9: Mt. Day Five, carry to camp 1, return to Plaza de Argentina Base Camp

Day 10: Mt. Day Six, full rest day

Day 11: Mt. Day Seven, move to camp 1

Day 12: Mt. Day Eight, carry to camp 2, return to camp 1

Day 13: Mt. Day Nine, full rest day

Day 14: Mt. Day Ten, move to camp 2

Day 15: Mt. Day Eleven, rest day camp 2

Day 16: Mt. Day Twelve, move to camp 3 "Colera"

Day 17: Mt. Day Thirteen, first attempt at summit

Day 18: Mt. Day Fourteen, second attempt at summit

Day 19: Mt. Day Fifteen, third attempt at summit

Day 20: Mt. Day Sixteen, descend to Plaza de Mulas Base Camp

Day 21: Mt. Day Seventeen, trek to Penitentes, drive to Mendoza

Day 22: Mt. Day Eighteen, fly out of Mendoza

Day 23: Mt. Day Nineteen, arrive home

Note on Itinerary: *Although we do our best to adhere to the schedule listed above, this itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions. Four nights of lodging in Mendoza are included. You are responsible for any additional nights if you come off the mountain early.*

The weather on Mt. Aconcagua is notorious for high winds and extreme cold temperatures. You must have previous experience with use of crampons and ice axe.

\$6,950 Cost Per Person, Double Occupancy

Cost Per Person Includes:

- All airport transportation
- 3 nights of lodging in Mendoza (two to a room)
- 1 night of lodging in Penitentes (meals included)
- All tent accommodations (two to a tent)
- All meals during expedition
- All shared equipment for expedition (tents, stoves, etc.)
- Complete base camp services
- All transfers in private vans
- Bilingual professional guides
- Mule transportation of equipment
- Permanent VHF radio communications
- First aid kits and pulse-oximeter
- High altitude porters for common gear carries
- Assistance with climbing permit procedures
- Mountain permit fees

Cost of the Trip Does Not Include:

- International airfare – approximately \$2,000
- Any cost if climber abandons trip
- Single accommodations for hotels and tents (\$1,000 additional)
- Helicopter out of basecamp (approximately \$1,500)
- Personal porters for heavy carries on mountain (approximately \$1,200)
- Traveler, Medical and Evacuation Insurance (Strongly Recommended)
- Drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic
- Personal gear

- Ground or air evacuations, hospitalizations and/or medication of any kind
- \$300 per person in tips for hotel staff, bus drivers, porters, cooks and guides
- Subsequent lodging and food beyond the 23-day team itinerary
- Visa cost for international travelers. Travelers from the United States are not required to purchase a visa
- *If you are a single registering for one of our trips, we will try to accommodate you as a double with the same gender. However, if we are unable to make these arrangements, you will be responsible for the \$1,000 single accommodation fee.*

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