

Climbing Huayna Potosi (6088M) 2 days



Bolivia's Most Popular climb

Huayna Potosi (6088m) is northeast of La Paz in the Cordillera Real and is known as one of the easiest 6000m plus mountains to climb in the world. Desevredly one of Bolivia's most popular climbs and after just one hour of driving and 3 hours of walking you will be at the high camp. Huayna Potosi can be climbed by complete beginners, and provides amazing views of the Cordillera Real, Lake Titicaca (3810m) and the Altiplano (4000m). If hoping to climb higher mountains in the area, Huayna Potosi is a good starter!

Program details

Type of activity: Technical climbing with ropes, trekking up to high camp (5200m)

Difficulty: some fitness / good fitness

Experience required: no experience / some experience

Grade of climb: Normal route II/AD - 50°

Number of days: 2 days, 1 night

Tour starts in La Paz

Tour ends in La Paz

Best time of year: May to September

Season: Dry season: days are mild and nights are cold

Highlights: learning basic ice climbing and mountaineering techniques, climbing Huayna Potosi, views of the Cordillera Real



Program

Day 1: La Paz (3600m) - Paso Zongo (4700m) - High camp (5200m)

We drive from La Paz to Paso Zongo (4700m). From Paso Zongo we start to trek up to high camp. High camp is on a rock buttress at an altitude of 5200m and at the base of the glacier. The walk up is on a well used path on rock. Once at high camp we need to get our gear ready for the next day, as we have an early start in the morning. We also have time to rest and rehydrate. It's an early night tonight where we sleep in the Refugio.

1 1/2 hour drive, 2 - 3 hour trek (LD) Refugio

Day 2: High camp - Summit (6088m) - High camp - La Paz (3600m)

We have an early start as it is a long day, it will also be cold. We start climbing with our crampons on, and the rest of our climbing gear. The climb is mostly follow a trail on the glacier. We have 2 steep sections, one at around 5600m, called the Pala Chica. Here the trail goes through a small ice and snow wall. After this part we keep following the trail on the glacier up to 6000m. From here we can see the summit. The last section to the summit is great climbing on an exposed ridge. From the summit we can see from Illimani (6439m) to Illampu (6368m). After we take our photo shot on top, we head back down the same way to high camp. Once back at high camp we have a short rest and pack our gear. We then head back down to base camp to meet our transport back to La Paz. Drop off at hotel.

9 - 13 hours climbing, 1 hour drive (BL)

End of Services



Prices

Prices include:

- Professional English speaking mountain guide, guide ratio 2 clients to 1 guide
- Meals as mentioned, including drinks at camp meals (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- All private transport
- 1 night refugee
- Cook
- All mountain equipment, double boots, ice axe, crampons, harness, extra jackets and pants for the cold, thick gloves, balaclava, gaiters, helmet, head lamp if needed (batteries not included)
- Equipment for the mountain, ropes and protection
- First Aid kit
- Oxygen bottle

Not included:

- Personal clothing
- Personal insurance
- Extra services not mentioned in the program
- Tips
- Thermal underwear (top and bottom)
- Thin liner gloves
- 2 pairs of socks (one thin and one thick)
- One backpack (approx. 50 L)
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Sleeping bag (25BS per night)
- Porters to carry personal equipment, available at extra cost (\$30 US, one way)

Prices, 2 Day trip:

- Private Trip (one client with a private guide) **\$230 US**
- Group Trip (two or more people qualify as a group) **\$151 US each**

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