

Tour: Climbing - Huayna Potosi (6088m) (2 days, from La Paz)

➤ Description

The Huayna Potosi is one of the most popular summits of Bolivia. Who observes this mountain from the Chacaltaya, can't resist climbing it. Its perfect triangle shape is an eye-catcher from La Paz and the Cordillera Real. Few mountains have such a perfect ice cap as he does. And alpinistic difficulties are rather low in comparison with other 6000m high glaciers in the Andes.

Almost symmetrically appears the snow covered summit above the Zongo pass. Within 2 days we approach the ice covered summit-triangle. But the ascent won't be easy at all. First we have to overcome a very steep and icy section before the next barrier is waiting - a 45-50 degree steep icewall at a height of more than 5900 meters.

➤ Program

First Day:

We leave La Paz early in the morning and head towards to the Zongo pass. We have already reached the Mont Blanc height, but there are still 600m of altitude to climb by carrying our heavy luggage. Fortunately the trails are well prepared, so that we soon will arrive at the camp, where we will have a basic dinner. Although the night will be rather cold, we will enjoying the memorable sunset and panorama of the Cordillera Real surrounding us.

Second Day:

The ascend to the top, now it' getting serious. In the middle of the night we have to get up. Just a few meters from the camp starts the glacier where we will have to put on our crampons. After the exhausting ascent towards the summit, a steep passage (about 60 degrees) is waiting for us, that definitely demands experienced hikers. Fortunately, after 50 meters the trail gets easier and we keep on climbing over inclined ice ridge towards the summits ice-wall. This wall measures another 250 meters of altitude and obviously is also rather steep. After a time we paid for our strugle and pain by an overwhelming scenic view as far as towards the Lake Titicaca, La Paz, the tropical lowlands and numerous summits of the Andes around us. If we were fast enough , we will even be able to watch the sunrise. However we cannot stay too long, as we have to climb down again before the ice begins to melt. After getting ready our stuff in the camp we keep on descending until we will reach the Zongo pass where our transport is waiting for us to take us back to La Paz.

➤ Characteristics

A good climbing knowledge and experiences with pickle and crampons should is required as well as good physical fitness.

➤ Best time to visit

April till October

➤ Included in the package

- Private transport from La Paz
- Overnight stay in tents
- Professional hiking guide (Spanish speaking)
- Optional: Tour guide English/German speaking (On request)
- Meals during the tour
- Equipment

➤ Reservation

Please do not hesitate to contact us for price requests, reservation, general question, and individual tour inquiries, at: [info\(at\)bolivia-online.net](mailto:info(at)bolivia-online.net)

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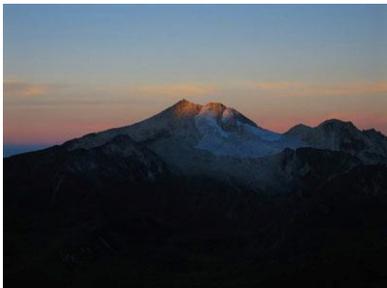
Huayna Potosi



Base-Camp



Way up



Sunset at the camp



Sunrise on the ascent



Last climb to the summit



"Little space" at the pinnacle



Glacier landscape at the Huayna Potosi



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Cemetery on the way back to La Paz