



Illimani – Pico Sur 6440m – Normal Route

The majestic Illimani, at the southern end of the Cordillera real, shelters the second highest point of Bolivia - its south summit, reaching a height of 6442m altitude.

Day one: transfer from La Paz to the village Pinaya at 3800m. Even though it is only a 3-4 hours drive from the capital city, the village kept its authentic lifestyle. On the way to Pinaya, you will cross the Palca canyon which will turn into an unexpected highlight of your trip. From Pinaya you will hike 3 hours (600m altitude gain) to the base camp at 4400m.

Day two: After breakfast you will leave for the high camp "Nido de Condores". The trail first takes us to the col "Markirivi" before we follow the ridge. The 1000m altitude difference will take 5-6 hours and the rest of the day is left for setting the camp, hydrate your body and check your climbing gear. "Nido de Condores" located at 5450m is the most beautiful high camp in Bolivia to our knowledge !

Day three: Some hours before dawn breaks, you will start the final ascent. First you will follow the ridge which is not technically difficult but exposed. After a break you will cross the crevassed glacier before you start climbing "stairways to heaven" a 300m long face with a 50° slope. Getting out of it at 6300m the terrain gets easier along the final ridge before you reach the south summit at 6442m altitude. It is strongly suggest to hike down into base camp the same day, where recovery will be much better.

Day four: If you don't feel like descending 2600m d- before driving an extra 3-4 hours to La Paz during the already long summit day, an option that some very strong climbers take, we suggest you take it easy, enjoy the landscape, Lamas and the experience all together. This fourth day you will be walking down to Pinaya and have a relaxed drive back to La Paz with many photo stops.



Illimani seen from La Paz

On the following website there are topos of the region:

<http://www.boliviaclimbinginfo.org/cordillera-real/southern/illimani-area/illimani/>

You can get a daily updated rather accurate weather forecast at the following address:

<https://www.mountain-forecast.com/peaks/Illimani>

Included in our prices (*) is the technical climbing gear. We expect you to have a sleeping bag and mattress for the nights, a headlamp and warm cloths. There is no problem in renting those items, but we charge for it separately as most people bring them along.

Complete gear list from foot to head:

- Crampons *
- warm mountaineering boots *
- 2 pair of warm socks
- long thermic underpants
- Impermeable overpants
- Harness *
- 2 carabiners *
- prussik corde *
- Ice axe *
- inner gloves
- warm gloves (evtl. mitten)
- long sleeved thermic under wear
- polar fleece jacket
- down jacket
- hard shell jacket
- 35L backpack
- 2L liquid container
- several buffs
- warm hat
- headlamp
- helmet *



the high camp Nido de condores at 5450m



A climbing party just crossed the bergschrund at 6250m

Price list (in USD \$) from beginning of May to end of October

4 days program

Having one day entirely dedicated to the summit, return to La Paz the following day.

1 person 1300
2 persons 750
3 persons 675
4 persons 625

alternative programs

Alternative routes such as the Integral traverse, pico del Indio, etc... (4 days)

1 person 1500
2 persons 850
3 persons 775
4 persons 725

These prices include one IFMGA/UIAGM certified mountain guide for every 2 persons, private transport, cook, meals, mules into base camp, porters to/from high camp, climbing gear, and tent.



A few meters left to reach the summit