

## **ASCENT OF BERTRAND VOLCANO (5285 masl) AND FALSO MOROCHO HILL (4500 masl)**

**DESTINATION:** Catamarca – Route of the six thousand.

**THEME/MODALITY:** Adventure tourism – Trekking in the Mountains – High Mountains.

**PROPOSAL:** A five-day adventure in one of the most breathtaking settings in the Andes, where nature and altitude come together to offer a truly unique experience. Our journey begins with a gradual acclimatization process, ascending peaks ranging from 3,000 to 4,500 meters. Among them stands the impressive Falso Morocho Mountain (4,500 m), offering unforgettable panoramic views of the Incahuasi Volcano and the majestic San Francisco. Each step prepares us for the final challenge. Bertrand Volcano is an excellent mountain for those looking to conquer their first five-thousand-meter summit. With its spectacular 4-kilometer-wide crater, this sleeping giant invites us to discover its vastness from the summit and live an unforgettable experience. This expedition is perfect for those seeking an authentic, intense, and transformative journey in a remote and awe-inspiring corner of Catamarca. Come and discover the Route of the six thousand and immerse yourself in landscapes that feel like another world.

**DATE:** March 30 to April 3, 2026 — Holy Week Expedition.

**MEETING AND ENDING POINT:** Fiambalá – Catamarca.

**DIFFICULTY:** CHALLENGING. Participants must be in good physical condition and overall good health. The group hikes between 4 to 10 hours per day throughout the program, at a steady pace with scheduled rest stops. The route covers uneven terrain with gentle, moderate, and steep slopes, and there may be snow in some sections. Each participant carries a backpack with an average load of 5 kg. Previous experience in mountain trekking is required.

**AVAILABLE SPACES:** 4 to 10 people.





## ITINERARY

Day	Description of Activities
<b>1 (30/03/26)</b> Meeting in Fiambalá (Catamarca) – 1600 meters above sea level	4 p.m. _ Meeting in the town of Fiambalá where we will stay, we will have a talk about the expedition and we will check the group's equipment. •Maximum height reached during the day: 1600 meters above sea level.
<b>2 – (31/03/26)</b> Fiambalá (1600 masl) – Cortaderas (3300 masl)	After breakfast, we will travel by vehicle along the six-mile route. During the tour we will be able to appreciate the magnificent landscapes of the Quebrada de la Angostura and the Chaschuil Valley until we reach Cortaderas (3300 meters above sea level), where we will stay. In the afternoon, we will take a reconnaissance and acclimatization walk in the area. Dinner and overnight.  Regarding the vehicle journey: •Distance from Fiambalá to Cortaderas: 98 km (one way). Asphalt road. •Duration of the tour: 2 hours . •Maximum height reached during the day: 3300 meters above sea level.
<b>3 – (1/04/26)</b> Cortaderas (3300 meters above sea level) – Las Grutas Refuge (4100 meters above sea level). Day of rest	After breakfast, we will travel by vehicle along the six-mile route to the Las Grutas shelter. During the journey we will be able to appreciate the Incahuasi and San Francisco Volcanoes, two of the great six thousand peaks of the Puna. Upon arrival, we will arrange our equipment and have the rest of the day to rest and continue acclimatizing. Walks in the area. Overnight at Las Grutas shelter.  Regarding the vehicle journey: •Distance from Cortaderas to Las Grutas Refuge: 85 km. (Going). Asphalt road. •Duration of the tour: 2 hours .  Height where vehicles are left: •4030 meters above sea level.



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<b>4 – (2/04/26)</b> Grutas (4050 masl) – Falso Morocho (4500 masl) – Las Grutas (4050 masl)	<p>After breakfast, we will begin the ascent to Quitapenas or Falso Morocho Hill, which will help us continue the acclimatization process. The ascent is quite calm, it will take us around three hours and from the summit we will have an excellent view of the area. Return to the Las Grutas shelter, dinner and overnight.</p> <p>Regarding the climb to the hill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Total duration: 4 hours.</li><li>•Total distance: 8.63 km.</li><li>•Maximum height reached: 4500 meters above sea level</li></ul>
<b>5 – (3/04/26)</b> Grutas Refuge (4100 masl) – Bertrand Volcano Summit Attempt (5285 masl) – Fiambalá.	<p>After breakfast, we will board our vehicles again to head towards the Bertrand Volcano base. Upon arrival, we will begin the ascent in a calm and gradual manner. The day will take us around six to nine hours. From the summit, we will have the possibility of seeing the great six thousand peaks of the Puna and its enormous crater of more than 4 km in circumference. Later, we will begin the descent towards the vehicles. Return to Fiambalá. End of our services.</p> <p>Regarding the vehicle journey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Distance from Refugio Las Grutas to the base of Bertrand Volcano: 4 km. (Going). Mountain footprint.</li><li>•Tour duration: 30 minutes.</li><li>•Height where vehicles are left: 4300 meters above sea level</li></ul> <p>Regarding the climb to the hill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Total duration: 6 to 9 hours.</li><li>•Total distance: 10 km.</li><li>•Maximum height reached: 5285 meters above sea level</li></ul>
<b>6 – (04/04/26)</b>	EXTRA DAY IN CASE OF CONTINGENCIES.



## **INFORMATION AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PROMOTION**

### **INCLUDED SERVICES :**

- ✓ Accommodations: one (1) night in a hostel in Fiambalá (group rooms, bathroom, shower, bedding, towels); one (1) night at Cortaderas mountain hotel (group dormitory rooms, shared bathroom, shower); two (2) nights in camp. Includes double or triple base mountain tents. WE RECOMMEND: Coordinate and reserve accommodation for your return. April 3rd, 2026  
*\*Important note: The Las Grutas shelter at Paso San Francisco, as mentioned in the itinerary, does not offer bathroom facilities, kitchen, beds, or other amenities. If available, only the indoor space may be used. Otherwise, a base camp will be set up with high-mountain tents.*
- ✓ Full board in the mountain: from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 5.
  - Breakfast and/or snacks (coffee, tea, milk, sweet and salty cookies, toast and homemade jam), lunch (sandwich, variety of cold cuts and cheeses, fruits, cereal bars), dinner (starter, main course and dessert). If you need a special diet (vegetarian, celiac, etc.), do not forget to detail it, a menu will be prepared according to your needs at no extra cost.
- ✓ General camping logistics: heaters and fuel for the entire expedition, complete mountain kitchen equipment.
- ✓ Professional guides authorized according to the legislation of the Province of Catamarca.
- ✓ Group mountain first aid kit.
- ✓ Medical oxygen for emergencies.
- ✓ VHF communications equipment and satellite messaging (SPOT) for emergencies.
- ✓ Insurance civil liability and personal accidents.
- ✓ Extra day in the event of weather contingencies.
- ✓ Prior advice.

### **SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:**

- ✗ Transfers from your hometown to Fiambalá.
- ✗ Night accommodation for the day of return.
- ✗ Personal equipment (see list below).
- ✗ Walking rations (we recommend bringing nougat, cereal bars, nuts, alfajores, candies, etc.).
- ✗ Rescue and evacuation expenses.
- ✗ Expenses caused by abandoning the program.

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## **GENERAL TEAM FOR PROMOTION**

### **SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT**

#### **Feet**

- Long socks (3 pairs of thick coats and 2 synthetic ones for walking).
- Warm and waterproof trekking boots (mandatory).
- WE RECOMMEND:
- Comfortable sneakers/ crocs , etc. as rest or replacement footwear.

#### **Upper body section**

- T-shirts. Long-sleeved first-skin interior x 2 or 3.
- T-shirt. Short polypropylene sleeves x 2 or 3.
- T-shirts. Cotton x 2.
- Sweater or polar jacket x 1 or 2.
- Camp was waterproof/breathable (Anorak type).
- Warm jacket. Type: Duveé and/or synthetic.

#### **lower body section**

- Trekking pants x 1 or 2.
- Fleece pants or thermal leggings x 1 .  
ski type ). Comfortable  
pants , they can be made of cotton. (optional).
- Mesh shorts (thermals) x 1.

#### **Hands**

- Light gloves. Polypropylene (first skin) x 1 pair.
- Warm gloves - Thinsulate or wool x 1 pair.
- Third layer gloves or mittens (waterproof and breathable). They can be ski type x 1 pair.

#### **Head**

- Warm hat. Wool or fleece.
- Ski mask.
- Sun hat. With visors and neck protector.
- Headlamp. With spotlight and spare batteries. Sunglasses. 100% UV, with side protectors. 2 pairs (one spare).

#### **Backpack**

- Backpack with a capacity of 45 to 55 liters. Taking into account what is necessary that the guide(s) request for each day.
- Bag for transporting loads by vehicle.



### **For sleeping**

- Sleeping bag. 1 kg. duveé or synthetic fiber -18° C.
- Insulating.

### **For the trip**

- Plastic bags. To pack clothes and keep them dry x 3. Technical team Canes. Telescopic.
- Headlamp with batteries and spare.

### **Personal Equipment**

- Sun screen. Factor 30 -40.
- Lip balm. Factor 20 - 40.
- Pocket knife. Victorinox.
- Soup plate, cutlery and glass.
- Wide mouth bottles. For water of 1 liter each - 2. Thermos. 1 liter. Toothbrush and tooth paste. Toilet paper. 1 roll.
- Personal first aid kit (medication with the relevant prescription).

### **Optional**

- Camera.
- Pencil and notebook for notes, games and mp3.
- Camel bag.
- Personal towel and soap, baby wipes.





### **FINAL PRICE:**

- **PRE-SALE RATE: USD 805** – (payment in full via bank transfer or deposit).  
*Valid until January 31, 2026, inclusive.*
- **REGULAR RATE: USD 895** – (payment in full via bank transfer or deposit).

### **PAYMENT METHODS:**

Payments are accepted in US dollars (cash) and/or Argentine pesos, based on the blue dollar exchange rate (selling price) published by La Nación on the day of the transaction. To reserve a spot, a 30% deposit of the total amount is required. The remaining balance may be paid in installments, up to 15 days before the departure date. Bank account details for transfers or deposits will be provided privately once registration is confirmed. Ask about credit card payment options (surcharge applies).

### **TO COMPLETE YOUR RESERVATION, YOU MUST:**

- Fill out the registration forms provided by the Aiken Outdoor Activities team.
- Complete full payment no later than 15 days before the departure date.
- Send everything to: [aikenoutdooractivities@hotmail.com](mailto:aikenoutdooractivities@hotmail.com) or via WhatsApp: +549-3541-521011.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Aiken Outdoor Activities reserves the right to partially or entirely modify the planned program if the health, physical or psychological integrity of one or more participants is at risk, whether due to personal, weather-related, safety, or other relevant factors. In such cases, no refund will be issued. Additionally, Aiken Outdoor Activities may cancel the trip if the minimum number of participants is not met. In such event, the participant may choose to:

- Join the next available expedition (subject to available dates), or
- Request a full (100%) refund of the amount paid.

No other compensation, reimbursement, or indemnity will apply for this reason.

### **DEPOSITS & CANCELLATION POLICY**

Once the reservation is confirmed and the deposit is paid, it is non-refundable and non-transferable to another trip, date, or program.



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