



EXPEDITION ASCENT TO INCAHUASI VOLCANO 6638 MASL

Acclimatization on Falso Morocho Mountain (4500 masl), Bertrand Volcano (5285 masl), and San Francisco Volcano (6018 masl).

DESTINATION: Catamarca – Route of the Six-Thousanders.

THEME/MODALITY: Adventure tourism – Trekking in the Mountain Range – High Altitude.

PROPOSAL: The Ruta de los Seismiles, in the province of Catamarca, is one of the most impressive corners of the Andes, a land of majestic volcanoes, high-altitude deserts, and landscapes that combine rocks, salt flats, and endless skies. This unique setting provides the perfect backdrop for our 13-day expedition to Incahuasi Volcano (6638 m), an adventure designed for those seeking a high-mountain challenge in an unparalleled natural environment. The program includes progressive acclimatization on iconic peaks: starting with Cerro Falso Morocho (4500 m), continuing to Volcán Bertrand (5285 m), and then Volcán San Francisco (6018 m), preparing both body and mind for the ultimate summit. The final stage takes us to Incahuasi Volcano, where all the effort is rewarded with spectacular views of the Andes and surrounding volcanoes. Every step of the journey is guided by our certified mountain guides, ensuring safety, professional support, and an unforgettable experience. If you are looking to combine adventure, nature, and the thrill of conquering one of the highest peaks in the Andes, this expedition is your opportunity.

DATES: March 30 to April 11, 2026.

MEETING AND ENDING POINT: Fiambalá – Catamarca.

DIFFICULTY: VERY DEMANDING. The ascent to Incahuasi Volcano is a physical and technical challenge requiring good preparation and mountaineering experience.

Regarding physical level, the extreme altitude (6,638 meters / 21,772 ft) and the conditions of the Atacama Desert make acclimatization essential. Participants must be prepared for long days of hiking, ascents, and high-altitude camping, which implies significant cardiovascular endurance and the ability to withstand cold, wind, and altitude challenges.

Regarding technical level, the ascent does not require advanced climbing skills but does require experience in high-altitude trekking, use of ice axe and crampons, and handling rocky and snowy terrain. It is a demanding expedition, ideal for mountaineers with good physical preparation and altitude experience.

GROUP SIZE: 2 to 4 people. Private expeditions on special dates are also available.

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| 1 (30/03/26) Meeting point in Fiambalá (Catamarca) – 1600 masl. | Meeting in Fiambalá (1600 m.a.s.l.) – At 4 PM we meet in Fiambalá where we will stay, hold an expedition briefing, and check the group's equipment. -Maximum altitude reached today: 1600 m.a.s.l. |
| 2 – (31/03/26) Fiambalá (1600 masl) – Cortaderas (3300 masl). | Fiambalá (1600 m.a.s.l.) – Cortaderas (3300 m.a.s.l.) – After breakfast, transfer by vehicle along the Route of the Six-Thousanders. On the way, enjoy the magnificent land scapes of Angostura Gorge and Chaschuil Valley until reaching Cortaderas (3300 m.a.s.l.), where we will stay at the Cortaderas Mountain Hotel. In the afternoon, acclimatization and reconnaissance hike. Dinner and overnight. -Vehicle distance: 98 km one-way, paved road. -Approximate duration: 2 hours. -Max altitude: 3300 m.a.s.l. |
| 3 – (1/04/26) Cortaderas (3300 m) – Las Grutas shelter (4100 m) Rest day. | Cortaderas (3300 m.a.s.l.) – Las Grutas shelter (4100 m.a.s.l.) – Rest day – Transfer by vehicle to Las Grutas shelter. Enjoy views of Incahuasi Volcano and San Francisco Volcano, two great six-thousanders of the Puna. Set up equipment, rest, and acclimatize with short walks. Overnight at Las Grutas shelter. -Distance: 85 km one-way, paved road. -Duration: 2 hours. -Vehicle altitude: 4030 m.a.s.l. |



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| 4 – (2/04/26) Las Grutas (4050 msnm) – Falso Morocho (4500 msnm) – Las Grutas (4050 msnm). | Las Grutas (4100 m.a.s.l.) – Quitapenas / Falso Morocho Mountain (4500 m.a.s.l.) – Las Grutas – Morning ascent to Quitapenas Mountain for acclimatization. -Approx. 4 hours total, 8.63 km. -Max altitude 4500 m.a.s.l. Return to refuge, dinner, and overnight. |
| 5 – (3/04/26) Las Grutas shelter (4100 m) – Summit Attempt of Bertrand Volcano (5285 m). | Las Grutas shelter (4100 m.a.s.l.) – Attempt summit Bertrand Volcano (5285 m.a.s.l.). – Return to Las Grutas. – After breakfast, drive to base of Bertrand Volcano and begin ascent. Approx. 6 to 9 hours round trip, 10 km total distance. -Max altitude 5285 m.a.s.l. Dinner and overnight. -Vehicle distance 4 km, mountain trail, 30 min drive. -Vehicle altitude: 4300 m.a.s.l. |



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| 6- (4/04/26) Rest Day – Las Grutas shelter. | Rest day at Las Grutas shelter (4100 m.a.s.l.) to recover energy for the next day's summit attempt of San Francisco Volcano. |
| 7 – (5/04/26) Summit Attempt – San Francisco Volcano (6,018 m.a.s.l.) to Fiambalá (1,600 m.a.s.l.). | <p>Summit Attempt Day: We have an early breakfast, around 2 or 3 a.m. It's almost a full day of trekking, including the journey to the volcano base, the ascent, and the descent back to Las Grutas, totaling approximately 12 hours. The climb is long and gradual. As we ascend, we'll enjoy breathtaking views of the highest peaks and volcanoes of the Catamarca Puna, including Incahuasi Volcano (6638 m), weather permitting. If everything goes well, we will reach the summit around midday, take photos, and rest at the top. Afterwards, we descend to the vehicles and then transfer to Hotel Cortaderas for dinner and overnight stay.</p> <p>Vehicle section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Distance from Refugio Las Grutas to the trekking start point: 22 km (one way), on paved road.-Duration of the drive: 1 hour.-Altitude where vehicles are parked: 5050 m. <p>Ascent details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Total duration: 8 to 12 hours.-Total distance: 10 km.-Maximum altitude reached: 6016 m. |
| 8 – (6/04/26) Cortaderas Hotel (3,300 m.a.s.l.) – Rest Day. | Cortaderas Hotel (3300 m.a.s.l.). Rest day preparing for Incahuasi Volcano ascent. Dinner and overnight. |

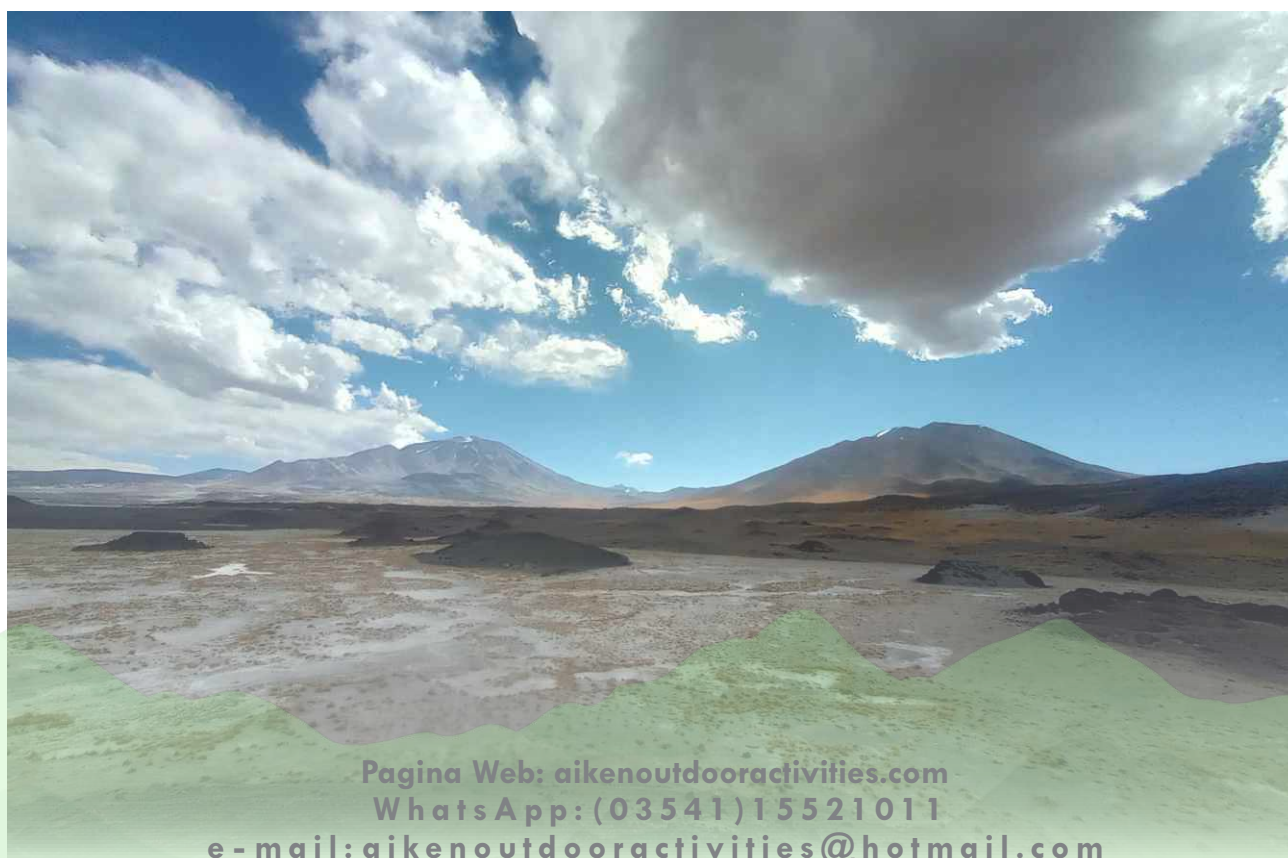


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| 9 –(7/04/26) Cortaderas Hotel (3,300 m.a.s.l.) – Base Camp at Incahuasi Volcano (4,600 m.a.s.l.) – Load Carry to Camp I (5,100 m.a.s.l.) – Return to Base Camp (4,600 m.a.s.l.). | Cortaderas Hotel – Base camp Incahuasi Volcano (4600 m.a.s.l.). Carry equipment to Camp I (5100 m.a.s.l.). Return to base camp. -Drive 22 km, partially gravel road (requires high clearance or 4x4). -Duration approx. 1.5 hours. -Ascent to camp 4-5 hours, 8 km. -Max altitude 5100 m.a.s.l. |
| 10 – (8/04/26) Base Camp at Incahuasi Volcano (4,600 m.a.s.l.) – Camp I (5,100 m.a.s.l.) | Base camp (4600 m.a.s.l.) – Camp I (5100 m.a.s.l.). After breakfast, break camp and ascend to Camp I, set up camp, dinner and overnight. -Ascent approx. 3.5 hours, 4 km. |
| 11 –(9/04/26) Camp I (5100 msnm) Incahuasi Volcano to Camp II (5700 msnm) | Camp I (5100 m.a.s.l.) – Camp II (5700 m.a.s.l.). Break camp and ascend to Camp II, set up camp, dinner and overnight. -Ascent approx. 4-5 hours, 3 km. |

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| 12 – (10/04/26) Camp II (5,700 m.a.s.l.) – Summit Attempt: Incahuasi Vocano (6,638 m.a.s.l.) – Return to Camp II (5,700 m.a.s.l.). | Camp II (5700 m.a.s.l.). Summit attempt Incahuasi Volcano (6638 m.a.s.l.). Camp II – Early morning summit attempt. Long day (10–12 hours) with technical stops for hydration and energy. Summit near mid day, photos, and descent. -Distance 6 km total. |
| 13 – (11/04/26) Camp II (5700 msnm) - Return to Fiambalá. | Camp II (5700 m.a.s.l.). Return to Fiambalá. Break camp and descend to base where vehicles await for transfer back to Fiambalá. |
| 14 - (12/04/26) | Extra day reserved for weather contingencies. |





GENERAL INFORMATION AND TERMS OF THE ASCENT

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- ✓ Internal transfers: Fiambalá – Valley of the Six-Thousanders – Fiambalá
- ✓ Accommodations: one (1) night in hostel in Fiambalá (shared rooms, bathroom, shower, bedding, towels); three (3) nights at Cortaderas Mountain Hotel (shared dorm-style rooms, shared bathrooms and showers); eight nights camping with double or triple mountaintents. *Note: Las Grutas shelter at Paso San Francisco has no bathroom, kitchen, beds or other amenities. Camping equipment will be used if no refug espace is available.*
- ✓ Full board in the mountains: from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 13 (breakfast, snacks, lunch packs, dinner). Special diets accommodated with no extra cost if notified in advance.
- ✓ Camp logistics: heaters and fuel for the entire expedition, complete mountain kitchen equipment.
- ✓ Professional guides certified by the Catamarca Province.
- ✓ Group first aid kit for mountain emergencies.
- ✓ Medical oxygen for emergencies.
- ✓ VHF communication and satellite messenger (SPOT) for emergencies.
- ✓ Civil liability and personal accident insurance.
- ✓ Extra day for weather contingencies.
- ✓ Pre-expedition advice.

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✗ Transfers from origin to Fiambalá.
- ✗ Accommodation night for return day (April 11, 2026).
- ✗ Personal equipment portage.
- ✗ Personal gear (see list above).
- ✗ Energy snacks (recommended to bring your own).
- ✗ Rescue and evacuation costs.
- ✗ Costs incurred by program abandonment.



GENERAL TEAM FOR SUGGESTED PROMOTION

- Special backpack for trekking (60 to 80 liters capacity).
- Warm sleeping bag (-15 degrees comfort, e.g. 800/1000 grams of down- duvet or good synthetic).
- Insulating mat (10 to 15mm).
- Inflatable insulating mat (optional).
- Trekking sticks.

Feet

- 1 pair of double mountaineering boots (plastic or good-quality synthetic single boots — please consult). MANDATORY
- 1 trekking shoes (boots).

First Layer (First skin)

- Changes of underwear.
- Cotton t-shirts (for camping and sleeping).
- T-shirts and/or short-sleeved synthetic T-shirts.
- Long-sleeved synthetic t-shirt.
- Polypropylene or similar pants or leggings (not cotton). To use as warm inner pants.
- Thin polypropylene or similar gloves (not cotton).
- Pairs of thin polypropylene or similar socks (not cotton), in contact with the skin.
- Buff type scarf.

Second Layer (Coat)

- Pairs of Trekking socks (synthetic-thermal).
- Pairs of thick mountain socks.
- Some cotton or wool socks (wool is used for sleeping).
- 1 long trekking pants.
- Short-mesh pants (thermas).
- 2 coats (polar, softshell or similar).
- Down jacket- duvet.
- Fleece gloves.
- Warm hat (fleece).
- Sun cap (with flaps).



Third Layer (windproof and waterproof)

- Waterproof jacket (ultrex or gore tex or similar).
- Trousers cover (gore tex or similar or ski type).
- Third layer gloves or mittens (waterproof and breathable). They can be ski type.
- Mountain gaiters (consult).

Technical Team

- Helmet, crampons, and ice axe for alpine trekking, if necessary, depending on mountain conditions. (This will be assessed and communicated by Aiken's guides a few weeks prior to the ascent).

Personal Items

- Passport, ID.
- Medical insurance, social work.
- Completed medical and personal file, authorization.

Several

- FRONT flashlight with batteries (with spare batteries).
- Personal tableware (deep plate, cutlery and glass jug; plastic ideal).
- Resistant plastic bags for storing clothes.

Health and Hygiene

- Sunglasses with Category 4 UV protection.
- Spare lenses (can be goggles, highly recommended).
- Personal first aid kit (medication with the relevant prescription).
- High sunscreen, Lip balm.
- Soap, shampoo (small to share) and small towel.
- Toilet paper. Handkerchiefs. Baby wipes.



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IMPORTANT NOTES

The company reserves the right to modify the itinerary or suspend activities if weather or other conditions warrant it, always prioritizing the safety of the group. This ascent is classified as very demanding. While no advanced technical skills are required, the program involves walking 6 to 8 hours on several days, and 12 to 15 hours on summit day. Previous high-altitude trekking experience is essential.

Each participant must carry their personal gear. Prior to the summit attempt, equipment and food will be transported to high camps. On summit day, technical gear (ice axe and crampons) must be carried when not in use.

Walking times are approximate and include short breaks. They may vary depending on the group's pace.

The ascent is subject to weather conditions; adverse weather may require halting the climb until conditions improve. Participants will set up tents with the assistance of the guide and support staff.

No prior technical experience with ice axe and crampons is required. Abundant meals tailored to individual tastes and energy needs will be provided.

Energy snacks (dried fruits, cereal bars, sweets) will be distributed during hikes. This program includes a single summit attempt.

The company is not responsible if the summit is not reached due to physical limitations or weather conditions.

No participant may leave or abandon the program. Decisions made by the guide are final and binding.



FINAL PRICE:

- **PRE-SALE RATE: USD 2760** (full payment via bank transfer or deposit). Valid until January 31, 2026.
- **REGULAR RATE: USD 3065** (full payment 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 or via WhatsApp: +54 9 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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