

## Ojos Del Salado Expedition 2012



Ojos Del Salado is the second highest mountain outside of Asia and because of its southernly location is considerably more serious than many peaks of the same altitude in the Himalayas.

### **Day 01: Catamarca City (1.385m)**

It would be easiest to meet you at Catamarca Airport. As this is the closest airport to Ojos Del Salado. We will spend the night in a Hotel here or drive to Fiambalá City depending on your arrival time.

### **Day 02: Catamarca City / Fiambalá City (1.505m)**

We will then drive from to Fiambalá City which will take about 4hrs.

### **Day 03: Fiambalá City / Quemaditos Refugee (3.600m) + 2100m**

We will be driven over 131 kilometers, which separate Fiambalá City from Quemaditos Refugee, near Cazadores River. Here we will set up the tents.

### **Day 04: Quemaditos Refugee / Aguas Calientes Campsite (4.165m) + 565m**

After the first night in the mountain, you will leave very early in the morning to Aguas Calientes campsite. This is the last place where you will find water. You will take advantage of a branch of the Cazadores River.

Walking hours: 7 hours.

### **Day 05: Aguas Calientes Campsite / Aguas de Vicuñas Campsite (5.050m) + 900m**

This day you start very early in the morning. After the breakfast you will continue with the trekking towards the next campsite, called Aguas de Vicuñas. Once you arrive at this place you will set up the campsite.

Walking hours: 7 hours.

### **Day 06: Aguas de Vicuñas Campsite / Base Camp (5.200m) +200m**

This is the last day of approaching to the mountain. You will arrive at Arenales campsite. You will arrange the campsite and then walk around this beautiful place.

Walking hours: 7 hours.

### **Day 07: Base Camp (5.200m)**

Rest day

### **Day 08: Acclimatization Day (Around 6.700m) + 1500 -1500**

You will use this day in order to get acclimatized and get to know the neighbor mountains such as Mt. Tres Cruces (6.700 m), Mt. Del Nacimiento (6.493 m), Incahuasi Volcanoe (6.698 m), among others.

### **Day 09: Base Camp (5.200m)**

Rest day in the base camp

### **Day 10: Base Camp / Camp 1 (5.800m) +600m**

Early start to Camp 1

Walking hours: 7 hours.

### **Day 11: Camp 1**

Rest day in preparation for the summit push

**Day 12: Camp 1 / Summit (6.864m) / Camp 1**

Early morning start. It will take around 8 hours. The last section consists has 30m of Hard Severe climbing at 6.860 m in big boots. I will lead this and bring you up as a second. If your not familiar with seconding climbing routes then we can arrange some training before you leave.

Walking hours total: 12 hours.

**Day 13: Camp 1 / Base Camp (5.200m)**

Walking hours: 5 / 6 hours.

**Day 14: Base Camp / Aguas Calientes Campsite**

Walking hours: 5 / 6 hours.

**Day 15: Aguas Calientes Campsite / Quemaditos Refugee**

The last day on the mountain

Walking hours: 5 / 6 hours.

**Day 16: Quemaditos Refugee / Fiambalá City**

We drive back to Fiambala city

**Day 17: Fiambalá City / Catamarca City**

Drive to Catamarca City. We will stay in a hotel.

**Day 18: Catamarca City**

Last day.

It's worth adding a day or two to improve your chances of summiting. It is possible to join some of the days on the way down together however this will make for some really hard days. We intend to travel light as we believe that this is the best approach for these mountains. Temperatures on the summit are very cold. You need to be prepared for -25°C. A kit list is included below. If you require some kit we will try and arrange a trade deal with either Mountain Equipment or Rab. We will provide tents, all the climbing equipment and food on the mountains. You will be expected to pay for your own meals when we stay in Hotels. We also recommend you get some travel insurance. Snowcard and the BMC offer reliable services.

### Kit list

**Footwear:**

**Lightweight approach shoes:** For travel and easy walking.

**Climbing boots:** Plastic double boot (might be worth getting 8,000m boots if your planning on going in that direction) Also bring chemical foot and hand warmers.

**Down booties:** These don't cost much and are great for base camp and sitting in your tent  
Gaitors that fit your boots.

**Clothing:**

A good layering system is required and should include:

**A merino or polypropylene base layer.**

**Windproof/goretex trousers**

**A pair of down trousers**

**Some long and a short sleeved wicking top.**

**Buff x 2**

**Fleece**

**A good down jacket**

**Beanie hat**

**Sun hat**

**Several pairs of gloves to include a pair of mitts and some more lightweight gloves. Mitts should fit over another pair of gloves.**

**Comfortable travel clothes**

**Accessories**

**Sunglasses :** A pair designed for use on a glacier and a spare pair is recommended but not essential.

**Goggles:**

**Trekking poles-**optional

**Headlamp:** With spare batteries

**Climbing Equipment**

**Ice axe:** General mountaineering axe

**Crampons:** 12 point step-in crampons for glacial travel.

**Harness:** If you have one otherwise we will provide one.

**Two Carabiners:** If you have them else we'll provide them.

**One Rappel Device:** figure of 8 or ATC if you have one. We can provide this.

**Helmet:** (Black Diamond, Petzl) we can provide this.

**Camping Gear**

**Rucsac about 65litre:**

**Small day pack:** Optional

**Down sleeping bag:** Rated to at least -25°C We can order one for you at trade with mountain equipment

**Inflatable Mat:** Thermarest

**Foam pad:** Ridgerest or Multi-Mat

**Water bottles:** Two 1-liter, leak-proof wide-mouth bottles. (Nalgene)

**Thermos flask:** 1-liter

**Pee bottle:** One 1-liter, leak-proof wide-mouth. (Nalgene) Decorate to distinguish from water bottle

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**Dishes:** Large mug, plastic bowl, Lexan fork and spoon. Lightweight metal is O.K.

## **Medical & Personal**

**Sunscreen:** SPF 30 if you can get a stick that is better

**Lipscreen:** SPF 30 or higher if you have a stick for above then it will work for lips too

**Toiletry kit:** Personal toiletries

**Zip-loc bags:** Always useful, bring them for personal trash bags and to organize small items.

**Wet wipes**

## **Travel Items**

**Expedition holdal bag:**

**Small padlocks:** For bag(s) while being stored at the hotel.

**Book(s)**

**Camera**

**Journal**