

BOLIVIAN

Peaks

17 July, 2027

Fixed Travel Date

Pequeno Alpamayo (5337m)

Chachacomani (6074 m)

Illimani (6462 m)

A photograph of three hikers with large backpacks ascending a steep, snow-covered mountain ridge. The hiker in the foreground is seen from behind, wearing a dark jacket and a large backpack. The other two hikers are further up the ridge. The sky is clear and blue, and the snow is bright white. The overall scene is one of a high-altitude mountain expedition.

This classic expedition in the Cordillera Real provides mountaineers with a stunning opportunity to climb a series of striking, well-shaped peaks. The journey begins in La Paz, followed by travel to Copacabana for acclimatization near Lake Titicaca, including visits to Inca ruins and the Island of the Sun. After acclimatizing, the trek continues into the Condoriri region-often described as magical-featuring pyramid-shaped mountains, pristine snow faces, elegant ridges, and fields of penitentes. Initial climbs include Pico Austria (5100m) and Pyramid Blanca (5230m), combined with glacier training, before progressing to the beautiful Pequeno Alp amayo (5337m).

After returning to La Paz for rest, the expedition continues with a three-day ascent of Chachacomani (6074 m). Afterwards we will also attempt Illimani (6462m), a dominant peak overlooking La Paz and a fitting finale. Bolivia is known for its consistently stable weather, which has historically allowed full completion of the climbing program.

\$ 3,950 USD

Price Per Person

Participation **STATEMENT**

Arnold Coster acknowledges that mountaineering and related activities involve inherent risks, including injury or death. Participants must accept these risks and take responsibility for their own actions.



Expedition **OVERVIEW**

This expedition is designed to allow climbers to attempt a wide range of peaks. Although the schedule is demanding, its an excellent introduction to high altitude mountaineering and you will gain all skills to venture to higher altitudes.

The journey begins in the Condoriri range, home to thirteen peaks over 5,000m, all accessible within a day from base camp. The camp is set beside Laguna Chiar Khota, offering spectacular views. Equipment is transported with the help of mules.

After we polished our skills we move to Chachacomani (6074 m) and gain more acclimatization. The crown jewel of this expedition is Illimani (6462m) the highest peak of the region.

Flexibility of **ITINERARY**

While every effort is made to follow the planned itinerary, changes may occur due to factors such as weather, flight schedules, or logistical limitations. Flexibility and patience are required, as some circumstances are beyond control.

Planned Ascents Include

Pico Austria (5100m)

An excellent acclimatization climb over rocky terrain with panoramic views.

Pyramid Blanca (5230m)

Ideal for practicing crampon use and alpine movement while gaining altitude.

Pequeno Alpamayo (5337m)

A visually impressive peak reached via moraine and glacier travel, followed by a scenic ridge climb.

Chachacomani (6074 m)

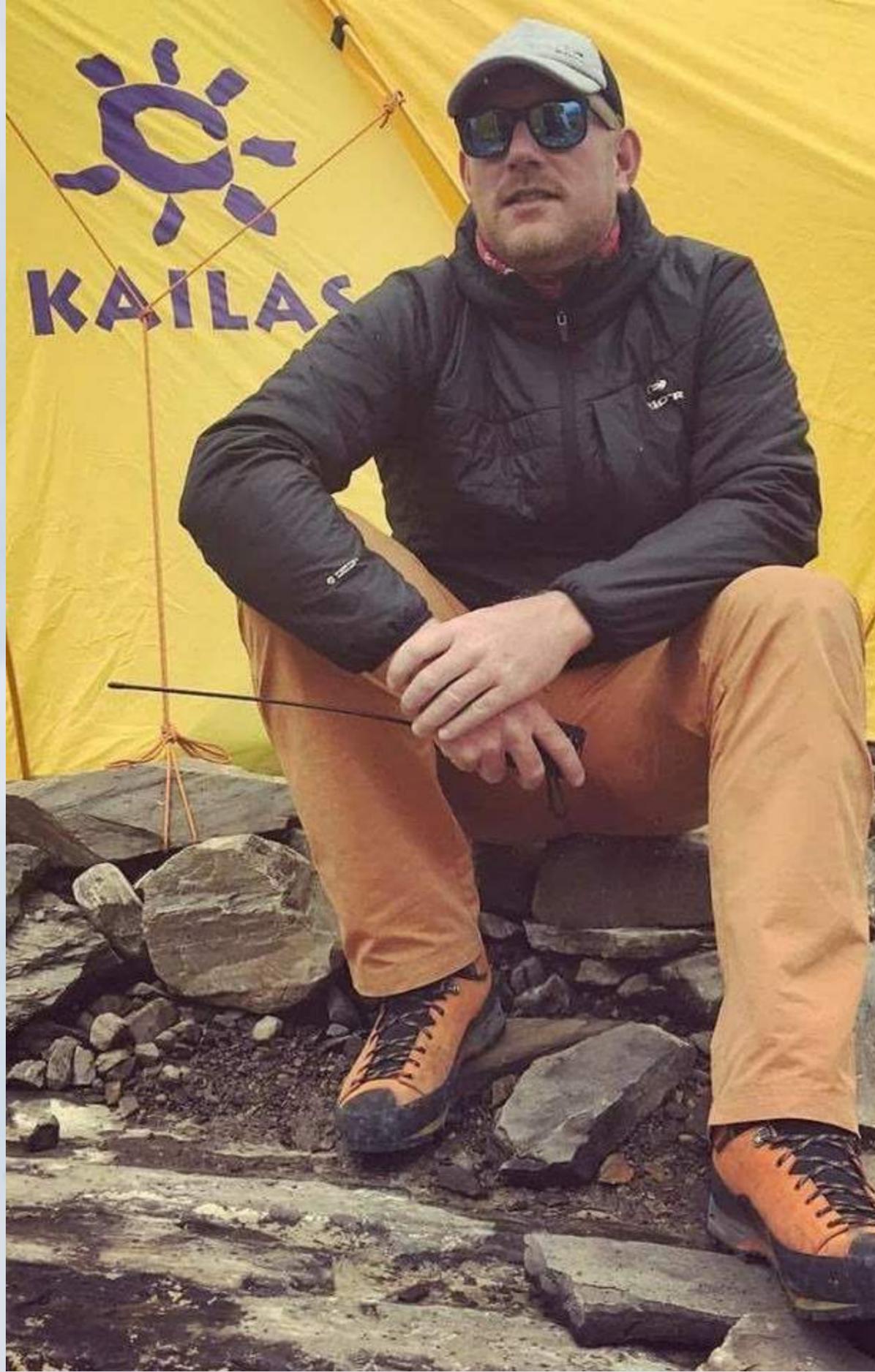
A classic, accessible ice peak climbed over three days.

Illimani (6462m)

The highest peak in the Cordillera Real, climbed via two camps and is considered one of South America's finest mountains.

Required **EXPERIENCE**

Suitable for climbers with prior experience such as Scottish winter mountaineering (Grade I), an introductory alpine course, Mont Blanc, or similar expeditions like Mera Peak or Ecuador's volcanoes.



Acclimatization & Climate

Acclimatization includes time in La Paz and visits to Lake Titicaca and the Island of the Sun. Bolivia typically offers stable weather, especially between May and August, with reliable snow and ice conditions due to cold nights.

Outlined ITINERARY

Day 01

Arrive in La Paz, Bolivia. From El Alto Airport on the high-altitude plateau, descend into the city, one of the highest capitals in the world. Spend the day adjusting to the altitude, exploring the city, and enjoying views of the Cordillera Real via the extensive cable car system. A gear check and briefing will also take place. Overnight in a hotel in La Paz (3600 m).

Day 02

Travel to Tiwanaku, an important pre-Incan archaeological site known for its massive stone structures and the famous Gate of the Sun. Continue across the altiplano along Lake Titicaca, the largest high-altitude lake, and cross the Strait of Tiquina by boat before reaching Copacabana. Overnight in Copacabana (3841 m).

Day 03

Begin with a hike above Copacabana for panoramic views, followed by a boat ride to Isla del Sol. Visit Incan ruins such as Pilko Kaina and trek across the island, stopping at archaeological sites like the Chincana complex. Enjoy sweeping views of the lake and surrounding mountains before reaching your lodge in Yumani. Overnight at an ecolodge (3972 m).

Day 04

Return by boat to Copacabana, then drive to Rinconada, the gateway to the Condoriri mountains. From there, trek with donkeys carrying gear to Laguna Chiar Khota, where base camp is established with views of the surrounding peaks. Overnight at base camp (4700 m).

Day 05

Climb Pico Austria, a non-technical peak ideal for acclimatization, offering excellent views of the Cordillera Real and surrounding landscapes. Overnight at base camp (4700 m).



Day 06

Hike to the glacier edge for a full day of mountaineering practice, including crampon use and glacier travel techniques. Overnight at base camp (4700 m).

Day 07

Rest and prepare for the upcoming climb of Pequeño Alpamayo. Overnight at base camp (4700 m).

Day 08

Attempt the ascent of Pequeño Alpamayo, a striking peak known for its elegant shape. The route follows a glacier to Pico Tarija before continuing over mixed rock and snow terrain to the summit. Overnight at base camp (4700 m).

Day 09

Return on foot to Rinconada with the help of pack animals, then travel back to La Paz for rest. Overnight in a hotel (3600 m).

Day 10

Drive to Alto Cruz Pampa and begin a three-hour trek to Chachacomani Base Camp through a scenic glacial valley. Overnight at base camp (4470 m).

Day 11

Ascend to high camp over several hours, with porters or donkeys carrying equipment. Camp near the glacier's edge. Overnight at high camp (5130 m).

Day 12

Summit attempt of Chachacomani. Traverse glaciers and climb steeper sections to reach the summit, which offers expansive views across the altiplano and surrounding ranges. Return to base camp. Overnight at base camp (4470 m).

Day 13

Retrace the route back to Alto Cruz Pampa and return to La Paz. Overnight in a hotel (3600 m).

Day 14

Drive through scenic countryside to Pinaya and continue to Puente Roto, the base camp for Illimani. Overnight at camp (4495 m).

Day 15

Climb gradually to the high camp at Nido de Condores, traversing slopes and a rocky ridge. Porters assist with carrying loads. Overnight at high camp (5500 m).

Day 16

Summit attempt of Illimani. Ascend snow ridges and slopes to reach the top, rewarded with spectacular panoramic views. Descend back to base camp. Overnight at Puente Roto (4495 m).

Day 17

Return by vehicle to La Paz via Pinaya. Overnight in a hotel (3600 m).

Day 18

Depart Bolivia and return home.



Additional INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

Spanish is the main language, though Aymara is also widely spoken.



DAILY ROUTINE

Most days begin around 7:00am with 6–8 hours of activity; summit days start earlier (around 2:00am).



ACCOMMODATION

Hotels in cities; shared tents during the expedition.



TRANSPORT

Private minibuses, jeeps, and taxis.

BAGGAGE

Limit of 20kg for mule transport; extra luggage can be stored in La Paz.



HEALTH

Leaders are first aid trained; personal medical supplies are required. Water must be treated before drinking.



CURRENCY

Boliviano is the local currency; US dollars are widely accepted.



TIPPING

Optional but customary; around \$150 is typical.



INSURANCE

Comprehensive mountaineering insurance is mandatory.

What is Included

- Arnold Coster as the team leader (Group size 5 or more)
- Permits, charges, importation taxes and levies payable to the Local Authorities in connection with the expedition.
- Food, fuel and cooking equipment whilst on the mountain.
- Transportation of baggage by mules and porters
- All airport pick up and drop
- Hotel and other accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast basis.
- All tents and other communal equipment necessary for the climb.
- Medical safety equipment and supplies.
- A Bolivian certified guide 2:1





What is **Not Included**

- Personal climbing clothes and equipment.
- Personal insurance, visas, departure tax and inoculations.
- International Airfare
- Cost for visa if applicable
- Drinks and hotel or guest house meals, unless specified.
- Personal medical supplies and personal use of communication equipment.
- Excess baggage.
- Individual Cost for early or late departure
- Tips for porters and local guides.
- Costs associated with extending a trip due to bad weather or other circumstances.
- Many clients join our expeditions as individuals if we cannot match you up with the same gender for the hotel nights you will be charged 50% of the single supplement fee.

BOOKING

At Arnold Coster, we would like to talk to the climber personally before we finalize any applications for the expeditions. We want to make sure that we understand each other completely before we ask for any commitments.

If you would like to book a place on this expedition, you can do so securely by requesting our application form, over the phone or by sending an email on

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