

# - Chimborazo climbing - 6268 m

High mountain 2 days / 1 night

The Chimborazo volcano is the highest peak in Ecuador and it is also the closest point on earth to the sun with its 6268 meters of altitude because it is located near the equatorial line. Located at 4h30 from Quito on the Western cordillera of the Andes and 45 minutes from Riobamba city and is part of the Chimborazo Wildlife Reserve. Unique site in Ecuador where you can observe vicunas in their natural environment. Depending on the time of ascent, the Chimborazo can be technical and tricky, ending up in hard ice rather than snow, so it is necessary to have a minimum of experience to climb it. Allow between 10 and 12 hours of walking round trip.

*A great and nice challenge!*



## Day 1:

Departure at 9:30 am from Quito in private vehicle to the Chimborazo reserve, then to the Hermanos Carrel refuge located at 4800 m. Ascent to the second refuge Edward Whymper, located at 5000 m. Lunch at the refuge. In the afternoon, review of the equipment. The guide will explain the handling of technical equipment, the evolution on the glacier with this equipment (helmet, harness, rope, crampons and ice axe). Safety and rescue techniques will be explained according to high mountain safety standards. Dinner and rest in the dormitory provided for this purpose.

*Night at the refuge at 5000m. L - D*

Meals included are indicated as follows:

*B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner*

**Type of terrain:** sand, rock and occasional snow trails - **Unevenness:** 200 meters - **Walking time:** 45 minutes



## Day 2

Get up in the night to eat and put on your personal and technical equipment. The ascent will begin around midnight. The roping will take place on the glacier 200 meters above refuge. The ascent will take 7-8 hours and the descent will take approximately 3-4 hours. Return to the refuge to pick up your extra equipment and return to Quito in the afternoon. **B**

**Hiking time:** about 10-12 hours

**Type of terrain:** sand, rock, occasional snow and glacier trails

**Unevenness:** 1268 meters

## Price per person

Base 1 participant : 600 Usd

Base 2 participants : 400 Usd



## Our rate includes:

*A high-mountain guide for a maximum of two participants*

*Night at the shelter*

*Technical equipment: Ice axes, crampons, harness, helmet, ropes and carabiners.*

*Meals except breakfast (Day 1) and lunch and dinner (Day 2)*

*Transportation Quito / Chimborazo Refuge / Quito*

## Our rate doesn't include:

*Entrance to Chimborazo National Park - Free at the moment*

*Sleeping bag*

*Rental of mountain boots*

*Base camp supplément: USD 120 per rope team*



## Note:

*Depending on the time of ascent, the Chimborazo can be technical and delicate, being found in ice rather than snow, so it is necessary to have a minimum of experience to climb it.*

## List of personal belongings to bring

*Wool Cap*

*Light Gloves and waterproof gloves or mittens*

*Technical jacket and trousers*

*Headlamp*

*Glacier goggles (protection 3 or 4)*

*Rigid mountaineering boots equipped with a thermal liner intended for temperatures below  $-10^{\circ}$  or  $-20^{\circ}$  and which accept semi-automatic crampons or plastic shells (old models)*

*Sleeping bag*

*70 l backpack (for carrying equipment to the refuge)*

*Small 20 L backpack for the ascent, walking stick (optional).*

*Gaiters*



## Practical advice

*Due to low temperatures on the glacier, it is imperative to have good mountain boots. We advise participants to put on rigid mountaineering boots equipped with a thermal liner intended for temperatures below  $-10^{\circ}$  or  $-20^{\circ}$  and which accept semi-automatic crampons or boots with rigid shells. It would be preferable, for a better comfort during the ascent, that you wear your own shoes, however, there is also the possibility of renting them on site (Maximum size 47). If you need to rent equipment in Quito, we will help you in this process. For problems related to altitude sickness, consult your doctor for the use of Diamox.*