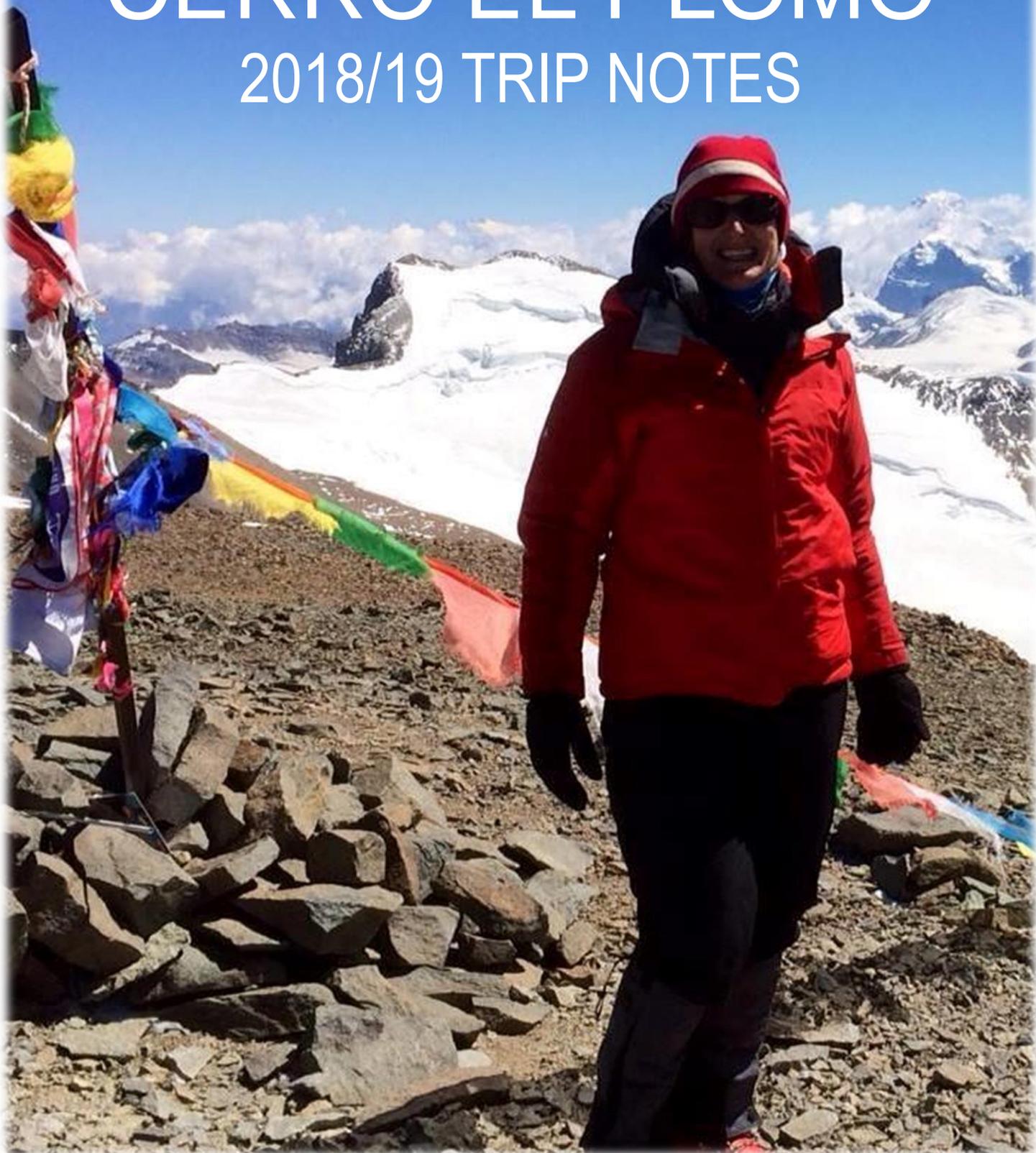




CERRO EL PLOMO

2018/19 TRIP NOTES





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Trip 1: November 20 to 29, 2018

Trip 2: December 21 to 30, 2018

Trip 3: January 20 to 29, 2019

Expedition Notes

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Located at 5,434 metres, Cerro el Plomo is an impressive mountain that sits to the northeast of Santiago and affords great views of the high mountains of Central Chile and Argentina such as Aconcagua and Tupungato.

On a clear day, Cerro el Plomo is the largest visible peak from the city of Santiago and makes for an achievable acclimatisation climb prior to your Aconcagua expedition.



History

The Incas climbed to Cerro el Plomo's summit periodically in the 15th century and for many years after this, mountaineers and prospectors found traces of Incan presence on Cerro el Plomo. In 1896, this distinctive mountain was officially summited by Gustav Brandt and Rudolph Lucke. 1954 saw the discovery of a shrine and the body of a child that had been sacrificed by the Incas in honour of the Sun God, Inti.

How the Expedition Operates

The expedition begins and culminates in the Chilean capital city of Santiago, the fifth largest city in South America. With no shortage of cultural sights to see, neighbourhoods to explore and gastronomic delights to experience, this is a city that has a lot to offer.

We spend a day in Santiago, allowing time to finalise our equipment, have a team briefing as well as a tour of the city. The following day, you can enjoy the Chilean scenery as you travel for a few hours with your guide as you make your way to the Valle Nevado. We load up the mules with your equipment, and the start of the trek towards Piedra Numerada (3,370m) where the team will camp overnight. This is our base for another day as you enjoy a day trek and gain valuable acclimatisation.



It is then onwards to Base Camp located at Federaciones (4,000m) at the foot of El Plomo. From here, you can take in the magnificent views of the valley and its hanging glaciers. We spend another day acclimatising here, with an optional ascent of Mt Leonera (4975m). After which, it is up early for the summit attempt. Enroute to the summit you will get the opportunity to visit the site where preserved remains of an Incan mummy were discovered in 1954. Once on the summit, you will be

rewarded with stunning views of the central Andes and on a clear day, you may be lucky enough to see Aconcagua to the north.

Descend to Base Camp and prepare for the final day's travel back to Valle Nevado and Santiago.

Itinerary and Dates

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- Day 1 Arrive Santiago
- 2 Sort equipment, expedition briefing, city tour and overnight Santiago hotel.
- 3 Drive to Valle Nevado and trek to Piedra Numerada
- 4 Acclimatise in Piedra Numerada
- 5 Trek to Base Camp Federaciones
- 6 Acclimatisation day, optional ascent of Mt Leonera (4,975m)
- 7 Summit attempt
- 8 Contingency day
- 9 Return to Santiago, overnight
- 10 Fly to Mendoza

The Expedition Fee

The cost of the expedition ex-Santiago, Chile is

US\$2,900 per person for groups of 2-3
US\$3,800 1:1 guide to climber ratio

This is an inclusive cost and covers the following:

- Adventure Consultants qualified local guide/s
- All expedition organisational requirements
- Twin share hotel accommodation (3-4 star) in Santiago
- Half day Santiago City Tour
- All land transport within Chile ex-Santiago
- Camping accommodation (5-6 nights) while attempting the climb
- All meals and snacks ex-Santiago
- Group equipment: radios, tents, stoves etc. and all supplies necessary to make a safe and strong bid for the summit

The expedition fee does not include the following:

- Personal clothing and equipment
- Personal Travel/Trip Cancellation/Medical Evacuation Insurance
- Airport Transfers
- Dinners in Santiago
- Bottled Beverages
- Personal expenses such as alcohol, gifts, laundry etc
- Return flights and visas to Santiago, Chile
- Onwards flights to Mendoza for those joining the Aconcagua Expedition
- Excess equipment over the 20kg per person allowance
- Any rescue costs
- Government and airport taxes
- Medical vaccinations
- Any costs associated with early departure from the expedition
- Gratuities

Visas

Generally, entry Visas are not required for travellers to Chile staying less than three months but please check with your travel agent for details according to your nationality.

Payments

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

**Bank of New Zealand
Offshore Branch
1 Willis Street
Wellington
New Zealand**

for the account of **Adventure Consultants Limited**

Account # **1000-594771-0000**
Account Type: **US Dollars**
Swift Address: **BKNZNZ22**

Note: All bank transfer charges are for the **remitter's account**.

We can also accept your deposit and balance payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex) plus a 3% credit card fee.

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of US\$500 is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

Balance

The balance is payable 90 days prior to the expedition start date.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

An expedition member may cancel his/her participation on the following basis:

- A Cancellations within of 90 days of the departure date, but prior to 60 days of the departure date, are refunded on the basis of 50% of the balance payment.
- B For cancellation made within 60 days of the departure date there will be no refunds.

Team members should take out private insurance if they wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons. This is called Trip Cancellation Insurance and can be obtained from your normal travel agent.

Food

Our food on the expedition while on the mountain is prepared by the guides. Please indicate any specific dietary requirements you may have on your application form. For special diets such as vegan and gluten/dairy free, we will call you to discuss your needs and how this will work in the group cooking situation. If your dietary requirements are especially strict you are advised to bring a sufficient supply of your required food types with you to ensure you are provided for.

Medical Examination

Expedition members will be provided with a medical questionnaire and asked to visit their family physician and receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by our medical adviser and the guides and is treated with full confidentiality. Advice on immunisations will be provided at this time.

Documentation and Photographs

Expedition members will be requested to provide 3 passport photographs for the climbing/trekking permits and a copy of their passport bio-data page.

The Advantages of Climbing with Us

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to high altitude expedition climbing. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination. We have a philosophy of investing in every expedition to offer our climbers the best possible chance of success.

We employ strong and specialised Expedition leaders and staff, who are some of the most pre-eminent in the industry. We pride ourselves on operating with small teams, the best back-up and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable base camp facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical back up.

Many of our expedition members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions safe and successful.

How to Join This Expedition

If you would like to join the Cerro el Plomo expedition please complete our online Expedition Application Form at <https://www.adventureconsultants.com/expeditions/south-america/cerro-el-plomo/book-now> and forward along the deposit for the trip. If you require more information, please contact us at:

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