

## ***Aguja Poincenot 3002 msnm Chalten Patagonia Argentina.***

Being the third most important spire in height, in addition to its aesthetic silhouette, is one of the great objectives in Patagonia. A real challenge for its variety of terrain on the way to its small summit. Great glaciers, snowfields and cracks in perfect granite makes Poincenot a unique peak along the great mountains of Patagonia.

**Difficulty:** High.

**Duration:** 3 days.

**Pax:** 1 or 2 climbers.

**Recommended time:** November to January.

**Included:** UIAGM/IFMGA certified guide, expedition meals, tent, cooking gear, group technical equipment, GPS, VHF and satellite communication, individual technical equipment (helmet, harness, crampons, safety carabiners, ice axes).

**Not included:** sleeping bag, insulation matt, high mountain boots, climbing shoes, backpack, technical clothing, meals outside the expedition, hotel.

**Program:** the day before the expedition there's a brief meeting with the guide to check equipment and arrange last-minute details.

**Day 1:** Once all the equipment is organized, we drive to Hostería El Pilar on the way to Rio Electrico. We start with a hike of 2hs to the Poincenot camp, and one more hour to reach Laguna de los Tres, one of the most popular hikes in Patagonia. We continue along the southern margin of the lake using fixed ropes and with some easy climbing to skip a rock outcrop. We gear up to cross the glacier, which will take us to the base camp called Paso Superior.

Distance to travel: 12 Km. (7 / 8hs of march). Elevation gain: 1500 m. Camp Paso Superior

**Day 2:** Great day of climbing! We leave very early Paso superior to make the most of the light hours and conditions of the glacier. The standard route is the Whillans-Cochrane ramp with a climb of 550m 5+ 70 ° M4, meaning a real technical climb that mixes all kind of terrain. A great objective for those who want to continue evolving in mountaineering. It will be a long day of approximately 20 hours until we get back to the base camp.

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Day 3: We return to the town following the same itinerary as the first day. Distance to travel: 12 km (6 hours of walking). Descent: 1500 meters.

