

## ***Cerro Mocho 1953 msnm Chalten Patagonia Argentina.***

The mountain considered for many years invincible, where no man could put his feet on top, is one of the most aesthetic peaks in Patagonia and in the whole world. With an amazing history, Cerro Torre is one of the most precious goals for every climber.

**Difficulty:** Very high.

**Duration:** 5 to 7 days.

**Pax:** 1 person.

**Recommended time:** November to March.

**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.

The route normally chosen is on the west side of Cerro Torre: Via dei Ragni (Ragni Route). 600m, 90°, M4.



**Day 1:** We drive to the bridge of Rio Eléctrico where we start a 2-hour hike to Piedra del Fraile camp. Then we continue hiking a demanding trail between moraines and glaciers, ascending 950m of altitude and walking 12km of distance in about 6 hours, to our first camp at Paso Marconi in the Southern Patagonian Ice Field.

**Day 2:** We start early in the morning moving to the Circo de los Altares s at the foot of Cerro Torre. Then we begin ascending snow ramps that take us to the first part of the climb, a mixed climbing section (rock and ice). After this, we arrive at the Advanced camp of the so-called Filo Roso. An intense day of about 15km of route and with a moderate to hard climbing of 150m.

**Day 3:** approximately at midnight, we start climbing towards the summit, reaching first the Col of Hope, then overcoming the Elmo formation (ice of particular hardness and shape), and later climbing the blue and hard ice of the so-called headwall. Then we finally reach the base of the famous



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mushroom of Cerro Torre. Only 30m of very exposed climbing, because the consistency of the ice, separate us from the summit. If the weather helps and we keep a good pace, we will be at the summit in the afternoon. After enjoying its views, we start with the hard work of rappelling, where we will have to spend the rest of the day and the next morning until we reach the camp.

**Day 4:** After a short nap we start our return to the Marconi pass where we will spend another night.

**Day 5:** We return from the Marconi Pass to town following the same tracks as the first day.