

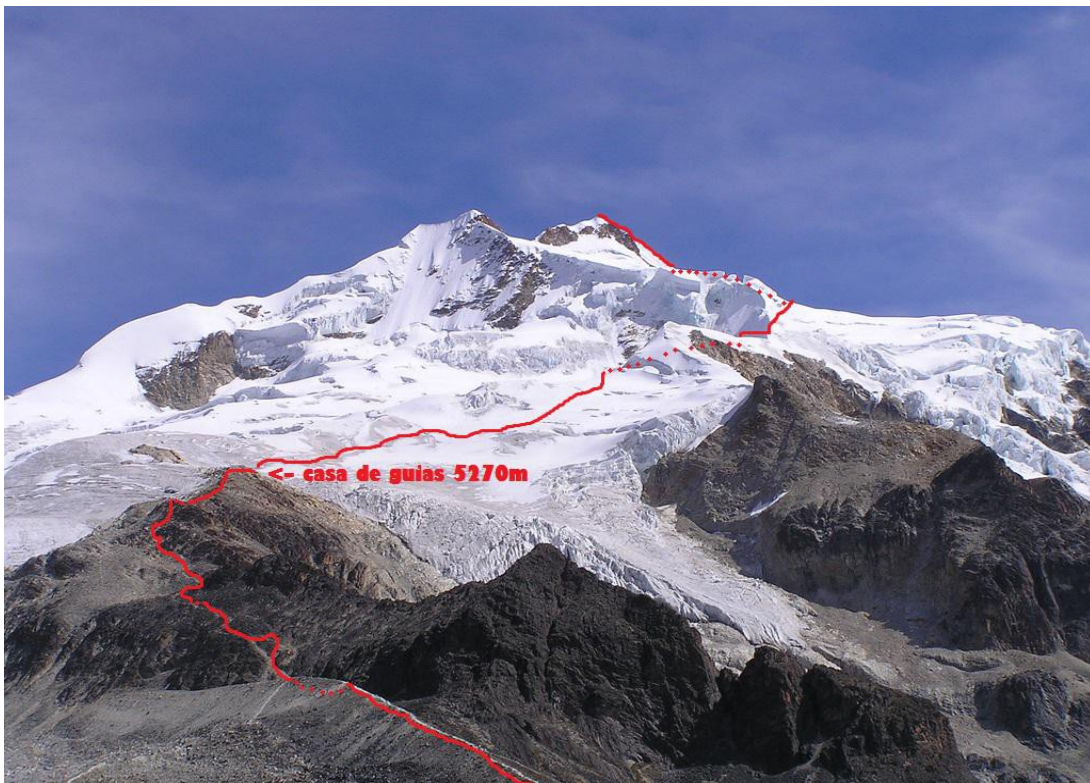
Huayna Potosi 6088m high

Huayna Potosi is a beautiful mountain in the Cordillera Real from Bolivia, reaching the altitude of 6088m. It is among the very few 6000m peaks in the world, which can be climbed within 2 days from a big city. Here follows a brief description of an ascent on the normal route:

Day 1: Your mountain guide picks you up at the hotel around 9 a.m. Once you tried the climbing equipment in La Paz, the transfer to paso Zongo at 4800masl, takes approx 2 hours. There you will have lunch at the "casa blanca" refuge, run the by the Altamirano family. The hike in the afternoon takes you along the base of Zongo glacier before heading up along the moraine. You will climb 480m altitude higher than the starting point which takes between 2h30 and 3h30. The "casa de guias" refuge at 5270m is usually less crowded, offers real beds, cooking facilities and led lights in the early morning. There you will have time to prepare the equipment, talk about the next day with your guide, drink tea and have an early dinner. The glacier is basically on the door step of the refuge with the advantage that you start directly roped up with crampons and ice axe the following day.

Day 2: The summit day, you will leave between 1h30 and 2h30 a.m., and the entire ascent takes 5 to 7 hours. The normal route is technically not very demanding. There are 2 parts though, which are steeper and exposed. Crossing the first bergschrund, with often an open crevasse is approx. 50m long and 50° steep. The second part is below the Summit where you will either follow the summit ridge which is very exposed but not complicated or climb up the slope directly under the summit which is approx. 130m altitude difference in a 45° slope. The summit is far higher than anything else anywhere nearby, and the Cordillera Real, the Amazon Basin & Yungas forest, Lake Titicaca, La Paz, and part of the Altiplano are visible on this 360° Panorama. From the summit you will return to the refuge in 2 hours, where you will gather your sleeping bags, drink some tea, before you continue with the descent to "Casa Blanca". This takes usually 2 extra hours. You will return to La Paz the same day, where we leave you at your hotel in the middle of the afternoon.

Day 0: For people who have no experience crossing glaciated terrain with crampons and Ice Axe, we suggest they take a first day for practice on the Zongo glacier. Your mountain guide will teach you all the basic skills, with which you will feel much more secure during the oncoming ascent. The glacier is a 45 minutes' walk from Casa Blanca refuge and offers beautiful views on the surrounding peaks. This extra day also has the advantage of giving more time to your body to acclimatize to high altitude.



NB: there are many options for interesting climbs nearby:

Enjoy 50+ bolted rockclimbing routes or multi-pitch trad climbing in the best granite the region has to offer. Or take the opportunity to climb lower satellite summits as Charkini 5392m, pico Milluni 5503m or pico Italia 5723m to acclimatize perfectly before attempting to cross the symbolic limit of 6000m altitude.

On the following website there are topos of the region:

<http://www.boliviACLimbinginfo.org/cordillera-real/southern/huayna-potosi-area/>

You can get a daily updated rather accurate weather forecast at the following address:

<http://www.mountain-forecast.com/peaks/Huayna-Potosi/forecasts/5500>

Included in our prices (*) is the technical climbing gear. We expect you to have a sleeping bag for the night(s) in the refuge, a headlamp and warm cloths. There is no problem in renting those items, but we charge for it separately as most people bring them along.

Complete gear list from foot to head:

- Crampons *
- warm mountaineering boots *
- 2 pair of warm socks
- long thermic underpants
- Impermeable overpants
- Harness *
- 2 carabiners *
- prussik corde *
- Ice axe *
- inner gloves
- warm gloves (evtl. mitten)
- long sleeved thermic under wear
- polar fleece jacket
- down jacket
- hard shell jacket
- 35L backpack
- 2L liquid container
- several buffs
- warm hat
- headlamp
- helmet *



Price list (in USD \$) per person

2 days program

minimal number of days for climbing Huayna Potosi

1 person 635

2 persons 375

3 persons 375

4 persons 325

3 days program

With glacier training while acclimatizing the first day or 1 satellite summit nearby

1 person 775

2 persons 475

3 persons 450

4 persons 425

4 days program

with glacier training, rockclimbing and/or satellite summit nearby such as Charkini, pico milluni

1 person 975

2 persons 650

3 persons 650

4 persons 600

These prices include private transport, an UIAGM/IFMGA certified mountain guide for every 2 participants, cook, meals, night in refuge « casa de guias » and the mentioned climbing equipment.