



Parinacota volcano 6348m - in the Sajama National Park

Parinacota, is the higher, yet technically easier volcano, of the Payachatas (twins); Pomerape being the second brother. The climb is technically easy. During the climb, views on Sajama volcano, the highest summit of Bolivia are sublime, as the sun rises behind it. The highlight of this climb is the views offered into the huge crater of this extinct volcano.

Day one : You will leave La Paz around 08:00 am, for an approximately 5 hours long drive. Once you reached half way, and are on the road between Patacamaya and the Chilean border, the Landscapes become more interesting and beautiful and you will see many Lamas, Alpacas, and eroded Lava fields. On the way you will also have a break for Lunch, and have a look at the old funeral towers from the Carangas Lords. Once you reached the village of Sajama, you will take your rooms in the typical Khala Uta's, before you leave with your driver to the thermal waters nearby. Dinner is served in the community room, and we recommend you go to bed rather early, after you had a look at the star sky, which is particularly shiny in the region.

Day two: You will have breakfast around 2:00 am, and leave the village with 4x4 vehicles around 03:00 am. It is an approximately 1:45 hours drive, which finishes at 5100m altitude. You will start walking towards the col between Parinacota and Pomerape volcanoes by night. As you reach the col at 5350m altitude, you will be witnessing Dawn. Depending on the time of the year, the snow limit's altitude, changes, and you might have to walk up a trail through a scree slope, before mounting your crampons. The ascent to the highest point of the crater of Parinacota, occurs on its northern slope, and the views on Pomerape volcano, laying on the other side of the Valley, will give you an idea of how much you still have to climb, as both have a similar altitude. As you reach the crater, you will have to climb additional 15-30 minutes to reach one of the highest points of the huge crater, reaching 6348m. The climb itself does not present particular technical difficulties. The region can be windy, which leads to the formation of Penitentes, which are beautiful, but can be tiring to overcome. To reach the summit should take less than 7 hours, and on the way down, you will take a direct line down towards the parking lot, which will take around 2 hours, depending on the conditions. You will be back at the car, before 14:00. After a late lunch in Sajama village, you can drive back to La Paz in the late afternoon, which you should reach around 21:00 pm.



On the following website there are topos of the region:

<http://www.boliviacimbinginfo.org/cordillera-occidental/parinacota/>

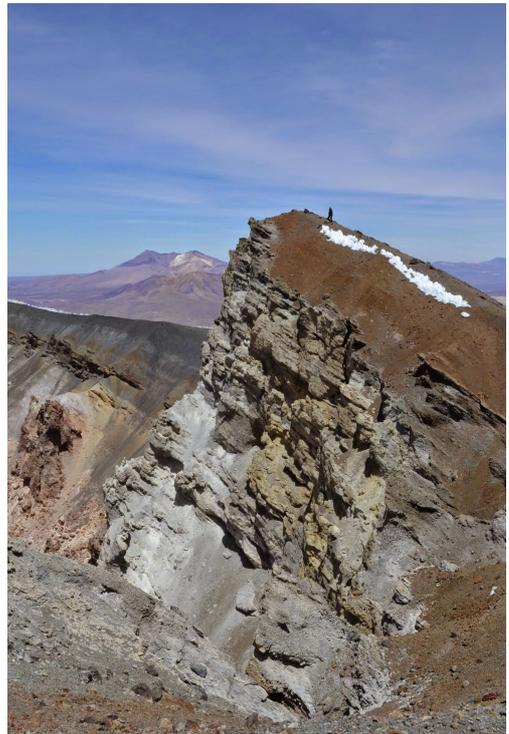
You can get a daily updated rather accurate weather forecast at the following address:

<https://www.mountain-forecast.com/peaks/Parinacota/forecasts/6348>

Included in our prices (*) is the technical climbing gear. We expect you to have a sleeping bag and mattress for the nights, 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 *
- Trekking poles *
- 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



Climber on the highest point of the gigantic crater of Parinacota



Telemark skier, riding down the eastern slope of the volcano, in the early climbing season

Price list (in USD \$)

2 days program

minimal number of days to climb
Acotango volcano

1 person 795

2 persons 445

3 persons 425

4 persons 375

4 days program

Combining your stay at Sajama NP
with the ascent of Parinacota

1 person 1250

2 persons 700

3 persons 700

4 persons 575

These prices include one IFMGA/UIAGM certified mountain guide for every 2 persons, private transport, meals, climbing gear, Sajama NP entrance fee, a night in a cozy hut in Sajama village.



Climbing the monotonous, hypnotizing, northern slope of Parinacota, with views on Pomerape in the Background.