



Acotango volcano 6052m - in Sajama National Park

Acotango is among the easiest summits, reaching the symbolic limit of 6000m, to climb in Bolivia, due to the lack of technical difficulties of the ascent itself, and the road of a sulfur mine, which reaches 5400m altitude. Among the various volcanoes of the region, it is however the one which offers the most beautiful views.

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 really beautiful and you will see many Lamas, Alpacas, and eroded Lava fields. On the way we will also have a break for a Pic Nic, and have a look at the old funeral towers from the Carangas Lords. Once we 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 3:00 am, and leave the village with 4x4 vehicles around 04:00 am. It is an approximately 1:30 hours drive, which finishes at 5400m altitude, just in time to witness the dawn, as you start walking. Unless there is a lot of wind, we recommend to follow the northern edge of the Crater, which offers incredible views during the ascent. The whole climb is not entirely snow covered, depending on the time of the year, but you usually step onto snow at some point. The first Volcano you will see is Sajama, being the highest one in Bolivia. The view then opens onto the Payachatas (Parinakhota and Pomerape) and Chungara lake at its feet. Half way up, you can then observe the active volcano Guallatiri, and only a few meters before you reach the summit, you will spot the neighboring Capurata volcano. To reach the summit should take less than 4 hours, and on the way down, you might want to follow the other ridge line, thus following the entire crater. You will be back in Sajama for lunch, and drive back to La Paz in the afternoon, which you should reach around 17:00 pm.



On the following website there are topos of the region:

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

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

<https://www.mountain-forecast.com/peaks/Acotango/forecasts/6052>

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



the colonial church of Sajama village



active volcano Guallatire seen through a hole in a Penitentes

Price list (in USD \$)

2 days program

minimal number of days to climb
Acotango volcano

1 person 775

2 persons 425

3 persons 400

4 persons 350

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.



Views onto Sajama volcano in the early morning