



**Alaska Mountain Guides  
International Inc.**



## Why Climb Aconcagua With Alaska Mountain Guides?



Alaska Mountain Guides International Inc. is considered one of the best outfitters on Aconcagua. Some of the reasons for this include:

### EXPERINECED AMERICAN GUIDES ON EVERY TRIP

Our leaders are full time mountain professionals who are exemplary guides. They are dedicated to insuring our guests an experience that exceeds their expectations!

Every Aconcagua trip that we lead draws on the experience of more than 16 years of guiding high altitude trips on Mt McKinley, Kilimanjaro, The Volcanoes of Ecuador and Mexico, and in the Himalayas. We have led more than eighty Aconcagua expeditions since 1990, including successful fundraisers for the Canadian Heart Association, climbs of the Polish Glacier Direct and first ascents in the Upper Vaccas Valley. We are experts at climbing Aconcagua and would like to help you achieve your goal of standing on top of Aconcagua. Climbing at altitude is demanding, and the service you choose will have a tremendous impact on your experience both on and off the mountain. Below are some important considerations before choosing a guide service on Aconcagua.

### TRIP SIZE

We believe that group size is one of the most important factors determining the kind of experience our guests will have. Smaller group sizes give us the flexibility to meet individual goals and expectations, as well as to avoid some of the challenges associated with large groups. Because of this we generally limit our groups to six guests with 2 guides. We are happy to work with larger groups by special arrangements.

### SAFETY

Alaska Mountain Guides International has a perfect safety record. We have had no major injuries or accidents in more than sixteen years of operations. This is not happenstance; **your safety is our highest priority**. We were the first guide service to carry satellite phones on all of our trips and continue to use them on every trip. We also carry pulse oximeters, stethoscopes, and expedition first aid kits on all trips.



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Our leaders are medically trained and experienced with the issues found at altitude. They are experts who recognize the early signs and symptoms of altitude sickness and take action before they become issues.



### SANITATION

In our experience, many people fail to summit Aconcagua due to sickness caused by water or food. Because of this AMGI has implemented the highest level of sanitation on the mountain. All drinking water is filtered or treated, all cooks and guests are given antibacterial hand wash, and most of our cooks are certified food handlers. This extra effort has proven to keep our guests healthy and strong for the summit. Do not trust your expedition to a guide service that does not provide a reliable water treatment system!



### EQUIPMENT

AMGI uses only the best outdoor gear available. To this end we have formed corporate partnerships with Patagonia, MSR, Thermarest, Kelty and Black Diamond Equipment to supply all of our climbing and camping gear. This guarantees that any gear you get from us will be of the highest quality.

### RATE OF ASCENT AND THE NUMBER OF CAMPS USED

Rate of ascent is one of the most important things to consider when climbing a big mountain. Many services try to rush people up the mountain. This frequently creates a situation where many members of the group are not acclimatized enough to enjoy themselves, or do well on summit day. The reason most groups do not summit on Aconcagua is not because of bad weather, but simply because they move up the mountain too fast! Our itineraries are designed to provide individuals with a positive high altitude experience. They include ample time for rest, weather, and acclimatization days. We normally use four camps above Base Camp, which dramatically increases the safety and success of our guests because of better acclimatization. This also makes the carries between camps less than 2000 vertical feet, another big factor in being well acclimatized!

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### VALUE

AMGI offers the best value of all the North American guide services that supply professional US mountain guides. See the "Outfitter Comparison" on our website to compare prices and service.

### QUALITY OF SERVICE

Customer Service and attention to detail are what set us apart! This starts with your first email or call to our office, though the numerous questions, onto the mountain and to post trip follow up. **Our goal is to provide you the best possible experience.** The following is a partial list of our satisfied customers: Putney Student Travel, Sheldon Jackson College, Princes Cruise Lines, Colorado State University, Adventure Treks, Royal Caribbean Cruise lines, Mountain Travel Sobek, Rowland Hall Academy, The Boy Scouts of America, Cornerstone Wilderness Therapy, Central Michigan University, Holland America Lines, Entrée Travel, and The Canadian Heart Association (selected AMGI to lead their fundraising climb in 2005, 2007 and 2008)

### INSURED

Alaska Mountain Guides International trips are fully insured.

### REFERENCES

Don't just take our word for it. We are happy to provide guest references.

### THE COMPETITION

There are certainly other guide services that offer quality trips, however most of them run larger groups, don't provide experienced North American high altitude mountain guides, and most charge more.

### PRIVATE GROUPS AND DISCOUNTS

All groups of 4 or more receive a 10% discount. Groups of 5 or more will be treated as private trips. This means no one else will join your group and you can choose custom dates and routes with no additional cost.

### ADDED VALUE

All guests of AMGI receive additional discounts on gear and clothing at [www.backcountry.com](http://www.backcountry.com). We will send you a special code when we receive your registration form. Also, after your first trip with AMGI, all future trips with us are 10% off.



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