





Aconcagua Expedition Kit List

Our comprehensive kit list has evolved over many successful expeditions. Having the correct clothing and equipment on the mountain makes your climb more enjoyable and comfortable. For specific advice on individual items please don't hesitate to contact us or talk to a specialist outdoor retailer prior to your trip. Items marked  can be hired from Mountain Expeditions or hired in-country.



General

- Passport & Travel Documents plus photocopies:** Passport, Visa, Credit Cards, Airline tickets, etc.
- Rucksack:** 30-40L daypack for acclimatisation days and the trek to basecamp.
- Expedition Rucksack:** 65-80L to take your kit from PdM to higher camps carrying up to 15kg.
- Holdall:** To put everything in for our mules to carry into basecamp.
- Bag to leave in hotel.**
- Waterproof Liners:** For your day pack and holdall. Everything goes inside these so your kit is always dry.
- Sleeping Bag:** A good quality 5 season sleeping bag rated to -22 or more.
- Sleeping mattress:** Thermarest (or similar) inflating, insulating sleeping mat.
- Foam mattress:** Thin foam mattress eg, Thermarest ZLite for additional comfort at higher camps.
- Sleeping Bag Liner:** Adds warmth and will keep your sleeping bag clean.
- LED Headtorch:** For use in huts, and on summit night. Please bring spare lithium batteries.
- Trekking Poles:** Highly recommended. 
- Camera:** Plus memory & spare batteries.
- Personal Entertainment:** Music, book, cards, diary, notepad & pen.

Climbing Equipment

- Ice Axe:** Mountaineering/walking axe. 
- Crampons:** C2 walking crampons e.g. Grivel G12. 
- Helmet:** Lightweight plastic helmet preferred to a polystyrene one, e.g. Petzl Elios or Black Diamond Half Dome.



Upper Body

- Baselayers:** T-shirts or lightweight long sleeve shirts (not cotton); polypropylene, Capilene or Merino wool in lighter colours are better.
- Lightweight Fleece:** One or two fleeces or softshell jackets for layering.
- Primoloft Jacket:** Warm insulation layer, ideally with a hood. 
- Waterproof Jacket:** Fully waterproof and breathable e.g. GoreTex, eVent.
- Down Jacket:** Big and warm. Essential for summit day and evenings. 

Legs & Feet

- Socks:** 4-5 pairs trekking socks, a few causal pairs for basecamp and 2 pairs of thick summit socks. eg, Smartwool.
- Long Thermal Leggings:** To sleep in and wear under your softshell trousers on summit day.
- Walking Trousers:** Comfortable, lightweight and quick-drying.
- Softshell trousers:** For use higher on the mountain.
- Walking Shorts:** To wear in the valley.
- Walking Trainers:** For use around basecamp. You can also trek the first few days in good sturdy walking trainers.
- Walking boots:** Comfortable, worn in walking boots for acclimatisation days on the mountain.
- High Altitude Boots:** Double boots. eg, La Sportiva Spantik or G2SM, Scarpa 6000s.
- Gaiters:** To keep snow out of your boots. Optional.
- Waterproof Trousers:** Fully waterproof and breathable. Ideally with full length zips. e.g. GoreTex, eVent.

Head & Hands

- Sun Glasses:** Cat.3 or 4, 100% UVA/UVB.
- Sun Hat:** Essential.
- Buff:** Essential against the wind and Sun.
- Warm Hat.**
- Thin Gloves:** Liner gloves.
- Thick Gloves:** Warm and insulated. Sized to go over your liner gloves for extra warmth. 
- Mittens:** As above. 
- Ski Goggles:** Essential against the wind and glare.

Hygiene, Food & Toiletries

- Water Bottles:** 2-3 x 1 litre plus 1-2 0.5 litre Nalgene water bottles.
- Sunscreen & Lip Protection:** Essential. High SPF (30+).
- Wash Kit:** Wet wipes, hand sanitizer, toothbrush & toothpaste, travel towel and toilet paper.
- Snacks & Sweets:** To supplement the food provided. 1-2 per day is enough. High energy, lightweight and tasty.
- First Aid Kit:** Your Mountain Expeditions Guide will carry a comprehensive group first aid kit. A small blister/first aid kit of your own is advised: Compeed/Second Skin; plasters, painkillers (Paracetamol and Ibuprofen), Zinc Oxide tape, powdered rehydration sachets, antibacterial foot powder plus any personal medication you need.
- Small Repair Kit:** Gaffer tape, needle and thread, zip ties and para-cord are useful for little repairs.

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