



The mountain of the strong, icy wind, at 5,020 m.

ALTITUDE

5,020 m

DURATION

2 days / 1N

GRADE

High altitude ·
Beginner friendly

MEETING POINT

Cuenca & Riobamba
(pickup)

ACTIVITY

Alpine start from
high camp to the
summit

ITINERARY

DAY 01

Departure

Early pickup in Cuenca or Riobamba and drive to the Carihuairazo Wildlife Reserve.

Reserve check-in

Registration and community fee at the entrance. Arrival at the high-mountain parking area at 3,900 m.

Trek to camp begins

We gear up and leave a dry change of clothes in the vehicle. Ninety-minute trek up to camp.

High camp (4,600 m)

We pitch camp beside the lagoon, weather permitting. Hot drinks and early rest.

DAY 02

Summit push (1:00 AM)

Alpine start with a light summit pack, heading for the top.

The Carihuairazo gully

We tackle the gully, the most delicate section, using anchor and rappel techniques as conditions require.

Summit at 5,020 m

Turnaround time is 8:00 AM; we then descend back to camp.

Descent and return

We exit the reserve, close with a moment of gratitude, and drive back.

INCLUDED

- Certified mountain guides and permits
- Private transport with pickup
- Pack horse for camping equipment only
- High-mountain tents and stove
- Hot drinks at camp
- Photography
- Training sessions

NOT INCLUDED

- Technical gear (ice axe, crampons, harness, helmet, boots), available for rent from PEAKS
- Sleeping bag and pad
- Personal clothing (three-layer system)
- Meals
- Community fee, paid at the reserve entrance
- Activities not listed in the itinerary

REQUIREMENTS

Good physical condition and full technical mountain gear are mandatory. No glacier experience is required, but summit day is demanding and the gully calls for anchor and rappel techniques. Attending the training sessions is strongly recommended.

Ask for dates & a quote

Prices and spots via WhatsApp · Non-refundable deposit to book

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