



The only glaciated peak on Earth crossed by the Equator line, at 5,790 m.

ALTITUDE	DURATION	GRADE	SEASON	MEETING POINT	ACTIVITY
5,790 m	2 days / 1N	Ice climbing · Advanced level	December to January and June to September (driest, most stable window)	Cuenca & Riobamba (pickup)	Alpine start for the summit push at 1:00 AM

ITINERARY

DAY 01

Departure

Evening pickup and drive north along the Avenue of the Volcanoes toward Cayambe (around 8 hours from Cuenca). Bring a blanket or sleeping bag to rest on the bus.

Cayambe National Park check-in

Park registration, change into summit clothing and transfer to a 4x4 vehicle. Bring your printed liability waiver.

Ruales-Oleas-Berge hut (4,700 m)

Arrival at the hut in the afternoon, settling in and resting at 4,700 m.

Ice practice on the Hermoso Glacier

Weather permitting, ice-climbing practice on the Hermoso Glacier, the ice tongue right in front of the hut, plus the technical briefing.

Dinner and rest

Dinner at the hut and early rest before the summit push.

DAY 02

Summit push (1:00 AM)

We rope up and climb the glacier by headlamp, navigating the crevassed terrain.

Summit, 5,790 m

Summit cutoff time at 8:00 AM, standing on latitude zero, with high-altitude photography.

Descent and return

Descent to the hut, return to the trailhead parking and drive back.

INCLUDED

- Certified mountain guides (2 climbers per guide)
- Ground transport and 4x4 vehicle transfer
- Ruales-Oleas-Berge hut
- All meals at the hut
- Hot drinks at the hut
- Ice-climbing practice (conditions permitting)
- Permits, high-altitude photography and training sessions

REQUIREMENTS

Experience with crampons and ice axe, comfort on crevassed glacier terrain, and solid prior acclimatization. Attending the technical briefing and the training sessions is mandatory. We recommend bringing altitude-sickness medication, gloves, a buff and a cap.

NOT INCLUDED

- Technical gear (ice axe, crampons, harness, helmet, boots), available for rent from PEAKS
- Personal equipment and sleeping bag
- Meals outside the hut
- Activities and expenses not listed in the itinerary

Ask for dates & a quote

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