

CLIMBING AT THE END OF THE WORLD
NORTH TOWER OF "TORRES DEL PAINE"
PATAGONIA

Day 1: Regular bus to Administration of Torres del Paine (3 Hrs). Permission at CONAF / DIFROL (Frontier and Borders Division) – Back to Laguna Amarga and private transfer to the "Las Torres" Hostel – Trekking to the Chileno Refuge- The equipment can be carried by local Assistants.

Day 2: Trekking of approximation to base field 4 hours (Japanese Camp)

Day 3: Trekking to the Silence Valley, checking of the approximation route, snow, weather conditions and carrying of the climbing equipment.

Days 4-5-6-7-8-9: On these days we will wait for the perfect weather to climb the north tower, some nights we will sleep at the Silence Valley in the Vivac Bonington at 2 hours from base of the wall.

Short description of the ascent:

Vía Monzino is the regular or more popular route to the North Tower; the ascent is alpine style, generally from an advanced camp to the 3 hours up the Japanese Camp. After two hours of easy climbing (3rd to 4th level) on granite slabs or snow according to each group convenience we get to the base of north tower where we have to cross towards to the central tower. Before we will connect the Col Bich that joins north and central towers, it is necessary to go over a pillar where we secure 2 pitches (IV°), after that we go up and right where we normally find snow and ice. To get to the entrance of the common corridor for the normal routes between central and north Towers, the difficulties of this corridor are variables according to the conditions of the season. That is why it is convenient to take some short ice screws, in case the cracks are filled with ice.

After 4 pitches of the corridor where it is necessary to climb up IV +°, we get to Col Bich, place exposed to the wind where one can reorganize the team to face the following 2 pitches that go over almost vertical plates (up to VI°), after this complications the climbing gets freer because the following 5 pitches of climbing up to the peak are not over IV+°.

The return is evident, but not this strategy of descent, because sometimes it is more convenient to unclimb that rappelling and this is due to the lack of slope which can make the rope get trapped in several aristaes. The rappelling are previously equipped, so it makes easier the descent to the camp.

Via Monzino is a route specially oriented to mountaineers that enjoy the mountains. It is a physically exigent via, under Patagonian weather conditions.

Day 10: Trek back to the "Las Torres" Hostel – Bus to Puerto Natales city.

SERVICES Y EQUIPMENTS INCLUDED

- Professional Climbing Guide
- Climbing permission and entrances
- Regular or Private Transport
- Porters
- Climbing Equipment: Cords, Friends, Carabines, Tapes, etc.
- Camping Equipment: Tents, Sleeping bags, Insulate.
- Cooking Equipment: Gas stove, Pots, Dishes Etc.
- **THE INSURANCE IS NOT INCLUDED**