

**ALPINE EXPEDITIONS  
ITINERARY FOR ANDES SURVIVORS TRIP  
FEBRUARY, 2009**

**DAY**

1. Leave country of origin for Argentina to arrive in Mendoza, Argentina before 2:30pm on the next day.
2. Pick up at Mendoza, Airport or hotel. Group unites with Ricardo Peña, Ana Lorena (Alpine Expeditions) and Eduardo Strauch. 3:30 pm departure to San Rafael. Dinner the Tower hotel.
3. Breakfast in San Rafael. Transfer to Las Leñas resort at 7400' above sea level on the Andes. Here we will have lunch and then Eduardo and Ricardo will give an audio visual presentation of Eduardo and the other survivors' 72-day experience on the Andes
4. Load 4x4s and begin drive into the mountains to abandoned hotel and hot springs on the base of the 18,000ft volcano El Sosneado. A bit farther down the valley we get to our horse camp (7500') where we meet with our horses and handlers. Lunch. Saddle up and begin our horse ride over rugged terrain to our camp at El Barroso river (8800'). Spectacular views all day! Dinner and sleep in tents.
5. Horse riding to the Valle de las Lagrimas where the memorial is found and where the survivors incredible story of survival took place. This is an incredible valley surrounded by 14 & 15,000' high snowcapped peaks and very impressive glaciers. Depending on snow conditions, weather and participants preference we may be able to offer some of our team members the choice of spending a night at a high camp (12,000') on this valley. Eduardo and the rest of the members will return to our lower camp to spend the night.
6. Participants staying at the high camp will go explore the surroundings. Those with mountaineering experience have the option of doing an alpine ascent with Ricardo of some of the nearby glaciers for even more spectacular views (ask about the Mountaineering option).  
Those staying with Eduardo on the lower camp will have the option of doing a scenic horse ride to a beautiful lake on a glacial basin, going for a hike or resting in camp. That evening gives participants a great opportunity to chat more with Eduardo, enjoy a camp fire and hear some live music if desired (Ricardo is also a professional musician and we always bring a guitar). One last night in tents.
7. Horseback riding back to the horse camp where we will meet with our 4x4s vehicles. We head out of the mountains and down to San Rafael to the Tower hotel where we'll have a great celebration dinner and enjoy the best hotel in the city.
8. We drive back to Mendoza. End of trip. Arrange for an afternoon or evening flight. We will be arriving in Mendoza around 1pm and dropping you off at the airport before or after lunch depending on your flight. If you like to stay an extra evening in Mendoza we can arrange for a hotel and transportation (cost not included in itinerary).