

Chile—Northern Andes

Cerro Doña Inés, Pre-Columbian Ascents. Although it had been ascended several times in the last few decades, no traces of pre-Columbian ascents had been reported for this well known peak, located some 30 miles north-northwest of the mineral area of Potrerillos, in Atacama Province in northern Chile. In March 1983, E. Baeza and J. Duran, of the recently formed Club de Montaña de Atacama, located on the top (5070 meters, 16,634 feet) an Inca altar, stone walls and several fireplaces.

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Volcán Copiapó, pre-Columbian and Modern Ascents. This prominent volcano (6072 meters or 19,922 feet) is located on the Chilean-Argentinian border and west of the Ojos del Salado. In 1937 it was ascended by members of the Polish expedition that saw on the summit platform several constructions probably built by Indians. The peak was ascended several times afterwards but no examination of those constructions was made. In January 1980 an expedition of the Club Andino de Chile, Santiago, carried out a preliminary survey. Three years later, in 1983, a large civilian-military group of ten people including a woman, Cecilia Leal, climbed to the summit and completed a survey of findings, which were later analyzed by archaeologist Angel Durán. The climbers located several terraces, one of them with a retaining wall, fireplaces and an altar.

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Tupungato and Tupungatito, First Winter Ascents. The Spanish mountain guide and ski instructor at Farellones, Chile, Fernando Garrido, had attempted Tupungato in the winter of 1981. He succeeded in the same endeavor on October 16, 1984. He approached the mountain (6550 meters, 21,490 feet) by way of the Río Colorado valley, northeast of Santiago and mostly on skis reached the Vega de los Flojos, classical Base Camp for Tupungato. From this place he made the first ski ascent of Tupungatito (5640 meters, 18,504 feet) on October 10. He then ascended to the Portezuelo (gap) del Tupungato (c. 15000 feet) and carrying no tent, to save weight, he climbed to about 17,400 feet, where he had to abandon his skis. He continued and placed a bivouac on the north side of the mountain, at about 18,000 feet. On October 16 he reached the top of Tupungatito, finding there a Chilean and an Argentinian flag left by previous parties.

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Argentina—Northern Andes

Cerro de las Cuevas. Ancient and Modern Ascents. Searching for the legendary Inca "city" of Aconquija, an expedition of the Club Andino Mercedario