



Alvaro Novellón near the top of Asamblea de Majaras, Cerro Adela.
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After a day of rest we tried a new route on the east face of Cerro Adela. At 12:30 a.m. on October 10 we began walking in the dark from our snow cave on the glacier immediately below Adela's and Torre's south faces. By sunrise we had climbed 600m of ice with maximum steepness up to 85°. Later, with the sun warming up, we simultaneously climbed 200m of easy snow and mixed ramps.

When we arrived at the base of last the 200m steep step, we decided that

each party would take a different line, so we would not have to wait for each other. Alvaro and Oscar climbed a line just left of the gully, while Santi and I climbed a more direct finish, which involved tenuous mixed climbing on bad rock. This final section was the crux of the climb, with poor rock and ice making us nervous. After 15 hours of climbing, we climbed the summit ridge and shortly after were on top of Cerro Adela.

For our descent, we did not know the terrain very clearly. We headed south along the ridge and then dropped east, toward the Torre Valley, via the col before Cerro Nato. On the hanging glacier below Nato we dug a hole inside a crevasse and spent the night. The following afternoon we arrived at El Chalten. The descent was not difficult but was fairly involved.

This expedition celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Peña Guara club of Huesca, to which Alvaro, Oscar, and I belong. Without its support this climb might not have been possible.

Asamblea de Majaras (1,000m, ED 95°[max] M5+).

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The Torre Traverse (Cerro Standhardt, Punta Herron, Torre Egger, and Cerro Torre). From January 21–24, 2008, Rolando Garibotti and Colin Haley made a phenomenal first enchainment of these towers in a continuous alpine-style push, climbing from north to south in a four-day roundtrip. The Torre Traverse had been coveted by leading Patagonian climbers for nearly 20 years. See Garibotti's feature earlier in this *Journal*.

Cerro Piergiorgio, La Ruta del Hermano to summit ridge. In early 2007 we fixed 400m of rope up Piergiorgio's 950m northwest face. We decided to use fixed ropes after hearing that a group of Germans climbers had tried the face with portaledge, only to have them shredded by the wind. On our last day of climbing we were forced down by a storm and had to leave the fixed ropes in place. Leaving the ropes motivated us to return to try again. We at least wanted to clean the ropes.