

## Argentina and Chile

### NORTHERN ANDES

*Chañi Chico, Siete Dolores.* This 5,571m mountain in Salta is a minor summit in the Chañi massif (5,896m), Argentina. Its incredible south wall has been a dream for many generations of Argentine climbers. Argentines Humberto Vázquez, Fernando Gutiérrez, and Facundo Juárez opened the remarkable Siete Dolores (Seven Pains; 960m, 16 60m pitches, 6c (minimum 5+)) on September 9. They began at 8:15 a.m. and finished 12 hours later. The rock was rotten, with much rockfall and many cracks filled with hard ice. On the shoulder, near the summit, they bivouacked before rappelling the route the next day and reaching the base at 4 p.m.

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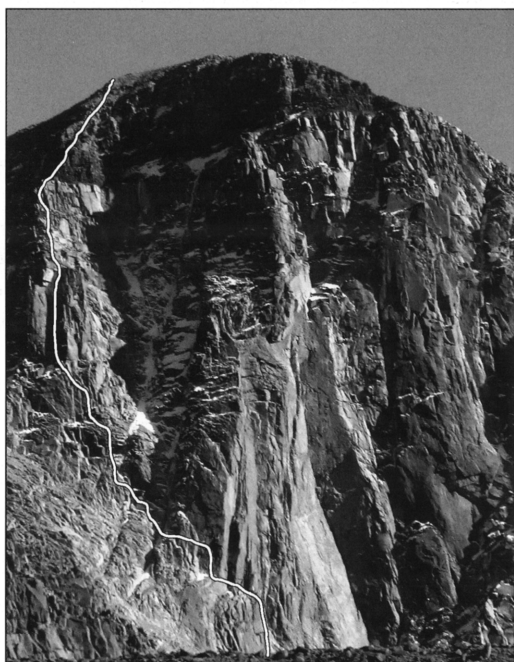
*Cachi, north face.* Cachi is a sacred 6,380m mountain in Salta, Argentina. Nicolás Pantaleón and Nicolás Yannito, both from Salta, ascended the virgin north face in November. They began on November 8, and continued marching until switching to the ridge for the final two camps. On November 13 they reached the summit at 10:45 a.m. and descended quickly, in harsh weather, reaching Salta the next day.

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### CENTRAL ANDES

*Cuerno Blanco, South Face.* In December 2007 Valentino Rota, David Valdez, and I climbed a new route on the south face of Cuerno Blanco (5,050m). It is a beautiful, rarely climbed mountain in Chile's

Yeso Valley, east of Santiago. On December 20 we started walking north, in the Termas del Plomo (2,900m), through the Yeso Valley. After five hours we reached the Bello Glacier (3,900m) and installed base camp. On December 21 we walked three hours to the bergschrund and started climbing on the right side of the south face. The first half is 50° and the second half 65°. We reached the east ridge 300m below the summit, scrambled through easy little rock



Siete Dolores, on the south face of Chañi Chico. Humberto Vázquez