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FOR WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS & GUIDED ADVENTURES.





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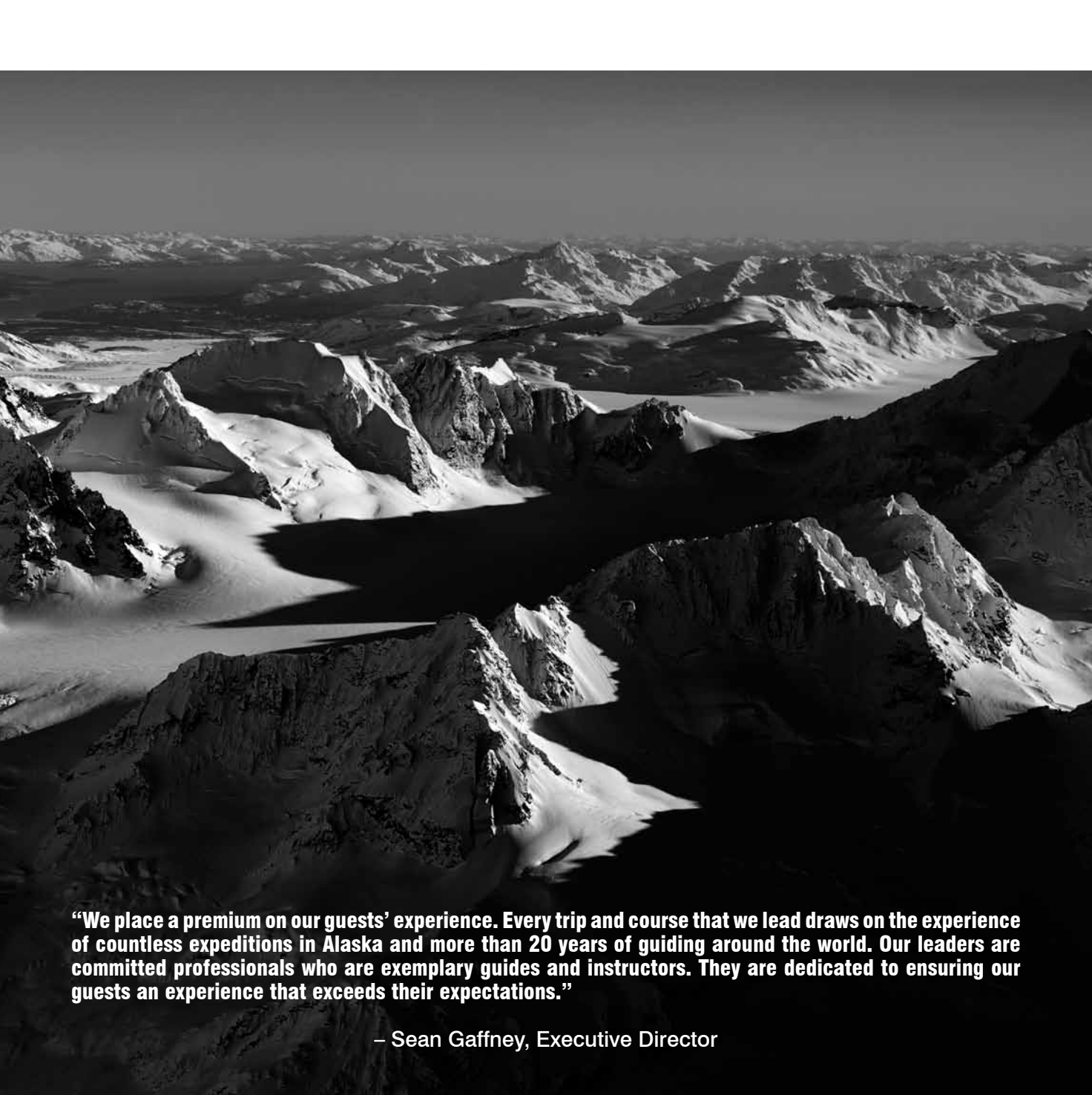
**“AMG, quite simply the best”**  
– Doug Fine, NPR

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For over 20 years, Alaska Mountain Guides and Climbing School Inc. (AMG) has been the premier outdoor adventure guide service and climbing school in the United States and Canada.

Mountain Guides International (MGI) is recognized as a global leader for wilderness expeditions and adventures on all seven continents.

Our award winning programs include exceptional climbing, trekking, skiing, rafting and sea kayaking adventures that visit some of the world's most unique and intriguing places. We specialize in providing the highest level of customer service in some of the most challenging and rewarding environments.



**“We place a premium on our guests’ experience. Every trip and course that we lead draws on the experience of countless expeditions in Alaska and more than 20 years of guiding around the world. Our leaders are committed professionals who are exemplary guides and instructors. They are dedicated to ensuring our guests an experience that exceeds their expectations.”**

**– Sean Gaffney, Executive Director**

The towering peaks and extensive glaciation surrounding Haines, AK and Glacier Bay National Park make up part of the largest protected wilderness area on the planet. *Will Wacker*

Leading remote wilderness expeditions and treks are our specialty. Our guides and instructors are the best in the business. With extensive experience from guiding around the world, they bring the highest level of safety and guest experience to each and every trip. They excel at helping individuals learn the best ways to approach a first glacier trek, enjoy an initial sea kayaking experience or succeed on a demanding high altitude expedition.

Whether you are an aspiring seven summiteer, a novice paddler looking for a fun family adventure or an outdoor enthusiast seeking to develop technical skills, AMG & MGI bring the highest level of service, safety and value to all of our programs.





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# WHY ALASKA MOUNTAIN GUIDES & MOUNTAIN GUIDES INTERNATIONAL

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**T**he high quality trips and world class courses of Alaska Mountain Guides and Mountain Guides International are grounded in the collective experience of our directors, guides and administrative team. The breadth of our experience, range of

programming, customer service and dedication to the highest standards make our trips the choice for aspiring adventurers. Attention to detail, safety and an emphasis on fun are defining elements of every experience with Alaska Mountain Guides and Mountain Guides International.

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## GUIDES AND INSTRUCTORS

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Every trip that we lead draws on the experience of over 20 years of expeditions in Alaska, South America, Africa and Asia. Our guides also work as instructors. When not guiding trips on one of the seven summits or leading a whale watching adventure in Baja, our leaders may be teaching an introductory mountaineering course in Alaska or a leadership and guide training program on the rivers of Nepal. This depth of knowledge gives our leaders the unique ability to customize each guest's experience to best fit his/her individual goals.

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**"Wanted to thank you again for the patience you showed with me and tell you what a great overall experience I had with you guys in Alaska. Your company is class "A"! Travis, my guide, was excellent! He was knowledgeable, courteous and a great leader with very honed mountaineering skills. I learned and retained a lot from him in such a short time. Thanks!"** – Albert S.

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**(left)** AMG guide Kevin Forster tackles a first ascent on waterfall ice near Haines, AK. **Will Wacker (center)** Climbers on the upper snow fields of Lobuche (20,075'/6,119m) in the Khumbu region of Nepal. **Sean Gaffney (right)** AMG & MGI guides bring the highest level of safety, whether in avalanche terrain, on the river or on the trail. AMG guide assesses the snowpack on a backcountry skiing trip in Utah. *Ted Roxbury*







## SAFETY

Safety is our top priority. We have had no major incidents or accidents in 20 years of operating trips around the world. This is a function of the professionalism, risk-management experience and competency of our guides and administrative team. AMG & MGI play leading roles in industry risk management practices and support incident response efforts around the world. We offer guests the safest and highest quality guided programs available.

We are high altitude specialists and have continued to set the standard for guiding safely at altitude since 1992. AMG was the first guide service to carry satellite phones on every one of our trips. We were also the first company to carry pulse oximeters on all treks or climbs that go to altitude. In addition to using satellite phones, AMG & MGI maintain close communication with trips in the field through SPOT satellite messengers, emergency position indicating radiobeacons (EPIRBs) and ground-to-air radios. An overwhelming majority of our guides are certified as Wilderness Emergency Medical Technicians (WEMT), bringing the highest level of emergency response awareness to all of our trips.

## EXPERIENCE

We have been leading domestic and international expeditions for over 20 years. Combined with our partner companies Alaska Mountain Guides Adventures, Inc. and Mexico Adventure Guides, we take over 60,000 guests annually on a wide range of trips and courses. Our award winning programs have been recognized nationally and internationally for their high level of safety, excellent customer service and technical competence. Our extensive experience ensures that your guides have the skills to safely lead you anywhere and that our office has the logistical know-how to make it happen smoothly.

## QUALITY OF SERVICE

Our office team is made up of experienced professionals with diverse guiding backgrounds. We provide individualized customer service and treat every correspondence with the utmost care and consideration. Gear, locations, fitness levels and in-country knowledge are crucial elements in preparing for a trip. AMG & MGI offices are open year round and will answer any email or phone inquiry on the same day. Throughout the duration of your trip, starting from the moment we meet you at the airport, we'll exceed your expectations.





## PRESS & AWARDS

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Alaska Mountain Guides and Mountain Guides International receive consistent accolades from news media worldwide. We are featured regularly in publications such as Outside Magazine, Backpacker Magazine and National Geographic Traveler to name a few. We've been awarded National Geographic's "Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth" for three years in a row. Additionally, our Glacier Bay Traverse has been selected as the "Tour of a Lifetime" for the past two years.



## VALUE

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AMG & MGI offer the highest quality programming and customer service at the best value. Our range of programming and breadth of operations enable an efficient administration that minimizes overhead expenses. Consequently, we pass these savings on to you, our customer. We provide you with the best service, best guides and highest level of safety on all our trips and courses around the world, without cutting corners or decreasing quality.

## TRIP SIZE

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We believe that group size is one of the most important factors in determining the kind of experience our guests will have. Smaller group sizes give us the flexibility to meet individual goals and expectations. We strive to keep our groups to eight guests with a minimum of two guides or instructors. We are happy to work with larger groups by special arrangements.







## SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

AMG & MGI is dedicated to preserving and protecting our invaluable natural environment. All of our programs practice Leave No Trace © (LNT) ethics and are committed to environmental education and preserving the pristine wilderness areas that we operate in world wide. We are members of the Southeast Conservation Council, Lynn Canal Conservation Council, Wilderness Education Association, the Nature Conservancy and the Association for Experiential Education.

AMG & MGI actively support the local communities that we visit, both domestically and internationally. We provide assistance to local service projects ranging from forest conservation to school construction projects. Our programs contribute to local economies by utilizing nearby resources whenever possible. Through the International Wilderness Leadership School, our educational division, we offer scholarships to deserving students from around the world in pursuit of leadership development, technical outdoor skills and environmental education. Every year we offer free adventure programs for kids in our local communities.



**(top)** Climbers on Mt. Fairweather (15,300'/4,663m) navigate around crevasses on a push towards the summit. *Brian Rougeux* **(above)** Fresh snow paves the way for climbers on the crater rim of Kilimanjaro. *Meredith Riley* **(right)** Trekkers in the Khumbu region of Nepal visit with a local school group after hiking to Everest base camp. *Kyle Bates*

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**“We always felt safe with AMG. From the conservative route they chose up the glacier, to the beginner ice climbs they set up for us, their judgment was impeccable. Their knowledge of the area and activities was essential. We were so impressed with the quality of experience they provided for us.”**  
 -Emily K.

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# MEET OUR GUIDES



MGI guides on the summit of Aconcagua, Argentina. *Francois Morin*

**THE INSTRUCTORS AND GUIDES AT AMG & MGI** are professionals. They have a passion for leading in the wilderness environment and genuinely enjoy sharing their knowledge. Years of guiding and instructing throughout Alaska and abroad give them a wealth of experience to share on every trip. Below is a partial list of these special individuals.



## **Sean Gaffney**

Sean is the Executive Director. He is an EMT and has been instructing and guiding for 29 years. Sean is a pioneer in the outdoor industry and continues to lead the way in advancing standards and professionalism within the guiding community. Sean has led extensive climbing, skiing, rafting and trekking expeditions throughout North America, South America, Africa and Asia.



## **Jason Gaffney**

As a Director, Jason has received accolades throughout North America for his expertise in risk management and program development. He teaches many of our professional programs including risk management seminars and professional incident response. He is an avid whitewater boater and rock climber with experience guiding and instructing around the world.



## **Eli Fierer**

Eli manages AMG & MGI operations. He has guided and instructed for more for than 10 years throughout the contiguous U.S., Alaska, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro, and China. Eli is an accomplished teacher, EMT II, and avalanche instructor who leads many of our first aid and rescue courses





### Brian Rougeux

Equally at home on the high peaks of South America or the granite cracks of Utah, Brian has been leading AMG trips since 2005. He brings a wealth of skill and experience from instructing and guiding on Kilimanjaro, Aconcagua, the Cordillera Blanca, the volcanoes of Ecuador and Mexico and peaks throughout Alaska.



### Meredith Riley

Meredith grew up in Hong Kong and moved to Park City, UT to pursue skiing. She is a professional skier and competes internationally. She instructs AMG mountaineering, ski mountaineering, and ice climbing courses in Alaska and Utah and guides on Kilimanjaro. Meredith is also an EMT.



### Nathaniel Stephens

An expert naturalist, ACA-certified sea kayak instructor and accomplished whitewater boater, Nathaniel has been guiding and instructing in Baja, Mexico and Alaska for more than 12 years. He is our University Program Coordinator and manages our sea kayak program in Alaska and Baja.



### Bob Daffe

Bob is a whitewater pioneer. He has over 30 years of experience in whitewater rafting, kayaking and canoeing. He is a Rescue 3 International instructor, a raft guide examiner and a canoe and kayak instructor. When he isn't leading whitewater in the Yukon, Bob can be found leading expeditions in Nepal and Ecuador, or leading personal expeditions in Chile and Africa.



### Phil Bassignani

Phil is an avid adventurer and outdoor enthusiast. He is an EMT, pilot, and an SPI certified guide. He splits his time climbing, skiing, surfing and traveling. He has guided multiple ascents on Aconcagua and teaches mountaineering courses in Alaska's glaciated mountain ranges. Phil truly enjoys sharing his passion for the outdoors.



### Bill Dwyer

Bill has ice climbed with kangaroos, guided expeditions to the highest peaks on three continents and sea kayaked throughout Southeast Alaska. Bill has over 8 years of wilderness education and teaching experience and has guided on Denali, the Ecuador Volcanoes, Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro and Cho Oyu.



### Luis Villaba

Originally hailing from Puebla, Mexico, Luis has worked with MGI for over 6 years and leads rock climbing, sea kayaking and high altitude trips in Mexico. Luis also guides trekking programs on the Inca Trail in Peru and is a PADI Divemaster.



### Kyle Bates

Equally at home on rock, ice or snow, Kyle's passion lies in the backcountry and wilderness areas of Alaska and Utah. Kyle is an avid skier with multiple descents of Denali. He is a WEMT and teaches first aid, avalanche, and guide training courses in Nepal.



### Caleb Smith

Caleb is a passionate rock, ice and alpine climber with numerous ascents of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Kenya and Aconcagua. He has traveled extensively throughout South America. He is also an EMT and Wilderness First Responder. When not guiding AMG & MGI trips while traveling the world he lives in Reno, NV.



### Isis Barrera

With a degree in alternative tourism and firsthand knowledge of local archeology, culture and natural history, Isis brings her passion for environmental education to MGI Mexico programs. She is an enthusiastic photographer, diver, sea kayaker, PADI Divemaster and jungle trekker.



### Tom Chambers

In addition to leading expeditions to the roof of Africa, Aconcagua and the high peaks of Alaska, Tom teaches mountaineering and climbing courses in Alaska and Utah. British wit and infectious friendliness give him a unique ability to bring joy and camaraderie to every trip. Tom is an enthusiastic rock, ice and alpine climber and an EMT.



### Travis Tucker

Travis leads trips in Alaska and South America. He is a certified WEMT, has multiple ascents of Aconcagua and Denali under his belt, and enjoys snowboard mountaineering and ice climbing at home in Telluride, Colorado.



### Chad Wiles

Chad's recent east to west bike trip across Asia and Europe is indicative of his overwhelming enthusiasm for adventure. An accomplished skier, climber, mountaineer and sea kayaker, Chad spends his winters in his favorite playground of North Lake Tahoe. He leads programs in Tanzania and AMG trips in Alaska.



### Nic Cunningham

Nic took an AMG mountaineering course in May of 2005 and climbed Everest in May of 2009 to finish off the Seven Summits. Originally from the farmlands of Minnesota, Nic brings his healthy appetite and positive attitude to mountaineering and ice climbing trips throughout Alaska, South America and Africa.



### Micah Lewkowitz

Micah teaches mountaineering and rock & ice climbing courses in Alaska and Utah. Micah also leads high altitude expedition trips to the volcanoes of Mexico and Ecuador. He is a passionate rock, ice, and alpine climber and teacher with challenging ascents throughout North America.



### Zach Tarleton

As the Operations Manager, Zach enjoys rock climbing and skiing in Alta, Utah and Haines, Alaska. His enthusiasm and positive personality extends well beyond logistics. Zach is a passionate sea kayaker and fly fisherman. He is an EMT and leads MGI ascents of Kilimanjaro.



### Brian Muller

Brian leads ski mountaineering programs in Alaska and canyoneering trips in Southern Utah. When he's not skiing challenging descents in the Wasatch, Brian ski patrols in Little Cottonwood Canyon. He is a Wilderness First Responder, an AMGA ski guide and holds his Avalanche II certification.



### Jonathan Wood

Jonathan is at home whether he is leading canyoneering courses in the Southwest, teaching whitewater rafting skills in the Yukon, or backcountry skiing in Utah. He is an EMT and leads expeditions on Kilimanjaro and Aconcagua.



# AFFILIATIONS

We are continually seeking to advance our collective knowledge, raise industry standards and support like-minded organizations. AMG & MGI work with a series of partner organizations and companies to provide the highest quality outdoor programming.



**International Wilderness Leadership School (IWLS)** is a division of Alaska Mountain Guides and Climbing School Inc. and specializes in providing the highest quality guide training, outdoor leadership training, wilderness education and technical instruction. IWLS is fully accredited by the Association for Experiential Education. Accreditation by the AEE means that IWLS meets the highest standards for safety, risk management, instructor training and programming in the field of outdoor leadership education.



**Alaska Mountain Guides Adventures, Inc. (AMGA)** operates rock climbing, zip lining, hiking, sea kayaking, sight seeing and golf tours in various ports in Alaska for all major cruise lines. We take over 10,000 guests annually and are recognized as the definitive standard for risk management in the cruise industry. Our rock climbing program received recognition as "Shore Excursion of the Season" from Princess Cruise Lines for five years in a row.



**Mexico Adventure Guides (MAG)** operates rock climbing, snorkeling, scuba diving, zip lines and a challenge course in Cozumel, Mexico for over 20,000 guests annually. In addition to being a certified PADI dive center, our experienced guides support MGI operations throughout Mexico and South America. MAG also conducts management training and risk management consulting for tour operators throughout the Caribbean.

Many of our guides are active members of the Wilderness Medical Society, American Mountain Guide Association, American Avalanche Association, American Canoe Association, and American Alpine Club. Alaska Mountain Guides also supports non-profit organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Nature Conservancy, Lynn Canal Conservation, and Southeast Alaska Conservation Council in our efforts to advance social and environmental responsibility in our business practices.



AMG & MGI practice Leave No Trace © ethics on our trips and courses around the world. Environmental stewardship lies at the heart of our mission to preserve wilderness areas and provide the highest quality programming for many years to come. All of our guests receive LNT awareness training on our programs.



Since 1902, the American Alpine Club has provided knowledge and inspiration, conservation and advocacy, and logistical support for the climbing community. We are proud to be industry partners with the American Alpine Club.



We use gear from Sierra Designs and Black Diamond on every trip we run! Their gear has proven itself again and again on the highest mountains, roughest water and steepest ice. We endorse these companies because they make gear that is functional and reliable.



Alta Ski Area is home to world-famous powder snow and incredible skiing terrain. AMG guides and staff are fortunate to be able to get out on Alta's slopes and into the backcountry regularly. We are proud to be a part of the Alta community.

# ALASKA



Kayakers enjoy placid waters on the Lynn Canal, the longest and deepest fjord in North America. *Nathaniel Stephens* (**opposite**) Heli-skiing just outside of Haines, AK. *Adam Clark*



**THE VAST EXPANSE OF WILDERNESS**, massive mountain ranges and abundant wildlife give credence to Alaska's nickname – 'The Last Frontier.' It is a land of towering peaks, massive glaciers, extensive boreal forests and rich marine ecosystems; Alaska epitomizes wilderness.

Alaska Mountain Guides & Climbing School's expedition center is based in Haines, a small town located along the Lynn Canal near the top of the Inside Passage. Haines borders Glacier Bay National Park. The park and the adjacent 27 million acres, including Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, is the largest protected wilderness area in the world. It is an extremely jagged and glaciated mountain landscape with peaks ranging up to almost 20,000 feet (6,000m), the world's largest non-polar ice caps, pristine fjords and wilderness rivers. The area hosts large populations of bald eagles, humpback whales, grizzly bears, wolves and moose.

### **MOUNTAINEERING**

The mountains surrounding Haines provide the quintessential Alaskan climbing experience. From the snowy heights of Mt. Fairweather to the airy rock ridges and steep ice of unclimbed peaks, these mountains are the ideal mountaineering location for everyone from the novice mountaineer to the seasoned adventurer. Our Alaska expeditions tackle the highest and most remote peaks in North America including Denali, Mt. Logan and Mt. Bona.

### **SEA KAYAKING**

Our expedition paddling centers in Gustavus and Haines access some of the best sea kayaking on the planet. Glacier Bay National Park is the premier sea kayaking destination in North America. Trips in Glacier Bay offer guests a one-of-a-kind opportunity to kayak among icebergs and tidewater glaciers in one of the world's last great wilderness paddling locations. The Lynn Canal is the longest and deepest fjord in North America. The paddling just outside of Haines offers incredible wildlife viewing and a great initial Alaskan kayaking experience.

### **HELI SKIING/SNOWBOARDING & BACKCOUNTRY**

The mountains surrounding Haines and Skagway have been heralded as North America's top skiing and ski mountaineering location. Steep couloirs, undulating bowls and exposed spines combine with high quality, consistent snow for the skiing adventure of a lifetime.

### **ROCK & ICE CLIMBING**

Whether climbing on a glacier's towering blue ice walls or placing anchors on a multi-pitch granite alpine route, the area surrounding Haines and Skagway is a perfect setting for exciting rock routes and ice climbs.

### **MULTI-SPORT TRIPS**

Experience the grandeur of the Alaskan wilderness by combining a series of exciting activities. Programs vary from lodge-based day trips to a series of multi-day excursions.





## Intro to Mountaineering

**Trip Lengths:** 2, 3 & 5 days

**Season:** April – October

These courses are designed as a hands-on introduction to safe mountaineering. We spend the days moving through the mountains and across massive glaciers, plunging ourselves into a world of jagged peaks and brilliant blue icefalls.

Our trip begins with a spectacular ski plane flight into the mountains. After we establish a camp we will begin to learn crampon, ice axe and rope team skills. Training in avalanche awareness, anchor techniques, belaying, crevasse rescue, navigation and hazard/risk assessment are covered as you gain experience. Conditions permitting, we will then put your new skills to use climbing some spectacular Alaskan peaks.

## Expedition Primer

**Trip Lengths:** 7 & 12 days

**Season:** April – October

This course is designed for individuals seeking to learn expedition skills and prepare for high altitude expeditions such as Denali. It combines instruction with a series of climbs that practice and build upon your skill base. We will cover ice axe and crampon use, rope team management, anchors, belays, crevasse rescue, navigation, hazard/risk assessment, rock and ice climbing technique and more. The extended, 12-day format of this program gives participants the opportunity to learn more advanced skills/techniques and attempt select climbing objectives.

## Alpine Climbing

**Trip Lengths:** 7 & 12 days

**Season:** April – October

The Alpine Climbing Course offers individuals the opportunity to learn and refine rock climbing, ice climbing and mountaineering skills. The course is designed to apply newly learned skills and techniques on an actual climb. We will attempt several objectives during the program that are intended to use our new skills and give participants confidence in their ability! Steep snow climbs, airy ridges, mixed rock and snow terrain amidst a spectacular setting makes for an incredible climbing adventure.

Pilot, Drake Olson and his ski plane 53 Charlie on approach for a glacier landing. *Sean Gaffney (below)* From each glacier camp there are numerous climbing objectives ranging from moderate snow slopes to more challenging mixed climbing. *Bryan Hinderberger (right)* Participants learn how to conduct a crevasse rescue, build multi-directional anchors and other essential mountaineering skills on an Expedition Primer. *Bryan Hinderberger*



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**“My mountain guide Will H. was an incredible leader. He’s upbeat, knowledgeable, and funny. His international experience and stories added greatly to the trip. Inspiring many future mountains for me to climb. I would highly recommend AMG and Will to all my friends.” – David S.**

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Sunset alpenglow on the summit of Mt. Fairweather from base camp. *Tom Chambers*

## **Mt. Bona (16,421’/5,005m)**

**Trip Length:** 12 days

**Season:** April – June

Mt. Bona is located in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. It is a spectacular climb situated in a remote and wild setting. Mt. Bona is an outstanding spot to gain expedition and altitude experience and is also a significant climbing objective in its own right! From Chitna, Alaska we fly to the mountain in ski planes and establish a base camp. We will use two or three camps above base camp to move us into position for summit day. Mt. Bona can also be climbed as a ski mountaineering peak! Please contact us for more information regarding the use of skis on the climb.

## **Mt. Logan (19,551’/5,959m)**

**Trip Length:** 24 days

**Season:** April – June

Mt. Logan is Canada’s highest peak and the second highest peak in North America. Mt. Logan also has the largest base circumference of any mountain on the planet! Our expedition begins and ends in Haines, AK. We fly in by ski plane to 9,000 feet (2,750m) and begin our journey to the summit via the moderate Kings Trench route. It consists of generally low angle, heavily glaciated terrain in a demanding high altitude, cold weather environment.

## **Mt. Fairweather (15,300’/4,663m)**

**Trip Length:** 12 days

**Season:** April – June

Mt. Fairweather is located in the heart of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. It offers an outstanding initial big mountain climbing experience or an exciting new challenge for experienced climbers! The trip begins with a two-hour ski plane flight from Haines and then lands on the upper Grand Plateau Glacier. AMG offers climbs of the normal route via the North Ridge, as well as the challenging Carpe Ridge.

## **Denali (20,320’/6,194m)**

**Trip Length:** 22 days

**Season:** April – June

Denali is frequently considered to be America’s most classic climb, and with the greatest vertical relief on the planet (18,000’/ 5,486m) it is definitely world-class. Our route follows the West Buttress, which is not technically difficult, but weather and altitude make it demanding. The climb is as rewarding as it is challenging; fantastic views of the Alaska Range, active participation as an expedition member and a strong sense of personal accomplishment all combine to make Denali an incredible mountaineering experience. Denali expeditions operate in conjunction with Mountain Trip, a licensed concessionaire of Denali National Park.



## Glacier Bay East Arm

**Trip Length:** 8 days

**Season:** May – September

Experience some of the most incredible glaciated terrain in the world from the quiet solitude of your sea kayak! Explore the East Arm of Glacier Bay where the scenery is stunning, the wildlife plentiful and the wilderness is truly wild. AMG is one of only two permitted operators in Glacier Bay National Park for overnight sea kayaking trips.

We will paddle the Adams and Muir Inlets and visit the remote Wachusett Inlet. This area also includes the spectacular Riggs, McBride, and Muir glaciers. These massive tidewater glaciers continually calve icebergs into the coastal waters of Glacier Bay.



## Glacier Bay West Arm

**Trip Lengths:** 5 & 7 days

**Season:** May – September

Glacier Bay is known as one of the best sea kayaking destinations in the world! On these trips we explore the West Arm of the bay, considered by many to be the most beautiful area in all of Glacier Bay.

We will travel into the spectacular Rendu, Tarr, and Johns Hopkins inlets to view tidewater glaciers, magnificent waterfalls, and numerous hanging glaciers. We will also have the opportunity to see humpback and orca whales, sea lions, seals, salmon, bald eagles, black and brown bears and more.



Breaching humpback whale at Point Adolphus. *Nathaniel Stephens (left)* Spectacular paddling in the calm waters of Glacier Bay's East Arm. *Rachel Collins (bottom)* Paddling in front of the Marjorie Glacier in the West Arm of Glacier Bay National Park. *Corey Dusin*

## Whales at Point Adolphus

**Trip Lengths:** 1 & 3 days

**Season:** May – September

Join our professional sea kayak guides for a truly unique paddling opportunity in one of the premier whale watching destinations in North America! Point Adolphus is located across from Glacier Bay National Park and is world renowned for its high concentration of humpback whales. Nutrient rich water from the Pacific Ocean and unique underwater topography make this the most active whale feeding location in Alaska!

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**“I just wanted to let you know how great a sea kayaking trip the West Arm trip was. The guides provided loads of knowledge about the area, were inventive cooks and quite a lot of fun, all the while keeping safety at the forefront of what we were doing. I wish I could take them everywhere with me, they were such stars.”** – Eileen F.

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## Fjords of the Inside Passage

**Trip Lengths:** 1/2 to 5 days

**Season:** April – October

Haines sits at the top of one of the longest and deepest fjords in the world. This area offers excellent kayaking for beginners and experts alike. The beaches are wild and pristine, with more chance of seeing wildlife than people. Marine life includes humpback and orca whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, salmon, eagles, waterfowl and more. The sandy beaches make for great campsites and the towering mountains add spectacular scenery. Our guides are trained naturalists and excellent instructors who enjoy sharing their knowledge of the area.

Views of the Coast Range and Haines Peninsula. *Jacob Schmitz*  
**(below)** The Marjorie Glacier spills down from Mt. Fairweather in the west arm of Glacier Bay. *Rachel Collins*



"Simplicity...packing a kayak with the essentials...operating on the schedule of the tides...an abundance of vibrant color and life. The wilds of Glacier Bay National Park are one of nature's most inspirational settings, a place to rediscover the pure essence of what it means to be human. I have to say...it changes you a bit.

It is an amazing wonder to find a wilderness so raw and untouched as Glacier Bay in today's world. Its abundant wildlife, massive rivers of ice cutting their way through valleys, jagged peaks shooting straight out of the sea and its waterfalls spilling from the mountain tops are the epitome of wild Alaska.

The opportunity to lead groups of people from all walks of life into such a raw and powerful wilderness is what drives me. It's hard to imagine doing anything else."

**-AMG guide Kyle Bishop**

## Heli Skiing/Snowboarding

**Experience Level:** Advanced Intermediate

**Trip Lengths:** 1 to 7 days

**Season:** February – May

Join AMG in one of Alaska's premier heli-skiing destinations! Experienced guides and expert pilots will lead you into one of the greatest untracked mountain wilderness areas in Alaska. Dry, untouched snow and stable weather will give you a helicopter skiing experience to remember.

The peaks have 7,000 feet of vertical relief and rise directly out of the ocean. The variety of terrain, from glacier cirques with a multitude of steep couloirs to open undulating bowls of heavenly powder, makes for world class skiing and riding. The combination of incredible skiing and the proximity to a helicopter base of operations make the area among the best in North America for helicopter skiing. It strikes the perfect balance between sunny days, consistent snowfall and varied terrain.

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**"Thanks for a great week of Heli-skiing! I have heli-skied throughout Europe and the U.S. and the professionalism, safety consciousness and customer service from your guides and office team was top-notch. Skiing above the fjord from Skagway was absolutely phenomenal! I will be sure to recommend AMG to all of my friends looking to go heli-skiing in Alaska."** – Charlie T.

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**(right)** Bluebird powder skiing near the Davidson Glacier, Haines, AK. *Adam Clark* **(below)** A recent snowstorm blankets the mountains with three feet of fresh powder... face shots. *Adam Clark*





**The mountains surrounding Haines and Skagway receive the greatest annual snowfall on the planet. Neighboring Mount Fairweather receives over 1,000 inches (25.4m) of snow annually. The epic terrain and massive snowfall make this area the premier skiing & snowboarding location in North America.**

- The only heli-ski operator permitted in both Skagway and Haines, AK.
- 10,000 vertical feet per day guaranteed.
- Typically we'll ski a minimum of 5-7 runs per day. This is equivalent to 10,000 to 20,000 feet/day.
- Includes lodging in a comfortable B&B with private rooms in Skagway or Haines, AK.
- Professional ski guides with 5+ years guiding experience in Alaska.
- We provide a tasty lunch during the day of skiing.
- Snow safety equipment including shovel, avalanche beacon and probe is provided.



Stable conditions and clear weather allow for some steep skiing and 4,000 feet of vertical drop. *Adam Clark (below)* Helicopter ski guide, Meredith Riley brings in pilot John Whedon for a pick up on Mt. Carmack, Skagway, AK. *Sean Gaffney*



**T**he thumping of the helicopter's rotor dissipates in echoes down the glacial valley and leaves us to contemplate the quiet, vast, snow filled wilderness of jagged peaks surrounding us in every direction. This is the moment... the ultimate perk of being a heli-ski guide.

The moderate upper slopes of the run make for effortless turns in two feet of fresh powder, a welcome introduction for my guests to heli-skiing in Alaska. As we near the roll over, we pause to admire our tracks and point out the route below. Given the fresh snow from the day before, I make a few ski cuts on the steep 45 degree headwall. As the angle gives way, I start carving turns in the deep snow. With each turn, I feel the snow billow against my chest and taste the occasional face shot. This is the moment...the reason I love being a heli-ski guide.

The guests are all smiles as they ski in, one at a time, to the pick-up zone. I hear "Best run of my life" for the second time that day. As we take off our skis and ready our packs, we hear thump, thump, thump coming up the valley. Here we go again... truly...this is the moment."

**- AMG guide Meredith Riley**

## Backcountry Skiing/Snowboarding

**Experience Level:** Intermediate

**Trip Lengths:** 3, 5, 7 & 12 days

**Season:** February – July

Our location on the border of Glacier Bay National Park and the Wrangell-St. Elias Mountains serves as a fantastic base for unbelievable backcountry ski programs. There are limitless options for incredible skiing, ski mountaineering and touring.

The terrain is uniquely suited to ski mountaineering objectives that combine classic climbing ascents with phenomenal ski descents. These programs are open to individuals of all abilities. If you have not been backcountry skiing before, this is a great place for a first experience! The three and five day trips include a skills review covering relevant subjects such as avalanche awareness, use of avalanche transceivers, route finding, crampon and ice axe use, rope team management and more. Our low guest to guide ratio gives us the freedom to accommodate individual goals and expectations. Join us for a backcountry ski trip you won't forget!

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**“Great guides! Great snow! Great weather! I couldn't have asked for a better Alaska ski vacation. Please give my thanks to everyone at AMG.”** –Roger A.

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**(right)** AMG guide Ben Williams drops into the King's Throne Couloir, Kluane National Park, Canada. *Dave Sundnas* **(below)** Alpine rock climbing near Skagway, AK. *Kevin Forster*



## Rock Climbing

**Trip Lengths:** 1/2 to 5 days

**Season:** April – October

Our rock climbing trips are ideal for both the experienced rock climber looking to develop more skills and for the novice looking to enjoy a fun day on the rock. Towering peaks and glaciers provide a spectacular backdrop. Numerous alpine crags surrounding Haines and Skagway offer a variety of crack and face routes for the beginner and expert alike.

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**“Just dropping you a line to say thanks again for leading such an awesome trip. It was definitely an experience of a lifetime, and I'll never forget it. You both did a great job making the trip enjoyable, exciting, and unforgettable. Thanks for introducing me to the world of ski mountaineering.”** - Jenny H.

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Ice climbing on the Davidson Glacier. *Tom Chambers* (right) Paddling the calm waters of Chilkat State Park in the Lynn Canal, just outside of Haines, AK. *Nathaniel Stephens* (below) Glacier trekking with a group on the toe of the Davidson Glacier. *Eli Fierer*

## Ice Climbing & Glacier Trekking

**Trip Lengths:** 1 to 5 days

**Season:** Year round

Haines is an ice climbing mecca. In the summer, the Davidson Glacier offers fun glacier trekking and ice climbing with fantastic views of the fjord. In the winter, frozen waterfalls give participants a diverse selection of climbs ranging from long moderate multi-pitch routes to short accessible top-ropes. Our low guest to guide ratio will maximize your climbing time and cover a full spectrum of ice climbing skills. A partial list of the climbing skills covered includes anchors, belaying, rope management, knots, protection systems, rappelling, and crampon and ice axe technique. Join us for incredible ice climbing on the blue ice of glacial seracs or exciting multi-pitch waterfalls.



## Glacier Bay Traverse

**Trip Length:** 12 days

**Season:** July & August

The Glacier Bay Wilderness Traverse is perhaps the most classic of our multi-sport adventures. The 12 day expedition combines world-class sea kayaking in Glacier Bay, spectacular glacier trekking across the ice cap and exciting rafting down the Tsirku River. This route travels through one of the most remote areas in North America and has only been visited by a handful of adventurers. It has been designated as a "Tour of a Lifetime" by National Geographic Traveler.

## Multi-Sport

**Course Lengths:** Variable

**Season:** April – October

We specialize in multi-sport adventures. Whether you are looking for seven days of adventure while roughing it under the stars, or prefer to sleep in a cozy B&B and tour the Alaskan wilderness each day, we have a program to fit your needs. Some of our most popular multi-sport trips combine a few days of mountaineering or backpacking followed by sea kayaking or an exciting day of rafting. Experience the full spectrum of what the Alaskan wilderness has to offer.





# YUKON TERRITORY



Looking west from the top of Hoge Pass, Donjek Route, Kluane National Park, Yukon Territory, Canada. *Jonathan Wood (opposite)* Exciting Class III+ whitewater on the Tatshenshini River. *Bob Daffe*

**JUST TWO HOURS NORTH OF HAINES**, Alaska lies the open tundra and towering peaks of Canada's Yukon Territory. As part of the largest protected wilderness area on the planet, British Columbia's Tatshenshini-Alsek Provincial Park and the Yukon's Kluane National Park offer an unrivaled outdoor experience. These parklands are recognized and protected under the UNESCO World Heritage Convention as an outstanding wilderness area of global significance.

Kluane National Park and Reserve is home to Mount Logan (19,551'/5,959m), Canada's highest peak and the second highest in North America. Numerous glaciers, such as the Donjek, Alsek, and Kaskawulsh, descend from the high mountains and give birth to the mighty rivers of the Yukon.

### **BACKPACKING**

The expansive wilderness of the Yukon captivates backpackers as they hike over high mountain passes overlooking glaciers, safely cross braided river channels or navigate through alpine tundra filled with wildflowers. Herds of mountain goats and Dall sheep, brown bears and black bears, caribou, moose and sometimes wolves are spotted by trekkers. Whether hiking the remote and challenging Donjek Route with its steep passes and winding paths or the Cottonwood Trail with its exciting river crossings and stunning views, adventure awaits backpackers in the wilds of the Yukon.

The Chilkoot Trail is the quintessential Alaskan backpacking experience, complete with incredible scenery and history.

It begins in Skagway, AK and journeys to Lake Bennett in British Columbia, Canada. Following the Chilkoot Trail with a canoe journey down the Yukon river to Dawson City is a historical adventure into the wilds of Canada's Klondike.

### **WHITewater**

AMG whitewater programs access such legendary rivers as the Tatshenshini, considered by many to be one of the ultimate river trips in the world, and the Tutshi, with its challenging rapids. Depending on the season and flow, trips may also explore the Kelsall River, across the border in Alaska, or the Blanchard River in British Columbia.





## Chilkoot Trail

**Trip Length:** 4 & 5 days

**Season:** June – October

Take a trip back in time as we walk in the footsteps of the stamperders who traveled the Chilkoot Trail during the Klondike Gold Rush.

Relics from the gold rush dot the trail as we make our way up to the infamous Golden Staircase. Once over the pass, hikers enjoy fantastic views of the surrounding peaks before reaching Lake Bennett. We finish off the hike with a ride on the White Pass Railroad on our return to Skagway.

Our Chilkoot guides are experienced naturalists with a wealth of historical knowledge about the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park.

## Alpine Hiking

**Trip Length:** 1 to 7 days

**Season:** June – October

There are many different hiking options within 50 miles of Haines and Skagway, AK. Many of these routes are within the boundaries of the largest protected wilderness area on the planet. They all cover spectacular terrain that includes hiking through beautiful alpine meadows and along stunning ridge lines with fantastic 360-degree views. Possible wildlife sightings include bald eagles, bears, moose, wolves, falcon, grouse, mountain goat, Dall sheep and marmots. No prior experience is required.

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**“Our Historic Klondike Trek was brilliant. Our guides looked after us really well over the Chilkoot Pass. We were the first official group to do the Chilkoot this year and all of us, six pensioner Britts (average age 62) had a fantastic trip.” - Pete S.**

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Hikers descend from Chilkoot Pass on their way to Lake Bennett, Chilkoot Trail. *Ben Palmer (left)* This area of the Yukon and Southeast Alaska boasts one of the highest concentration of brown bears. *Sean Gaffney*

## Cottonwood Trail

**Trip Length:** 7 days

**Season:** June – October

This moderate backpacking trip explores the tundra and wild landscape of Kluane National Park. Over 7 days, we cover 50 miles of gentle grades, cross a series of glacial streams and rivers and hike over two low mountain passes. It is a great backpacking adventure for an initial Yukon backcountry experience.





## Klondike Route

**Trip Length:** 15 days

**Season:** June – October

This trip starts in historic Skagway, Alaska with a 5-day hike over the Chilkoot Trail, traveling in the footsteps of gold rushers from over 100 years ago. Once over the trail we'll trade hiking boots for paddles and begin the 400 miles of canoeing down the Yukon River that brings us to Dawson City, Yukon and the heart of the Klondike gold country. Along the way we'll pass derelict steam ships, native villages, gold dredges, current-day fish camps, trappers' cabins, Fort Selkirk and other relics from the Klondike Gold Rush.

This trip was featured on the cover of National Geographic Adventure. It is perfect for individuals and families wishing to enjoy the splendor of the Yukon Wilderness while traveling this historic route. In addition to the numerous historical sites, we will also have the opportunity to view wildlife such as bear, wolf, moose, mink, wolverine, eagles, hawks and waterfowl.

## Whitewater Rafting

**Trip Length:** 1 to 12 days

**Season:** June – October

Canada's Yukon Territory and Haines, AK contain some of the wildest rivers and backcountry areas in North America. These areas have lured adventurers for years. From huge, braided glacial drainages to tight gorges and plunging waterfalls, the rivers of the Yukon and Haines offer varied features, perfect for a unique and memorable whitewater adventure.

Depending on the season, snowmelt and conditions, Alaska Mountain Guides will choose a river that provides the highest quality experience. Whether set on the famous Tatshenshini and Blanchard or the Chilkat River (Tlingit for "salmon storehouse"), your AMG whitewater experience will provide you with the adventure of a lifetime.

## Donjek Route

**Trip Length:** 12 days

**Season:** June – October

The Donjek Route is located in Kluane National Park. This world heritage site is a land of precipitous, high mountains, immense icefields and lush valleys that yield a diverse array of plant and wildlife species and provides for an unrivaled outdoor experience. The Donjek Route rises over the vast alpine of the Burwash Uplands and then descends to the toe of the Donjek Glacier. This route has challenging routefinding and navigation and is the epitome of "pristine mountain wilderness". Stream crossings, game trails, alpine passes, and the occasional bushwhack typify travel in this dramatic landscape.



Guests line up for an exciting drop on the Tutshi River. *Bob Daffe (below)* On day 3 of the Donjek trek, hikers view the massive Donjek Glacier, Kluane National Park. *Jonathan Wood*



# UTAH & NEVADA





THE INTERMOUNTAIN REGIONS OF UTAH AND NEVADA are home to a diverse range of landscapes and topography; from snowy peaks to desert canyons. The Alaska Mountain Guides' base of operations in Alta, Utah is the perfect location to access the unique wilderness areas of Utah and Nevada. With the steep mountain ranges of the west desert, sandstone mesas of the Colorado plateau and plentiful winter snow, Utah and Nevada have it all.

### **MOUNTAINEERING**

The numerous alpine peaks above 11,000 feet (3,350m) between Great Basin National Park and the Wasatch Mountains offer an array of climbing objectives. Steep snow slopes, rock ridges and big mountain terrain make these perfect locations for developing expedition mountaineering skills.

### **BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING**

The skiing and snowboarding in Utah is renowned throughout the world. Deep snowpack, dry powder and incredible mountain terrain make Utah and Nevada the premier location for backcountry skiing and snowboarding.

### **ICE CLIMBING**

The balance of cold winter temperatures and sunshine make ice climbing in Utah's Wasatch mountains some of the best in the country. The ice climbing in Provo Canyon and surrounding areas have everything from moderate toprope climbs to steep, technical multi-pitch routes.

### **BACKPACKING & CANYONEERING**

The canyon country of southwestern Utah is famous for its beautiful red rock canyons, unique topographical formations and landscapes. Participants rappel narrow slot canyons, backpack through towering needles of red rock and explore the desert ecosystem as they venture into this wilderness playground.

### **ROCK CLIMBING**

Notch Peak, located in Utah's west desert, is home to the largest limestone face in the continental U.S. With plenty of sunshine, this massive expanse of rock offers endless amounts of crack, face and slab climbing.

**(opposite)** Guests explore Egypt III slot canyon in Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument. **Eli Fierer (right)** World famous Utah powder. *Adam Clark*





## Mountaineering

**Trip Lengths:** ½ to 12 days

**Season:** November – July

Our Utah & Nevada mountaineering trips give participants a solid foundation of climbing and winter travel skills. Learn crampon technique, crevasse rescue skills and steep snow climbing in a spectacular setting. Our Utah mountaineering programs take place at Alta Ski Area and Great Basin National Park.

Great Basin National Park is home to some of the greatest vertical relief in the United States outside of Alaska. The “big mountain” alpine setting provides a perfect winter classroom for aspiring mountaineers. Our shorter trips enjoy the alpine setting of the Wasatch Mountains around Alta Ski Area. Areas such as Mt. Baldy, Devil’s Castle and Grizzly Gulch provide novice mountaineers with fantastic views in an ideal learning environment.

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**“Thank you for the fantastic backcountry tour at Alta. I had a wonderful time and learned a lot. Thanks for introducing me to the backcountry and for making the day so memorable. I’m sure that I’ll come back soon and go on another tour with you guys.” - Ben N.**

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Climbers use a running belay while ascending a couloir in Great Basin National Park. *Michellesey Benally (below)* Secret powder stash in the Alta backcountry. *Eli Fierer*



## Backcountry Skiing/Snowboarding

**Experience Level:** Intermediate skier or boarder

**Trip Lengths:** ½ to 12 days

**Season:** December – April

The mountains of Utah & Nevada offer some of the best snow in the world coupled with fantastic terrain and abundant sunshine! On the extended trips we will move between a series of camps that give us access to an amazing variety of outstanding skiing and climbing options. The terrain is uniquely suited to ski mountaineering objectives that combine classic climbing ascents with phenomenal ski descents. Whether exploring the 3,000 feet (900m) descents and steep open glades in Great Basin National Park or the powder filled bowls and tight couloirs in the Wasatch Mountains, our backcountry ski programs are customized to fit your specific skiing abilities and goals.

## Lift Access Backcountry

**Trip Lengths:** ½ & 1 day

**Season:** December – April

Join us for a day of lift access backcountry skiing in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah. Lift access backcountry means we use the Alta chair lifts to gain our altitude and then hike out short distances to get to the untracked powder that Alta is famous for. Some of these runs take an hour or more and we end up back at the base of the mountain for another great run. These programs are open to individuals of all abilities. If you have not been backcountry skiing before this is a great place for a first experience! Our low guest to guide ratio allows us to maximize your time out on the slopes. Custom trips and private guiding are available. Join us for a day of skiing you won’t forget!



## Ice Climbing

**Trip Lengths:** 1 to 5 days

**Season:** December – March

Easy access, consistent cold temperatures and a variety of climbs make Provo Canyon an ideal destination for ice climbing. Imagine climbing long frozen waterfalls, honing your crampon technique on a pillar of ice or learning to place an ice screw on lead. Whether you are an experienced ice climber looking for a private day of multi-pitch ice or a beginner looking for your first ice climbing experience, our trips offer the perfect winter adventure!

## Rock Climbing

**Trip Lengths:** 5, 7 & 12 days

**Season:** Year round

Set in the wilderness of the west desert, wide scenic landscapes and the towering faces of the House Range serve as a backdrop for the AMG Utah rock climbing program. Our rock climbing trips are conducted in the Notch Peak Wilderness Study Area (WSA). With vertical limestone faces that rise 4,450 feet (1,356m), Notch Peak is the second largest cliff in the contiguous U.S. after Yosemite's famous El Capitan. There are endless climbing options ranging from 5.5 slabs and easy multi-pitch crack climbs to tenuous 5.11 overhangs and airy 5.10 off-widths. Notch Peak is an outstanding location to develop climbing technique.

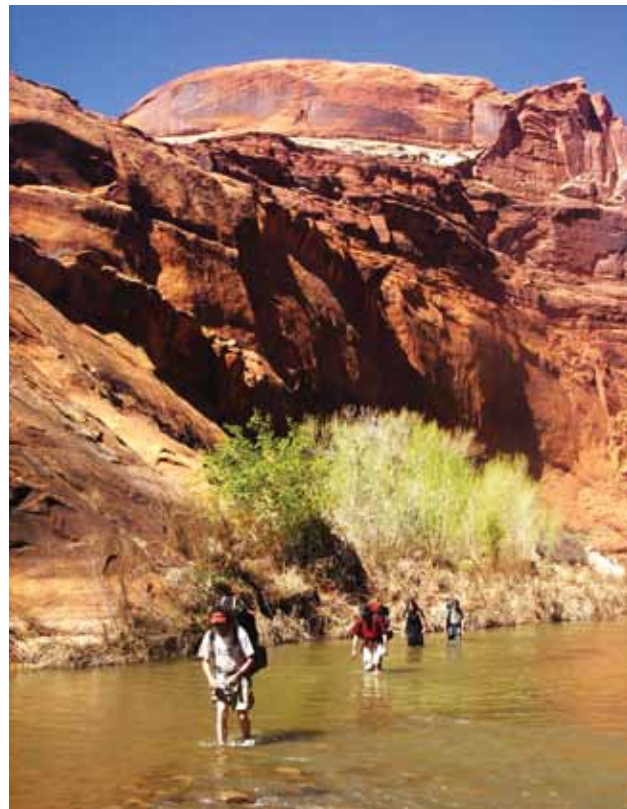
## Backpacking & Canyoneering

**Trip Lengths:** 5, 7 & 12 days

**Season:** September – May

The combined area of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Canyonlands National Park offers some of the most dramatic and unique wilderness topography in the world. Deep red rock canyons, slot canyons, high mesas, towering pinnacles, lush river valleys and sandstone bluffs dominate the landscape. It provides varied terrain for exciting backpacking and technical canyoneering.

**(above)** Learning to place ice screws on Stairway to Heaven, Provo Canyon, Utah. **Ted Roxbury (bottom left)** Crack climbing in the sunshine at Notch Peak. **Clay Meier (bottom right)** Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument has an abundance of high quality backpacking routes. *Eli Fierer*





# MEXICO





**MOUNTAIN GUIDES INTERNATIONAL HAS BEEN LEADING** outdoor adventures in Mexico since 1992. From the snowy heights of Pico de Orizaba to the rocky seashores of Baja, Mexico is a country of diverse geography and limitless adventure opportunities. Exploring the azure inlets of Isla Espiritu Santo, ascending the airy 'Ridge of the Sun' on an Ixtaccíhuatl summit day or visiting a local market are just a few of the unique adventures awaiting in Mexico.

## **MOUNTAINEERING**

The Mexico Volcanoes of Ixtaccíhuatl (17,160'/5,230m) and Pico de Orizaba (18,491'/5,636m), the third highest peak in North America, tower above the surrounding fields and villages. These glaciated peaks offer an outstanding high altitude mountaineering objective for both the novice climber and the seasoned mountaineer. Affordable flights to Mexico City and easy access make for a great initial high altitude experience.



## **SEA KAYAKING**

From the MGI paddling base in La Paz, Baja, we have access to some of the best paddling in Mexico. Whether exploring the rocky promontories of Baja's Sea of Cortez, or whale watching in the lagoons of Magdalena Bay, MGI Mexico sea kayaking trips are the perfect way to experience the unique ecology and diversity of Mexico.

**(opposite)** MGI guide Isis Barrera paddles the outer coast of the Baja Peninsula near Bahía Magdalena, *Nathaniel Stephens*  
**(above)** Descending the 'Arista del Sol' after a successful Ixtaccíhuatl summit. Popocatepetl in the background. *Eli Fierer*

## **CARIBBEAN**

We are Mexico experts! In addition to our extensive mountaineering and kayaking programs, our sister company, Mexico Adventure Guides, based in Cozumel, Mexico, operates year round rock climbing, zip-line, SCUBA, snorkel and kayak programs in the Caribbean. This extensive in-country experience gives MGI a unique perspective and enables the highest quality programming. We are the most experienced international guiding company in Mexico and offer a full range of award winning activities and programming.

## Mexico Volcanoes

**Trip Length:** 10 days

**Season:** Year round

In the land of the ancient Aztecs, the glaciated volcanoes of central Mexico tower above the surrounding landscape. Our trip begins in Mexico City. We spend the first days acclimatizing with a series of scenic hikes in the highlands near the volcanoes Ixtaccíhuatl and Popocatepetl.

Ixtaccíhuatl (17,802'/5,426m) is our first climbing objective and provides a good warm up for our second climb, Pico de Orizaba. Depending on conditions we'll choose from either the Ayoloco route or normal route to the summit. Watching the sunrise from the exciting summit ridge, "Arista del Sol", is truly a breathtaking experience.

At 18,696 feet (5,700m) Orizaba is the highest point in Mexico. It has fantastic climbing on several different routes. After the climbs, we'll stop at the Teotihuacan Pyramids on our way back to Mexico City to explore some of the country's fascinating Aztec history. This trip has a variety of great experiences in a short period of time. The special combination of good weather, spectacular climbing and interesting culture make the volcanoes of Mexico a unique climbing destination.



Cresting the crater rim of Pico de Orizaba. *Will Wacker (below)*  
MGI guides Brian Rougeux and Luis Villaba on the summit of Ixtaccíhuatl. *Brian Rougeux*

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**"What a fantastic vacation! Seeing the gray whales up close, fantastic backcountry food, snorkeling with sea lions and spectacular sunsets! Thanks for making my Baja experience one to remember!"** – Tanya B.

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## Baja Sea Kayaking

**Trip Lengths:** 5, 7, 8 & 12 days

**Season:** September – May

The desert wilderness of southern Baja is one of the best winter adventure destinations in North America. It is an ecological wonder and outdoor playground, an unlikely union of desert and sea. There's no better way to explore it than on a trip with Mountain Guides International.

From our paddling base in La Paz, you'll explore the coast and islands of the southern Sea of Cortez. The unique rock formations, secluded inlets, and pristine azure waters of Isla Espiritu Santo make for excellent snorkeling, sea kayaking and hiking. The Nature Conservancy has identified Isla Espiritu Santo as one of the most ecologically significant islands in the Sea of Cortez. Our days are spent sea kayaking, exploring desert islands, and snorkeling in the refreshing blue water while dolphins, whales, sea lions and colorful fish play in the clear, warm water. Evenings will be spent relaxing in comfort at our shore side camps under a star studded sky.

Our guides are expert naturalists and kayak instructors. They are happy to help refine your paddling technique or teach about the ecological wonders found in the ocean and deserts of the Baja peninsula. It is a perfect trip for paddling novices, families, or seasoned paddlers. We use a combination of single and double kayaks. No previous paddling experience is required. MGI Baja sea kayaking trips are an exceptional way to experience the stunning natural wonder and beauty of this environment.



## Sea Kayaking & Whale Watching

**Trip Length:** 10 days

**Season:** January – May

The combination of sea kayaking Isla Espiritu Santo and whale watching in Magdalena Bay make for a world class wilderness adventure. This trip begins and ends in La Paz, Baja California. For the first five days, we'll paddle and explore the magnificent Isla Espiritu Santo. After the first portion, we'll spend a night in La Paz before heading west to Magdalena Bay.

Magdalena Bay consists of a series of lagoons sheltered from the Pacific Ocean by low barrier islands. These lagoons are winter breeding grounds of the California Gray Whale. It is one of the three large bays on Baja's Pacific coast where the whales go each year to mate and give birth from late December through April. Protected mangrove estuaries provide excellent bird viewing opportunities and exciting exploration via sea kayak. The combination of protected lagoon paddling, the dynamic Pacific coastline and incredible whale watching deliver a world class Baja experience.

**(left)** Colorful sea cliffs of Isla San Jose. *Nathaniel Stephens*  
**(above)** Getting ready to launch the kayaks on the west coast of Isla Espiritu Santo, Baja. *Nathaniel Stephens*

A full-page photograph of a mountain climber, Micah Lewkowitz, in a blue jacket and green helmet, smiling while pulling over a large, dark rock block on a snowy mountain slope. In the background, a jagged, snow-covered mountain peak rises against a bright sky. The title 'SOUTH AMERICA' is overlaid in a large, black, serif font on the left side of the image.

# SOUTH AMERICA

Pulling over the summit block of a snow covered Illiniza Norte, Ecuador. *Micah Lewkowitz* (**opposite top**) On day three of an Aconcagua expedition, the team approaches base camp at Plaza Argentina. *Eli Fierer* (**opposite bottom**) The trekking in Argentina Patagonia surrounding Cerro Torre is world class.



**THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT** is a land of diverse cultures, massive mountain ranges, and the greatest biodiversity on the planet. Between the Amazonian cloud forests of Ecuador and the tidewater glaciers of Patagonia to the Pampas of Argentina and the high altitude deserts of Bolivia, South America is home to endless opportunities for wilderness adventure and exploration. The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range and the highest outside of Asia. Our MGI programs journey to the far reaches of this amazing mountain range, from the granite spires of Patagonia to the glaciated volcanoes of Ecuador.

## **ECUADOR**

With an ecologically rich coastline, smoking volcanoes and cascading jungle waterfalls in the Amazon basin, Ecuador is a dynamic country full of excitement and adventure. The glaciated volcanic peaks of Cotopaxi, Chimborazo and Cayambe, rising from the Andean Plateau of central Ecuador, are incredible high altitude mountaineering objectives.

## **BOLIVIA**

From the clear waters of Lake Titicaca to the summit of majestic Huayna Potosi, Bolivia's unique geography offers climbers incredible mountaineering objectives and adventure travel opportunities.

## **PERU**

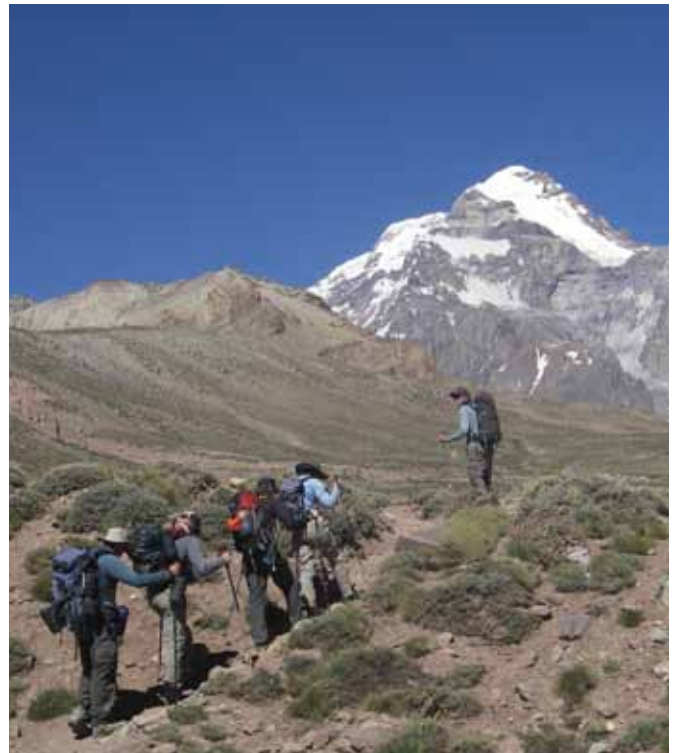
At 8,000 feet (2,430m), Machu Picchu is surrounded by lush tropical rainforest and jagged peaks. The Inca Trail and the ancient city are the most amazing urban creations of the Inca Empire at its height.

## **PATAGONIA**

Equal parts Chile and Argentina, the southern backbone of the Andes hosts an untouched wilderness of incredible beauty. It is a land of legendary allure and mystique, home to lofty Andean peaks, massive glaciers and deep fjords.

## **ACONCAGUA**

Cerro Aconcagua dominates the central Andes at a height of 22,841 feet (6,962m). It is a unique high altitude challenge to the summit of the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere.



## Ecuador Volcanoes

**Trip Length:** 9, 12 & 16 days

**Season:** Year round

Situated between the Galapagos Islands and the wilderness of the Amazon rainforest is the high Andean plateau, an avenue of multiple glacier-strewn volcanoes. After acclimating in Quito and on the slopes of smaller volcanoes such as Guagua Pichincha (15,413'/4,784m), we'll climb a rocky scramble to the summit of Illiniza Norte (16,818'/5,126m). Once acclimated, we journey to Cotopaxi (19,347'/5,897m), or "Neck of the Moon" in Quechua. As the highest active volcano in the world, it offers fun, moderately steep snow climbing through a maze of crevasses.

On our sixteen day trip, climbers journey to Chimborazo (20,701'/6,267m). The highest mountain in Ecuador consists of slightly steeper terrain and is an exciting high altitude challenge. To allow for changing conditions and weather in the mountains, our flexible itineraries may travel to Cayambe (18,997'/ 5,792m), Antisana (18,874'/ 5,754m) or Illiniza Sur (17,218'/ 5,249m) to give participants the best high altitude climbing experience possible.

Between climbs, participants enjoy the colorful markets and native culture of Latin America. Picture yourself cresting a crevassed ridge to see the beginning of the equatorial sunrise, utilizing the rest step in the thin air of a summit ridge or visiting the cloud forest of the Amazon between summit climbs. The combination of high mountains, glaciers and communities rich in indigenous culture create a fantastic backdrop for a unique international experience.

**(below)** Cascading waterfall in the Amazonian cloud forest south of Baños, Ecuador. **Eli Fierer (bottom right)** Descending the Whymper route on Chimborazo. *Bill Welch*



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**"You guys couldn't have put together a better group for our climbs of the Ecuador Volcanoes. I had an amazing time. Couldn't have been better. Brian was patient and knowledgeable, I trusted him completely. It was a great initial high altitude mountaineering experience!"**

**– Elmy W.**

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The summit crater of Cotopaxi with Chimborazo in the background. *Eli Fierer (left)* Climbers descending from the summit of Cotopaxi bypass a serac at 19,000 feet (5,800m). *Eli Fierer (below)* The Condoriri group of the Cordillera Real has endless climbing options of varying difficulties. *Caleb Smith*

**“Our MGI Bolivia mountaineering trip was outstanding, from the activities, acclimatization schedule, mountains, routes, and especially the dedicated work of our guide. Caleb did a marvelous job and made the trip one to remember. The trip has certainly inspired us to push our limits in the mountains and look toward bigger and more difficult challenges. It gave us the chance to gain experience at higher altitudes on more difficult routes... It should certainly be on the to-do list of every weekend warrior looking to up the ante in the mountains...we’re already thinking about more climbs in the Bolivian Andes as a result! I just wanted to submit my endorsement of both this trip and Caleb as world class! Thanks again for a great experience!”**

– James & Andrea B.



## Bolivia Mountaineering

**Trip Length:** 14 & 21 days

**Season:** June – October

This trip combines glacier travel instruction and high altitude mountaineering on some of the tallest peaks of Bolivia. After a series of acclimatization hikes and climbs, we’ll make summit attempts on the moderately technical Huayna Potosi, (19,968’/6,088m) and Illimani (21,125’/6,439m), the “Shining One”.

Our Bolivia mountaineering trip begins in La Paz, the highest capital city in the world at 11,900 feet (3,640m). After a day of local sightseeing and market visits, we visit the pre-Incan ruins of Tiwanaka and the town of Copacabana on the shores of Lake Titicaca. In preparation for our primary objectives we’ll climb some lower elevation peaks in the Cordillera Real range such as Pico Ilusión (16,897’/5,150m) and Pequeno Alpamayo (17,482’/5,330m). These provide a chance to practice advanced mountaineering techniques and time for acclimatization. This trip offers an incredible high altitude climbing experience amidst the rich Andean culture of Bolivia.

## Patagonia Trekking

**Trip Length:** 10 days

**Season:** October – February

The immense granite towers of Torres del Paine and Fitzroy rise up from the surrounding plains of Chile and Argentina and are an awe-inspiring backdrop to phenomenal hiking. This unique wilderness area is renowned for its world class rock, alpine climbing and jagged glaciers.

Our Chilean Patagonia trekking trips begin in the quaint fishing village of Puerto Natales. We'll explore the Francia, Silencio and Grey Valleys of Torres del Paine and choose from a variety of backpacking circuits amongst the impressive granite towers. Fitzroy is the centerpiece of Argentina's Los Glaciares National Park and rises some 6,000' from the glaciers at its base. Our trip takes you to the most remote reaches of the park – not only to the base of Fitzroy, but to the shores of Lago Toro and Lago Viedma. This trip is paradise for hardy trekkers who love to challenge themselves on strenuous terrain.

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**“I enjoyed the Inca Trail trek!! It was a once in a lifetime adventure!! Thanks Mountain Guides International!” – Donna D.**

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Towering granite spires and icefalls of Los Glaciares National Park, Argentine Patagonia. *Jacob Schmitz*

## Machu Picchu

**Trip Length:** 7 & 12 days

**Season:** Year round

Join MGI for the classic Inca trail trek through the heart of the ancient Incan Empire to Machu Picchu. On our way to the mysterious “Lost City of the Incas” we’ll visit remote ruins of this ancient civilization amidst the beautiful mountain scenery, lush cloud forests and subtropical jungle of the Amazonian highlands.

After meeting your MGI guide in Lima, we’ll travel to Cusco, the historic capital of the Incan Empire and an UNESCO world heritage site, which is situated at 11,200 feet (3,410m). At the height of our trek, we’ll pass over Abra de Huarmihuanusca or “Dead Woman’s Pass”, the highest section on the route at nearly 14,000 feet (4,200m). On the last day, we’ll wake up early to catch the sunrise over Machu Picchu, a truly breathtaking experience. Whether you choose the classic seven day or the twelve day less traveled route, the Inca trail trek with Mountain Guides International is the trip of a lifetime!



The mist shrouded summit of Huayna Picchu towers over the ancient city of Machu Picchu. *Luis Villaba*





MGI guide Micah Lewkowitz scouts out an ice climbing area on Cayambe.

**"A**s a mountaineering guide, my travels are generally limited to cold, snowy, mountainous locations. MGI climbing trips in Ecuador are a welcome change. It gives me the opportunity to travel through historical districts with artifacts from the Incan empire, hike in the cloud forest of Baños, trek through the highland farms, and barter with the textile artist community of 'Otovalans'. Climbing in Ecuador is far more than mountaineering on snow-capped, high altitude volcanoes; there is a unique level of interaction with the local culture that can only come from drinking exotic Amazonian fruit juices at a roadside stand, relaxing in the natural hot springs of 'La Virgen', visiting the Old City of Quito with its extravagantly decorated La Compañía de Jesús church, and celebrating on the summit crater of Cotopaxi as the sun rises. Ecuador is one of my favorite climbing destinations worldwide, and I look forward to each and every chance to return."

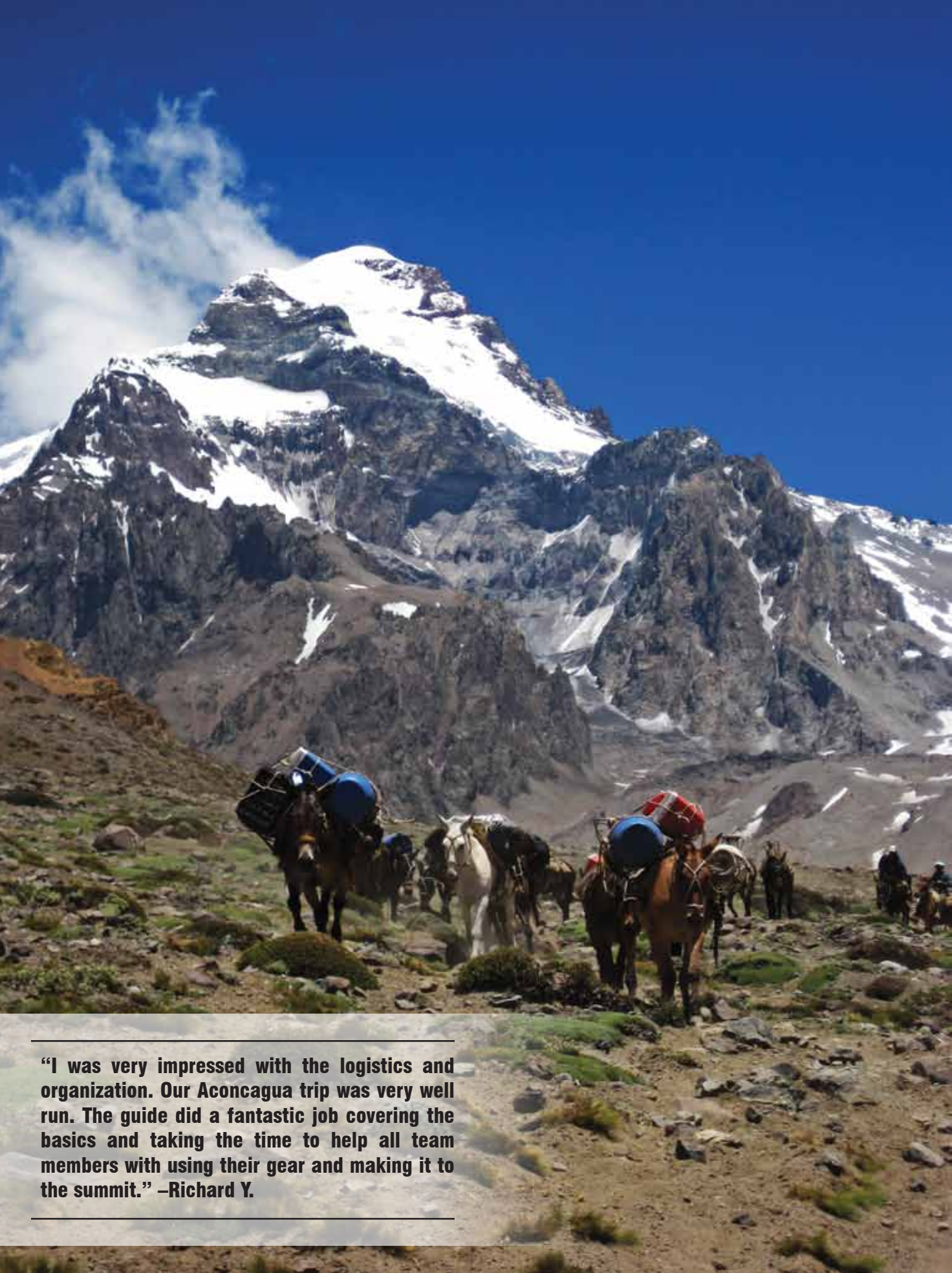
– MGI guide Micah Lewkowitz

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**"First let me extend my thanks for a great trip. MGI did a first class job with all aspects of the climbs and logistics. The experience was exceptional and I would highly recommend MGI to anyone wishing to tackle the Ecuador Volcanoes."**

– Bill W.

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**“I was very impressed with the logistics and organization. Our Aconcagua trip was very well run. The guide did a fantastic job covering the basics and taking the time to help all team members with using their gear and making it to the summit.” –Richard Y.**

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# Aconcagua (22,841'/6,962m)

**Trip Length:** 20 days

**Season:** November – February

Aconcagua is the highest mountain in the world outside of Asia. Located in the central Andes of Argentina, near the border with Chile, Aconcagua offers an incredible climbing experience for individuals seeking the challenges of a high altitude climbing expedition in a spectacular setting.

For over 20 years, MGI has been the premier guide service on Aconcagua. Our safety record, success rate and world class guides contribute to the highest quality guest experience on the mountain.

**(opposite)** Mules carry gear to our base camp at Plaza Argentina, Aconcagua. **Travis Tucker (right)** Early morning departure from high camp on summit day. **Travis Tucker (below)** MGI guides Sean Gaffney and Kevin Forster carrying loads to Camp I. **Eli Fierer**



## ROUTES

All of our Aconcagua expeditions begin and end in Mendoza, Argentina. After meeting your MGI guides upon arrival at the airport and checking in with the permit office in town, we head up to Penitentes at 9,000 feet (2,750m), our gateway to the mountain. We lead three different routes up Aconcagua. Each route is supported by mules to base camp and incorporates a conservative acclimatization schedule, allowing ample extra days for a successful summit day.

### VACAS REGULAR/POLISH TRAVERSE

A three day hike up the gorgeous Vacas Valley leads us to our base camp at Plaza Argentina. Our favorite route moves up the north side of the mountain and is independent from other routes on Aconcagua until high camp at 20,000 feet (6,100m) where it rejoins the normal route for summit day. Following summit day, we'll descend the normal route, giving climbers the chance to experience the whole mountain and catch views of the magnificent south face.

### NORMAL ROUTE

The most popular route on the mountain begins with an ascent up the Horcones Valley to Plaza Mulas base camp. This route offers climbers a more direct path to the summit and fantastic views of the surrounding peaks.

### POLISH GLACIER DIRECT

The Polish Glacier is a demanding steep snow and ice climb at altitude. MGI has consistently had a high success rate on our guided climbs of the Polish. We require participants have previous ice climbing and high altitude experience.



Celebration on the summit of Aconcagua with the impressive south face in the background. *Ted Roxbury*

## SUCCESS RATE

Since 1992, we've had one of the highest summit success rates on Aconcagua. Over the past 5 years, we've enjoyed a 100% expedition success rate and over 91% success rate for all team members. This high percentage is due to our conservative itineraries, acclimatization schedules, small group size and world class guide team.

## EXPERIENCE

With over 150 Aconcagua expeditions in the past 20 years and a perfect safety record, MGI is the number one guide service on Aconcagua. Sean Gaffney, president of MGI, was the first to pioneer the route up the remote Upper Vacas Valley. Additionally, our extensive experience of leading high altitude mountaineering expeditions on all seven continents contributes to a safer and more successful climb on Aconcagua.

## GROUP SIZE

A small group size is one of the most important variables in determining how a trip will run. A small group is safer, has a greater chance of success and avoids conflicts that are unavoidable with larger groups. It also allows for a more flexible, personalized approach to climbing the mountain. At Mountain Guides International we limit trip size on Aconcagua to eight guests.

## RATE OF ASCENT

Rate of ascent is one of the most important things to consider when climbing a big mountain. Many services try to rush people up the mountain. This frequently creates a situation where many members of the group are not acclimatized enough to enjoy themselves or perform well on summit day. The reason most groups do not summit on Aconcagua is not because of bad weather, but simply because they move up the mountain too fast! At MGI our itineraries are designed to provide individuals with a positive high altitude experience. They include ample time for rest, weather and acclimatization days. We always use three camps above base camp, which dramatically increases the safety and success of our guests due to better acclimatization.

Expedition team acclimating at Camp II. *Francois Morin*





**“I wanted to thank you and the MGI team for a great trip to Aconcagua. You and your staff were extremely helpful in preparing for and coordinating the details of Sean’s and my trip, and I wouldn’t hesitate to recommend MGI to others. In particular, I want to recognize the excellent guiding service provided by Brian Rougeux and Mike King. Their personalities, mountaineering knowledge and handling of trip details before, during and after our climb were exemplary. They are the type of guides that will continue to give MGI its excellent reputation.”** - Brian M.



Carrying a load up to Camp I on Aconcagua. *Eli Fierer*



All smiles upon arriving at Plaza Argentina base camp. *Eli Fierer*

## EXTRA WEATHER DAYS AND REST DAYS

We incorporate a minimum of three rest days and extra time at base camp to facilitate acclimatization. In addition, we dedicate three days from high camp to make our summit bid. The combination of being well acclimated and positioned to take advantage of good weather directly results in the high success rate that we’ve had on Aconcagua over the past twenty years.

## PULSE OXIMETERS AND SATELLITE PHONES

Pulse oximeters are small, precise, medical instruments that give a digital readout of the oxygen saturation in your bloodstream, indicating how you are acclimatizing. With this information we can make the best decisions on how to tailor the trip to meet your individual needs. We use them every step of the way, on every Aconcagua climb. In our opinion, all high altitude guides should have one to help assure your safety. We also use satellite phones and radios on the mountain to provide the optimum ability to communicate and plan.

## VALUE

All climbing and logistical costs are included from Mendoza to Mendoza. This includes the climbing permit, lodging and meals in Penitentes, mule costs in and out of base camp, group gear and food on the mountain. Many guiding companies don’t include the permit cost.

## GUIDES

Mountain Guides International guides are professionals and high altitude experts. They are special individuals who have a passion for climbing Aconcagua and being in the mountain environment. They bring a wealth of experience from guiding around the world to every trip. Their skill and positive attitudes ensure our guests a great experience during their climb. All of our guides are also WEMT certified and professional climbing instructors who genuinely enjoy sharing their knowledge. This can be an important consideration for individuals who have not spent a lot of time at altitude, and are interested in learning the safest and most efficient ways to climb a big mountain.



# EAST AFRICA



Day five on the Machame route. Guests hike from Karanga camp to Barafu underneath the impressive south face of Kilimanjaro. *Sean Gaffney (opposite left)* Uhuru Peak. Summit of Kilimanjaro. *(opposite right)* View of the summit from Barafu camp (14,950'/4,560m) *Sean Gaffney*



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**“MGI is the only U.S. based guide service that I recommend.”**

- Cameron Burns, Author “Kilimanjaro and East Africa, a climbing and trekking guide.”

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## **Kilimanjaro (19,340’/5,896m)**

**Trip Length:** 10 & 11 days

**Season:** Year round

**WE ARE KILIMANJARO EXPERTS.** With a perfect safety record and the highest success rate on the mountain, MGI is the #1 guide service on Kilimanjaro. Our itineraries are designed to give participants a positive high altitude experience. We have found that this makes a big difference in being well acclimatized and feeling strong for summit day. Join us for an unforgettable adventure to the roof of Africa!

### **ROUTES**

We climb Mount Kilimanjaro via the Machame, Lemosho and Rongai routes. These fantastic routes are non-technical and give climbers a chance to climb at altitude amidst a spectacular backdrop. Each itinerary is structured to provide the best opportunity for acclimatization, avoid the crowds and offer the best chances for a successful summit. Many of our Kilimanjaro climbs are timed to summit with the full moon.

### **MACHAME ROUTE**

The Machame route (“Whiskey Route”) is our most popular option which offers what most consider the most beautiful and dramatic views on the mountain. The Shira Plateau, Barranco Wall and Lava Tower are just a few of the stunning landmarks on this adventure. You’ll travel through rainforest glades, mid-mountain moorlands and high altitude desert beneath glaciated terrain. The trail is in fantastic shape and comes highly recommended by all of our guests.



### **RONGAI ROUTE**

The Rongai route takes a more direct line up the north eastern slope from the Kenyan border. This route offers adventurers a slightly rougher trail with less people and a more remote setting. You’ll enjoy views of the stunning Kenyan savannahs and potential for frequent wildlife sightings. The grassy slopes, towering spires and panoramic views will give you a unique perspective of this magnificent mountain.

### **LEMOSHO ROUTE**

The Lemosho route offers the most gradual ascent and allows for an extra acclimatization day. Of our three Kilimanjaro adventures this is considered the easiest. You’ll be treated to superb wildlife viewing in the Lemosho Glades along with the captivating landscape of the Southern Icefields spilling over the summit. We recommend this route to anyone concerned with how they will adapt to the altitude.



**MGI IS THE PREMIER GUIDE SERVICE IN EAST AFRICA.** Whether climbing to the summit of Kilimanjaro or enjoying a custom safari in the wilds of the Serengeti, MGI brings the highest quality customer service and safety to each and every trip.

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**“My Kilimanjaro trip was one of the best organized, planned, executed and coordinated trips I have been on.” - Marcell J.**

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Climbers ascend the Barranco Wall on day four of the Machame route. *Sean Gaffney*



### **SAFETY AT HIGH ALTITUDE**

We bring pulse oximeters, oxygen and Gamow bags on every Kilimanjaro expedition. Certified as Wilderness Emergency Medical Technicians and trained in high altitude medicine, our guides bring the highest level of safety to your African experience. Your safety is our #1 priority.

### **QUALITY OF SERVICE**

Customer service and attention to detail are what sets us apart! Starting with your first email or phone call to our office, we bring the highest level of service all the way to the summit and beyond. Our goal is to provide you with the trip of a lifetime!

### **KILIMANJARO PORTER SOCIETY**

We are dedicated to giving back to the communities of East Africa and ensuring the best working conditions for our porter teams on the mountain. MGI is a founding member of the Kilimanjaro Porter Society.

### **U.S. GUIDES**

Our guides are full time mountain professionals who are exemplary guides. They are dedicated to insuring our guests an experience that exceeds their expectations! Every Kili trip that we lead draws on the experience of more than 20 years of guiding high altitude trips on Denali, Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro and around the world.

### **TRIP SIZE**

We believe that group size is one of the most important factors determining the kind of experience our guests will have. Smaller group sizes give us the flexibility to meet individual goals and expectations, as well as to avoid some of the challenges associated with large groups. Because of this we limit our groups to eight guests. We are happy to work with larger groups by special arrangement.



## East African Safari

**Trip Lengths:** 1 to 7 Days

**Season:** Year round

Tanzania has some of the best game viewing in the world. Our award winning itineraries visit several of Africa's finest wildlife viewing areas including: Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti. We have a variety of safari options, from relaxing campsites and wilderness lodges to first class luxury hotels. We have private jeeps and drivers at your disposal. Join our knowledgeable guides on a world class Tanzanian safari!

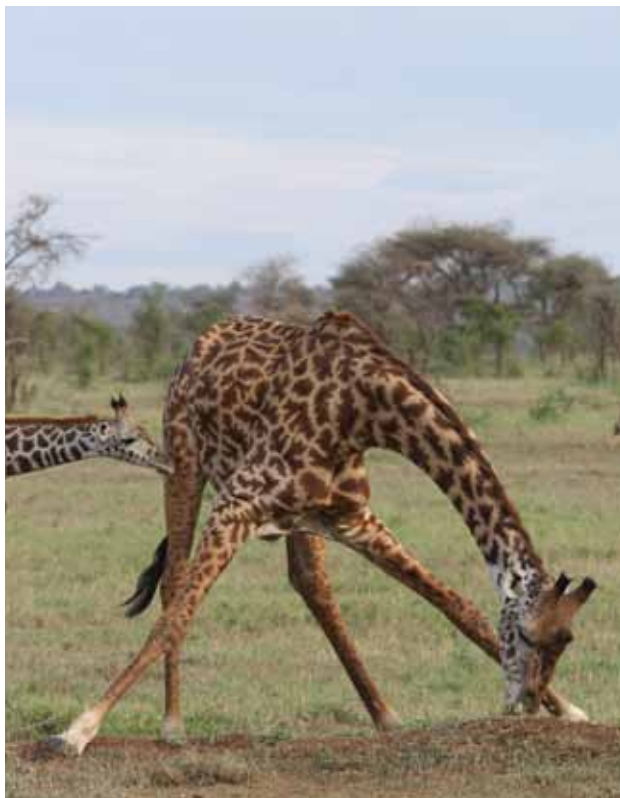
The lush vegetation and watering holes of Lake Manyara National Park make for excellent wildlife viewing in a relatively small geographic area. Its mahogany and Sausage trees are alive with blue monkeys and vervets. Elephants feed off fallen fruit while bushbucks, waterbucks, baboons, leopards and black rhinos all make their home in the forest. Manyara is sanctuary to elusive water buffalo, giraffe, impala, and zebra.

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a huge area containing active volcanoes, mountains, archeological sites, rolling plains, forests, lakes, dunes and of course, Ngorongoro Crater and Olduvai Gorge. The density and variety of large African mammals within the Ngorongoro Crater make for fantastic wildlife viewing. On the drive to Ngorongoro, we'll visit Olduvai Gorge, a cradle of humanity, and famous for fossil finds of "Lucy" and *Australopithecus boisei*.

**(top)** Lion cub in Ngorongoro Crater. *Sean Gaffney* **(bottom left)** Giraffe searches for water on the plains of the Serengeti. *Sean Gaffney* **(bottom right)** Elephant warily watches a pod of hippos on the shores of Lake Manyara. *Sean Gaffney*



The Serengeti is one of the world's last great wildlife refuges. This vast area supports the greatest remaining concentration of plains animals, on a scale unparalleled anywhere else in the world. The name comes from the Massai word 'Siringet', meaning endless plains. Equal in size to Northern Ireland, the park contains an estimated three million large animals, most of which take part in a massive seasonal migration. We'll see prides of lions, herds of wildebeest, pods of hippopotamus and lone leopards as we explore the extensive wilderness of the Serengeti.



## Mt. Kenya (17,058'/5,199m)

**Trip Lengths:** 7 & 10 Days

**Season:** Year round

Mt Kenya is Africa's second tallest mountain next to Kilimanjaro, and is located just 17 kilometers south of the equator. The climbing here is world class and ranges from high altitude trekking, to alpine rock climbing, and some of the finest ice climbing on the planet! The mountain itself is actually an amalgamation of peaks, spires and pinnacles. The three highest peaks are Point Lenana (16,355'/4,986m), Batian (17,058'/5,200m) and Nelion (17,022'/5,2190m). Point Lenana is accessible by trekking and offers exceptional views of the park, while Batian and Nelion are only ascended by technical climbing and are therefore unfrequented; it is not uncommon to have the whole peak to yourself! We offer both trekking ascents and technical climbs of this spectacular massif.



**“Not only was it an amazing adventure, but I felt that the whole MGI staff was truly looking out for our health and welfare. They truly went above and beyond to ensure that everyone was successful in reaching Uhuru Peak.”**

– Barbara M.



**(top)** Post-summit celebration at Mweka camp, Kilimanjaro. **Meredith Riley (middle)** Masai women of the Serengeti. **Sean Gaffney (right)** Zebra at Lake Manyara. Sean Gaffney **(opposite)** Sunrise on Kilimanjaro and Mawenzi peak in the distance. *Meredith Riley*







**"**Few images rival that of the first streaks of an African sunrise viewed from Stella Point after a demanding trek up to the crater rim of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Witnessing this rewarding experience on the faces of those seeing it for the first time is one of the most satisfying moments of my guiding career. Even after numerous trips to the roof of Africa, I always look forward to this occasion with anticipation. I really appreciate that I get the pleasure of helping facilitate and participate in these types of events. There are many great aspects of the MGI East Africa program but one that I especially value is the small group size and the way it enhances the entire experience. Not only do I get to know each guest, but they in turn get to know me and why I savor these beautiful backdrops and landscapes—because of how new and remarkable they look each time when seen as a reflection in another's eyes. Go see for yourself..."

**- MGI guide Jonathan Wood**

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**"I can't imagine better guides. Bill's knowledge of local culture and the mountain were amazing. I have no doubt our entire group would not have all summited without such superb leaders."**

**- Kerry C.**

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# NEPAL



MGI guide Alex Anderson leads the way on Lobuche. *Sean Gaffney* (**opposite top**) High on the south ridge of Lobuche East (20,075'/6,119m) with Ama Dablam and the Khumbu Valley in the distance. *Ted Roxbury* (**opposite middle**) Trekkers in the upper Khumbu near Tengboche. *Tatiana Lawson* (**opposite bottom**) On the approach to Island Peak base camp with Lhotse in the background. *Sean Gaffney*



## Everest Region Trekking

**Trip Lengths:** 14 & 24 days

**Season:** September – November & March – May

The Khumbu region of Nepal is one of the most unique mountain areas in the world. Your trip begins with cultural immersion in Kathmandu, Nepal's largest city and one of the world's oldest cultural crossroads. While here, we will visit the ancient Buddhist temple of Swayambhunath, the Buddhist shrine Bodhnath, the Hindu temple Pashupatinath as well as the historic Durbar Square. From Kathmandu, we will fly to Lukla and start our trek.

We'll visit the village of Namche Bazaar and the famous Buddhist monastery in Tengboche on our way up the Khumbu. Our longer trek takes us over Cho La pass into Gokyo and culminates with a visit to Everest base camp. Fantastic views of the Himalayan giants, fascinating culture of the Sherpa people, and expert MGI guides make for the trip of a lifetime!

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**"Alex was an excellent guide! He was very friendly, responsible, passionate about his job and the Khumbu region of Nepal. A great first trekking experience!"**

- Alyssa H.

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## Khumbu Mountaineering

**Trip Length:** 30 days

**Season:** October – November & April – May

The Khumbu Valley and the towering peaks of Mt. Everest, Lhotse and Ama Dablam have inspired mountaineers like few other places. The peaks of Lobuche (20,075'/6,119m) Imja Tse or "Island Peak" (20,285'/6,183m) and Mera Peak (21,247'/6,476m) offer a world class mountaineering destination and an ideal initial Himalayan climbing experience.

## Ama Dablam (22,493'/6,858m)

**Trip Length:** 44 days

**Season:** October – November

Ama Dablam is one of the classic technical climbs at altitude in the world. It is a strikingly beautiful mountain located in the Everest region of Nepal. Our route follows the Southwest Ridge. It is demanding and involves sustained technical rock and snow/ice climbing. Knowledge of climbing at altitude and technical climbing experience are requisite for this trip. The rewards equal the challenges; the route offers outstanding climbing with amazing vistas!



## Whitewater Rafting

**Trip Lengths:** 7 – 24 days

**Season:** September – November & March – May

The Sun Kosi and Karnali Rivers are two of the largest drainages in Nepal. The Sun Kosi descends from the great Mahabharay Lekh Mountains and the Himalaya, encompassing the majority of eastern Nepal's watershed. The Karnali, of western Nepal, is the longest and largest river in the country. MGI's world renowned river expeditions in Nepal offer exciting Class IV+ rapids amidst a unique wilderness and culture.



# SEVEN SUMMITS

## Denali (20,320'/6,195m)

**Trip Length:** 22 days

**Season:** April – July

Denali is frequently considered to be America's most classic climb and has the greatest vertical relief on the planet. Our route follows the West Buttress, which is not technically difficult, but weather and altitude make it demanding. The climb is as rewarding as it is challenging. Fantastic views of the Alaska Range, active participation as an expedition member, and a strong sense of personal accomplishment all combine to make Denali an incredible mountaineering experience. Denali expeditions operate in conjunction with Mountain Trip, a licensed concessionaire of Denali National Park.



## Aconcagua (22,841'/6,964m)

**Trip Length:** 20 days

**Season:** November – February

Aconcagua is located in the central Andes of Argentina near the border with Chile, and is the highest peak in the western hemisphere. It offers an incredible climbing experience for individuals seeking the challenges of a high altitude climbing expedition in a spectacular setting.



Camp 2 on Aconcagua after a snowstorm. *Travis Tucker (top)*  
Ascending to high camp on Denali. *Sean Gaffney*

## Kilimanjaro (19,340'/5,896m)

**Trip Lengths:** 10 & 11 days

**Season:** Year round

We climb Kilimanjaro via the Machame, Lemosho, and Rongai Routes. These are fantastic routes with incredible scenery. Our itineraries are designed to give participants a positive high altitude experience. We have found that this makes a big difference in being well acclimatized and feeling strong for summit day! Combine a Kilimanjaro climb with a safari for an incredible East Africa experience.

## Mt. Elbrus (18,481'/5,634m)

**Trip Length:** 14 days

**Season:** July – September

Mt Elbrus is located in the heart of the Caucasus Mountains in Russia. MGI expeditions begin and end in Moscow. After acclimating in the Baksan Valley we ascend via ski lift to an elevation of 11,400 feet (3,475m). From here it is approximately a two-hour hike to the Priutt Hut at 13,800 feet. We acclimate for two days at the Priutt Hut (13,800'/4,210m) before making our bid for the summit. Although a non-technical climb, it does require crampon and ice axe use.

## Everest (29,029'/8,850m)

**Trip Length:** 50 days

**Season:** April – May

We work with some of the most qualified guides and sherpas on the mountain to lead professionally guided Everest expeditions to the south side of the mountain. We provide all of the logistical support and leadership necessary to make this a successful expedition to the highest mountain in the world.

## Carstenz Pyramid (16,023'/4,885m)

**Trip Length:** 14 days

**Season:** July – October

Carstensz Pyramid, the highest peak in Indonesia, is located in the highlands of West Papua (formerly known as Irian Jaya). It is one of the most exotic mountaineering trips imaginable. In addition to the cultural richness of West Papua, the mountain, locally known as Puncak Jaya or "Victory Peak", is an exciting alpine rock climb in its own right.

## Vinson Massif (16,067'/4,898m)

**Trip Length:** 19 days

**Season:** November – January

Mt. Vinson offers climbers a moderate climb and an incredible experience on the world's southernmost continent. Part of the Ellsworth Mountain Range, Vinson is located just 600 miles from the South Pole.





**(left)** MGI guides John Chitanda and Meredith Riley pose on a summit glacier on Kilimanjaro. **(right)** Mt. Everest dominates the upper Khumbu Valley. *Sean Gaffney* **(below)** Travis Tucker leads the descent from high camp on Aconcagua following a successful summit.

*Bill Dwyer*



**W**e had opted to spend a couple of extra days waiting at Aconcagua's high camp in an effort to better negotiate the tricky weather, and maximize our chance for the summit. That night we experienced temperatures well below freezing and consistent winds over 70mph. The other guide and I were in and out of the tent every 15 to 30 minutes, retying guy lines, securing zippers, fixing poles and delivering hot water to our guests. It was truly an unforgettable experience. The next morning high camp looked like a war zone. Out of three teams, our tents were the only ones still standing. All night maintenance was certainly a factor, however I attribute a large portion of this to the high standards, training and rigging expertise the owners of MGI have bestowed in us.

A large lenticular cloud looked discouraging for the following day, and motivation was diminishing. The two other guided groups at high camp packed up and retreated off of the mountain. The weather report indicated a marginal chance for improvement the following day, so... I presented a colorful motivational dialogue to the team to stick it out another night and give it another day. Sure enough, our weather window prevailed.

Our summit bid, though not without its struggle, was quite straightforward. That day we were the only ones to stand on top of the White Sentinel, and the feeling of accomplishment and ecstasy was unsurpassed. We descended to Plaza de Mulas the following day only to learn that the weather had indeed returned and denied yet another three summit teams. A quote by Louis Pasteur sums up the trip best "chance favors only the prepared mind." At MGI I have the privilege of working with some of the most dedicated and prepared minds in the industry."

**- MGI guide Travis Tucker**

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

**WE ARE SPECIALISTS AT TAKING YOUNG ADULTS** into the wilderness. AMG and MGI offer a complete program of trips and courses for high school age students. Some of the exciting experiences awaiting adventurous teens include kayaking with humpback whales in Alaska, descending narrow slot canyons in southern Utah or climbing a lofty granite ridge in the North Cascades. We have over 20 years experience leading and teaching high school students in Alaska and throughout the world.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

These adventure education programs are the ideal setting for young adults to learn and excel in a fun, experientially-based group setting. Students develop leadership skills used to face challenges and solve problems in unique wilderness environments. The self-confidence and self-reliance garnered from these experiences last a lifetime. Imagine ice climbing on a deep blue glacier, standing in awe of giant sandstone towers in the Canyonlands, or learning how to navigate with a map and compass. These trips are set in the perfect locations for learning new skills, making new friends and improving social and environmental awareness.



First time rock climber in Skagway, AK. *Sean Winters* (left)  
Student group enjoys some brief downtime on Isla Espiritu Santo, Baja, Mexico. *Rachel Collins*

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**“Our guides were always professional. They were incredibly entertaining, amusing the kids with stories of their adventures and striving to get to know a little about each participant. Our kids **ADORED** these instructors and could not stop gushing about what a top notch, once in a lifetime experience they had.”** - Brandon H.

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High School group glacier trekking on the Davidson Glacier, Haines, Alaska. *Travis Tucker*

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**“Professional wilderness guides and instructors from AMG offer you safe, high quality wilderness adventures. With them, I have taken Venturer crew 71 of Haines Alaska; white water rafting, mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing, hiking and sea kayaking. Their staff are more than just wilderness guides. They are supreme instructors and mentors who put safety first. Within an hour of their hand shake they will call you by name. Within a day they will be your friend. You will trust them with your life as they lead you into the wilds of Alaska’s most pristine scenery. It will take your breath away.” –Greg P.**

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## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DESTINATIONS

### ***North America***

High school groups join us at our expedition center in Haines, Alaska for a myriad of wilderness adventures. Additionally, we work with youth groups in Washington’s North Cascades, Utah’s canyon country and Baja’s Sea of Cortez. Each location has a variety of adventure options and itineraries are easily customizable for each group.

### ***South America***

Ecuador boasts a fascinating culture, snowy volcanoes, exciting whitewater rafting and mountain biking adventures. It is a multi-sport mecca and a great spot for youth groups to explore the culture and geography of a foreign country. Argentina is a favorite high school trip location with its lofty peaks, rivers and European cultural influences.

### ***Africa***

MGI has led numerous youth groups to the ‘Roof of Africa’. Often groups incorporate wildlife safaris in the Serengeti or service components for the local communities following ascents of Kilimanjaro.

## CHILKOOT HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

We have been working with Boy Scout troops from across the U.S. and around the world since 1992. Our expertise and history with the Boy Scouts of America has culminated in the formation of the Chilkoot High Adventure Base.

The Chilkoot High Adventure Base is the ultimate scouting experience. These wilderness adventures are filled with exciting challenges and learning experiences. They offer young people a way to safely explore the incredible wilderness of Alaska’s mountains, rivers and fjords and develop the skills for a lifetime of adventure and leadership. Learn more at [www.alaskascoutingadventures.org](http://www.alaskascoutingadventures.org)



# CUSTOM TRIPS

We are specialists at designing customized trips and courses. A custom trip may incorporate a series of different activities, focus on a specific skill set, have a unique length or support additional goals such as fundraising. No matter what your specific needs are, we bring the highest level of safety, technical mastery, world class customer service and professionalism to all of our trips. Below are just a few examples of custom groups and trips that AMG and MGI have facilitated.

## **Private**

We are accustomed to arranging private trips for special family events or to facilitate 1-on-1 instruction in a unique setting.

## **Service**

Whether in far flung corners of the globe or in our own communities, we have arranged numerous custom programs that combine outdoor adventures with rewarding service programs in local communities.

## **Fundraising**

Consider working with AMG or MGI to set up a fundraising expedition to a unique mountain or location around the world. Over the past few years, we have helped raise over \$300,000 for charitable organizations.

## **Corporate Team Building**

Increasing efficiency, employee morale and overall performance, the leadership development and team building derived from wilderness expedition-based courses are tremendously effective and can last for years down the road. AMG has worked with numerous corporations to structure custom team building programs.

## **Government and Military**

AMG has hosted numerous technical skills training courses, leadership development programs and risk management seminars for elements of the U.S. Military, Canadian Military, International SAR organizations and other government entities.

## **AMG & MGI are proud to have worked with the following organizations to develop custom trips specific to their needs:**

Outward Bound International, Putney Student Travel, Canadian Department of National Defense, UK Boy Scouts, Adventure Treks, Georgia Southern University, Rowland Hall, The Boy Scouts of America, Ferrum College, Westminster College, Cornerstone Wilderness Therapy, U.S. Military, Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation, Beyond Limits, Government of St. Kitts, Venture Scouts, Latin School of Chicago, MIT Sloan and other quality organizations in the U.S. and around the world.

Often, a private trip can be arranged for nearly the same cost as our regularly scheduled departures. Call our office for more information about setting up a custom program.



Class III+ whitewater on the Karnali River, Nepal. *Bob Daffe*

## **How to sign up for an AMG or MGI trip**

Call or email our administrative office to check on the most up-to-date trip availability. Our knowledgeable administrative staff is excited to answer any questions that you might have and help you find the trip that is the best fit for you. Visit [www.alaskamountainguides.com](http://www.alaskamountainguides.com) and click on "Registration" to access all of the forms that you'll need to submit as well as review trip policies and deposit details. We request that guests submit their completed registration forms at least 45 days before the trip date.

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- Paul H.

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**(left)** Kayakers explore the protected waters of Bahia Magdalena, famous calving area for Gray whales, Baja, Mexico. **Daniel Fox (right)** Mountaineering in the Khumbu region of Nepal. **Sean Gaffney (below)** Haines, Alaska, your gateway to adventure.





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Bluebird skies and stable conditions combine for some epic heli-skiing outside of Haines, AK. *Adam Clark (front cover)* 20,000 feet (6,000m) on summit day on Aconcagua! Climbers ascend towards the Canaleta... heading for the top. *Bill Dwyer*