**Aconcagua Schedule 2023-2024 – Polish Traverse Option**

12/14/ or 12/15: Fly to Mendoza

**12/15-12/17: Hostel Alamo in Mendoza (2,400 ft/760 m)**

12/16: Organize gear, shop, etc. Group Dinner

12/17: Drive up to Puente del Inca or Penitentes

**12/17-12/20: Hostel in PdI (8900 ft/2725 m) or Penitentes (8500 ft)**

12/18: Las Cuervas (drive) 12,500 ft – short hike to grab K volcanic samples along the ridge (and spend time looking at stratigraphy)

12/19: Cerro Banderitas ridge hike 12,500 ft (3850 m) – hike to look at and sample K section (~1000 m vertical)

12/20: Qurbrada Paramilles toward Co. Tolosa – rough hike off trail to collect rock samples, 1000 m+ vertical gain, scree day – honestly not sure if we can get there, might just be a rest day. – gear needs to be organized split for Mules to bring it to both Confluencia and Mulas. Carry personal gear (tents/sleeping bags/pads/etc), food and group gear can go in on Mules – communicate with park officials and see if they’ll stash out things at Mulas

***False Polish/Polish Traverse***

12/20: Mule-assisted day hike to first camp, Pampa de Leñas

12/21: Mule-assisted day hike to second camp, Casa de Piedra

12/22: Mule-assisted hike to Plaza Argentina Base Camp

12/23: Rest and acclimatization day at base camp (Liz works at Plaza Argentina)

12/24: Load carry to Camp 1 and return to base camp (Liz works at Plaza Argentina)

12/25: Move to Camp 1 with gear (Liz might hang in Plaza Argentina for an extra day)

12/26: Carry to Camp 2 and return to Camp 1 (Liz to Camp 1)

12/27: Move to Camp 2 with gear (Liz to Mulas)

12/28: Carry to Camp 3 and return to Camp 2 (Liz works Bonete)

12/29: Move to Camp 3 (Liz to confluencia)

12/30: Summit day back to Mulas? (Liz works Playa Ancha)

12/31: Descend to Plaza de Mulas Base Camp, completing the traverse (Liz Cerro Almacenes)

1/1: Trek out from base camp to Penitentes and drive to Mendoza, arrive late –Liz at Confluencia for 2 (if I summit with the group) more days three – Liz works at Mulas

1/2: **group flies back** – Liz hikes to Confluencia

1/3: Playa Ancha work (sleep at confluencia)

1/4: Cerro Almacenes work (sleep at confluencia)

1/5: Hike out

1/6: logistics in Mendoza

1/7: return flight