

VIEDMA PRO

The Ice in Viedma Glacier is specially suited to practice real Ice Climbing. The crevasses, all types of slopes, and other features allow a perfect day of instruction. This is the best option to experience a first day of Ice Climbing training.

The clinic includes basic Crampon walking techniques (ten point technique), basic use of Ice axes, important safety knots, glacier travel, and Ice climbing fundamentals. (Top Rope, no leading), anchors, belaying and abseiling. Trained and certified mountain guides will supervise the operation and safety. They provide all the technical gear, first aid kits, radio communication with El Chalten and the boat.

Duration: 9 hours

Not included:

- ✓ Ground transfer to Bahía Túnel from El Chalten.
- ✓ Personal clothing and gear (jacket, gloves, sun glasses, proper shoes)
- ✓ Box lunch.

Season: October through April.

Difficulty: Suited for people with some walking experience, in good shape and used to practice active-outdoor sports.

Age limit: 10 years No limit for elders as long as they are able to do it

Number of participants: 10 participants per Guide and participant.

9:00am Departure from Bahía Túnel towards Viedma Glacier.

The small and sheltered harbor of Bahía Túnel is only 17 km away from El Chalten and very close to the mouth of the Túnel River.

The boat begins sailing with a south course, very close to the shore enjoying excellent views of Mt Fitz Roy and Cerro Huemul.

There is a point called Cape Horn like the famous Cape, when the boat turns at this point visitors are treated with the fantastic views of Viedma Glacier.

9:50am Sightseeing in front of the Glacier's snout.

By getting close to the ice it is possible to see huge Icebergs that have calved from the Glacier, and all the blue shades of the ice. Our guides will explain everything there is to know and understand about the Glacier.

10:15am Landing on the exposed rocks near the glacier.

10:30am Approach to the glacier and walk to the Ice climbing site.
The guides double-check the equipment and organize the groups, and start the hike, across moraines, crevasses, and continue on the ice to reach the climbing area.

11:30am Ice Climbing clinic
The Guides will brief about the equipment and safety procedures. Normally the initial learning is very fast and satisfying for apprentice climbers. Several hours spent learning and practicing different techniques.

3:00pm return to the rock promontory next to lake.

4:45pm Boarding time to sail back to Bahia Tunel

6:00pm Arrival to Bahia Tunel