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**TECHNICAL
MT. WHITNEY SUMMER ASCENT
MOUNTAINEER'S ROUTE/ EAST FACE OR EAST BUTTRESS
Eastern Sierra Nevada, Lone Pine, CA**



General Description: This course offers a practical introduction to alpine climbing-- offering a guided climb of Mt. Whitney via the East Face (5.6 route) or East Buttress (5.8 route) descent via the Mountaineer's route . This course is a great way to explore and climb the highest mountain in the Sierra Nevada and the lower 48 states. A great climb for the intermediate to advanced mountaineer who wants to climb this peak via a challenging technical route with fantastic views of the East Face of Mt. Whitney and terrific views of several other peaks in the Sierra's. The East Face and East Buttress routes are classic alpine climbs involving rock scrambling, cross-country hiking, and solid rock climbing on excellent granite with several pitches of classic rock climbing on solid granite at high altitude. It can be accomplished by intermediate climbers in excellent physical condition and who has good rock climbing skills. We will review our climbing techniques with a pre-climb clinic on the day prior to approach to our high camp at upper boy scout lake.

Location: Mt. Whitney, Eastern Sierra Nevada.

Mt. Whitney Climb Itinerary: After meeting at Elevations Climbing Shop in Lone Pine at 7:00 am on the first day we will hike into the backcountry and establish a base camp at 11,000 ft. On the second day we will rise early for an alpine start, (4:00 am) and climb via east face or east buttress on Mt. Whitney's northeast side or east face, returning to our base camp by early in the afternoon, we pack up and head down to the trailhead arriving at our vehicles by early evening.

PLEASE NOTE - This is a best-case scenario. This itinerary is subject to change at the guide's discretion and is dependent on mountain conditions, group experience/expectations, and other factors we cannot anticipate.

Food: Group breakfast(s), dinner(s), and hot beverages are included. Please bring your own favorite, high-calorie, high-carbohydrate lunches and snacks. Examples: bagels, cheese, dried fruit, trail mix, Clif bars, chocolate, etc.

Level: Intermediate to Advanced depending on the route taken. Participants should be in **excellent** physical condition. Previous mountaineering experience is required for the East Face and East Buttress routes.

Dates 2015: *Additional Dates Available from June through September - call 888.797.6867*



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Cost: Mt. Whitney East Face or East Buttress: \$1,275.00 with one / \$850.00 with two (Max Ratio: 1:2)

Deposit: 50% deposit with the balance due 30 prior to trip date departure

Optional Costs:

Pre-Climb Rock Clinic: \$125.00 conducted day prior to climb departure

Porters (up to 45 lbs to high camp) \$150.00 each way

Includes: Professional instruction/guide, breakfast(s), dinner(s), helmets, harness, group-climbing equipment including ropes and safety equipment, group camping equipment including tents and stoves, permits, and permit fees including Mt. Whitney permit reservations fees.

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