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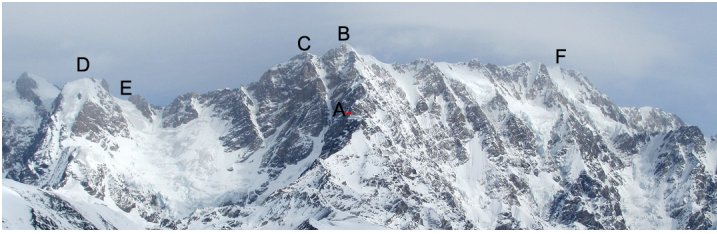
## **Shkhara South, First Winter Ascent via South-southwest Ridge**

Georgia, Caucasus

**From December 16–19, 2015, Giorgi Tepnadze and I, with the help of Davit Mchedlishvili until the last camp**, made the first winter ascent of Shkhara South (4,320m), a small top on the south-southwest ridge of Shkhara West (5,068m). The 2,100m ascent, with a total distance of more than 25km from the village of Ushguli and back, was rated 4A.

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## Images



The Shkhara massif in winter from the south. (A) Shkhara South (4,320m). (B) Shkhara West (5,068m). (C) Foresummit of Shkhara West. (D) Shota Rusteveli. (E) Sandro Pass. (F) Shkhara Main summit.



On the first winter ascent of Shkhara South (4,320m): Giorgi Tepnadze climbs the southwest ridge. The view behind looks east along the range.



Looking northwest along the Bezingi Wall, past the snowy pyramid of Tetnuldi (right), to the double-summitted Ushba.



Shkhara South (4,320m) as seen during the first winter ascent in December 2015. The route followed the left skyline ridge or the far-side flank.

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