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### **Nevado Palqay, West Face**

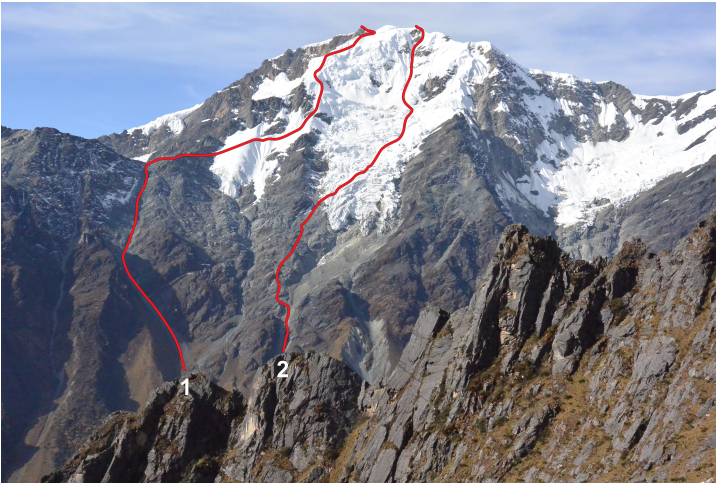
Peru, Cordillera Vilcabamba

**In late August 2019, IFMGA guide Henry Moya (Ecuador) and I guided Ted Mueser and Mark Yoder (both USA) up a new route on the west face of Nevado Palqay (5,422m; 13°17'23.40"S, 72°30'8.22"W) in the Cordillera Vilcabamba.** This peak lies along the far end of the ridge extending east and then north from Salkantay. I made Palqay's first ascent in May 2015 (AAJ 2016) via the mountain's west buttress (looker's left of the 2019 route).

Our ascent required a long day from a camp at 4,700m on the rock ledges below the west glacier. After ascending the heavily crevassed glacier, we climbed moderate snow slopes up the center of the west face. We finished the route at the highest point directly above this face (500m, AD), about 150m from the main summit. We decided to descend from there since the snow on the summit ridge had melted to expose unstable rock.

— Nathan Heald, Peru

## Images



Nevado Palqay with (1) first-ascent route up the west buttress (2015) and (2) west face route (2019).



The team of Henry Moya (Ecuador), Nathan Heald (Peru), Ted Mueser, and Mark Yoder (both USA) at base camp below Nevado Palqay (5,422m) with a view to the northeast face of Salkantay behind.



Henry Moya and Ted Mueser rappelling complex terrain below the west face of Nevado Palqay.



Ted Mueser approaching the glacier below the west face of Nevado Palqay.



Mark Yoder nearing the team's high point above the west face of Nevado Palqay (5,422m).

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