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Nevado Tinki, Ríos Atmosféricos

Peru, Cordillera Vilcanota

In early June, Peruvians Bruno López and Rodrigo Mendoza made the second ascent of the west face of Nevado Tinki (a.k.a. Tinke, 5,450m), southeast of Cusco, with significant variations to the line opened by Luke Bird and Pete Takeda in 2022.

The pair set up base camp at 4,700m and began their climb on June 2. Low on the rock face, a cut rope (reduced to 40m) slowed progress, as did 40cm of new snow on the upper ridge. They climbed left of the 2022 route low on the face, then to the right in some of the middle section. They bivouacked three times, summited on June 5, and returned to base camp that evening. The pair called their line Ríos Atmosféricos (800m, TD/TD+ 5.10 M3/4 80°).

— **Rodrigo Mendoza, Peru**

Images



The line of Ríos Atmosféricos on Nevado Tinki, with the descent marked in red. The 2023 ascent included a new three-pitch start to the left of the 2022 Bird-Takeda route (the first ascent of the west face), with additional variations higher up.

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