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### Urus Central, Southwest Face, Variation

Peru, Cordillera Blanca

Approaching the foot of the southwest face of Urus Central. Photo by Cati Lladó

**Our team** from the Alpinism Technical Group of the Balearic Islands (FBME, Federació Balear de Muntanyisme i Escalada) spent two months in Peru between June and July 2025. After establishing a new route on Santa Cruz Chico and resting in Huaraz, Tomeu Rubí and I headed to the Urus Group in Quebrada Ishinca.

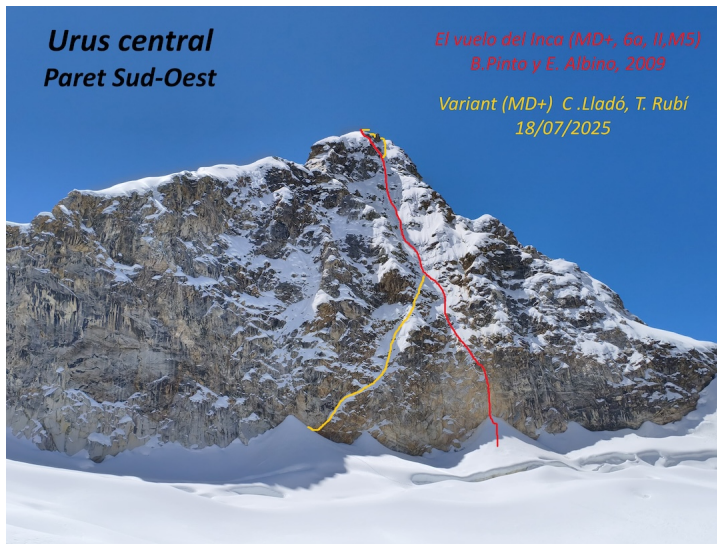
On July 16, Tomeu and I established our high camp at 4,250 meters. We originally planned to climb Urus West, but after seeing an evident line on the southwest face of Urus Central (5,495m, -9.35806, -77.4436), we changed our objective. On July 17, we began our attempt at 4 a.m., navigating talus and climbing an ice pitch to reach the glacier.

We started up the wall at 6:30 a.m., climbing one broken rock pitch, then six more pitches of good snow and ice, bringing us to the summit at 10:30 a.m. We descended the west ridge, downclimbing and making two rappels to the col between Urus West and Central. From there we followed a glacier and moraine back to our high camp, getting back at 1:30 p.m. after nine hours of activity.

Back in Huaraz, we discovered the route we had climbed was in fact a variation of El Vuelo del Inca, climbed by Eric Albino and Beto Pinto in 2009 (see AAJ 2010). Today the peak has much less snow.

— Cati Lladó, Spain

## Images



Urus Central (5,495m), showing El Vuelo del Inca (2009) in red and the 2025 variation in yellow.



Approaching the foot of the southwest face of Urus Central.



Starting the new variation on the southwest face of Urus Central.



Tomeu Rubí leading one of the last pitches on the southwest face of Urus Central.



Cati Lladó (left) and Tomeu Rubí on top of Urus Central.

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