



La Casa de la Montaña
Peñas

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1. Introduction

The *Casa de la Montaña* (Mountain House) is a project promoted by the Italian Alpine Club, sections and subsections of the Province of Bergamo, with the support of the University of Bergamo and the Giovane Montagna Association, in collaboration with the Catholic Mission of Peñas, located on the Bolivian plateau.

It was born with the vision of being an educational, cultural, sporting, and spiritual space in service to the local community and visitors, both national and international.

This project aims to integrate academic training, sustainable tourism, and community development, generating opportunities that allow young people and families to continue living in their homeland without the need to migrate to large cities or abroad, while preserving the cultural and natural richness of the region.

2. Project Objectives

1. A space for technical and professional training

The facility will be used as a practical training center by the Bolivian Catholic University – UAC Sustainable Tourism program and other organizations for short and technical courses in the tourism sector. Young people will have access to professional growth opportunities directly in their own territory.

2. A place for cultural exchange

The House will be a space for dialogue between traditional Aymara culture — with its sacred mountain symbols, the Achachilas — and the Western culture of mountain sports, promoting respect, exchange, and cultural integration through activities, events, and training.

3. A specialized sports center

The infrastructure will include a bouldering gym and a lead climbing tower, open to young people, schools, and visitors. It will be a space where sport becomes a tool for education, health, and appreciation of the mountain environment.

4. An environmental research center

It will host the glaciology project launched in 2018 by the parish, which focuses on the study and monitoring of glaciers in the Cordillera Real. An initiative that brings together science, environmental awareness, and local involvement in the protection of natural resources.

5. A place for promoting mountain ethics

Through meetings, exhibitions, and events, the deep values of the mountains will be promoted: respect, simplicity, responsibility, and solidarity. A place not only to train professionals, but to form citizens aware of their role in the community and territory.

3. Justification

Peñas is a highland community rich in cultural and natural heritage but faces the challenge of youth migration to urban centers such as El Alto, La Paz, or neighboring countries in search of job opportunities. The *Casa de la Montaña* will be an educational and tourism center that offers training, work, and hope, opening the doors to sustainable development.

4. Project Components

- **Academic Area:** Administrative office, study rooms, a cooking lab, library, and classrooms for the Sustainable Tourism University – UAC Peñas campus for undergraduate, master's, PhD programs, short courses, and workshops for the professional development of the local community.
 - **Sports Area:**
 - Climbing wall for beginners, training, and competitions.
 - Dedicated space for rope work practice.
 - **Services:** Infrastructure and multipurpose spaces for meetings, conferences, workshops, and cultural activities.
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5. Expected Impact

- Training of local youth with academic and job opportunities.
 - Development of sustainable tourism, integrating nature, culture, and sports.
 - Strengthening of the community, preventing forced migration.
 - Establishment of Peñas as a cradle for the development of climbing and mountaineering in Bolivia.
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6. Be Part of This Project

The *Casa della Montaña* is more than just an infrastructure project: it is a shared dream that aims to transform lives. Every contribution, every collaboration, and every gesture counts. We invite institutions, businesses, association of volunteers, and benefactors to be part of this initiative.

Because when a community comes together, the whole country shines.

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