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If you leave Valle de las Tumbas, the road goes round 17 zigzag bends, up to 4,600 m, and arrives on the edge of the crater La Olleta, an inactive volcano and the youngest in the Park, also known as a León Dormido (the Sleeping Lion). This is the most photogenic of the mountains, with its fascinating colors, and a peak at 4,850 m.

The highest tourists can go walking up to the peak of the Nevado is 5,125 m above sea level.

At the end of the trip, there is the refuge where visitors can find a cafeteria, restrooms, and first aid; and where vehicles park to start the excursion of about an hour and a half to the edge of the Nevado del Ruiz Glacier.

The trip begins at 4,800 m, and ends at 5,125 m, which is the highest tourists are permitted to go, rising some 300 m, and over about 1 km, along the chain of the volcanoes.

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On a clear day you can see the two other snow-capped peaks, Santa Isabel and Tolima, and the paramillos of Quindio, Cisne and Santa Rosa, which were once snow-capped mountains, but have lost their icecaps.

The climb is steep and laden with emotions and respect for the mountain. The scenery is wonderful, and in the sky can change in seconds from deep blue to a mantle of dense clouds, blending in with the snow along the ridge of the Ruiz.

If the weather is fine, you can see the other two snow-capped peaks, Santa Isabel and Tolima.

The León Dormido guards the path for the visitors, who will increasingly feel the energy of the mountain, the Great Father, which receives them, takes them in, and shows them his power.

During this extraordinary trip, Kumanday takes the visitors´ breath away, but gives them all the strength and vitality which comes from within the mountain.