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Originally from Elgoibar, a small town near the Basque Coast, **Eñaut** grew up on the rocky mountains of the Basque Country and the Pyrenees, where his fascination to the landscape and gorgeous mountains led him to study Geography at the University of the Basque Country. Then, he continued his studies in Punta Arenas, Chilean Patagonia, where he lived from 2013 to 2016 studying a Master's Degree in Glaciology at Universidad de Magallanes. Since then, Eñaut has participated in numerous sailing, kayaking and climbing expeditions into this remote mountain range and the Patagonian fjords and mountains. Nowadays, he is back in the Basque Country where he has just started a PhD project at the University of the Basque Country, but still being linked to Patagonia.

In 2015, Eñaut received a Young Explorers Grant from National Geographic Society to conduct research in the southernmost unknown icefield in South America. He and the rest of the Incognita Patagonia team returned from Tierra del Fuego with an improved understanding of the region's glacial history and an appreciation for adventure in 'terra incognita', having traversed the Cloue Icefield and ascended two previously unclimbed peaks. Last year, 2017, the Spanish Geographical Society awarded the expedition with the Trip of the Year Award.

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