

## Bicyclist on coast-to-coast trek

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Isabel Suppé never dreamed she'd be bicycling across the United States to raise money for a \$75,000 surgery.

But on Aug. 28, the 33-year-old showed up in Gothenburg on her way to New York City.

Suppé is fund raising for a complicated surgery on the foot she shattered during a 1,100-foot fall while ice climbing a peak in the Bolivian Andes in 2010.

She wrote about the ordeal, and surviving, while badly injured in icy temperatures 16,000 feet above sea level, in a book "Starry Night."

Her climbing partner died of injuries and exposure.

After her rescue, Suppé was told she would never walk normally again or climb.

However three weeks after the surgery, the "Argentine by heart" climbed with her broken foot dangling in the air.

Nine month later, Suppé became the first woman to solo-climb Nevado the Cachi, one of the highest and most solitary peaks in the Andes.

Since then, Suppé has endured 13 surgeries

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Donations can be made on Suppé's website at [www.](http://www.isabelsuppé.com)

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