## <u>Aristides Rojas</u>

Location: Venezuela

Aristides Rojas is a mountain located in the Mérida state of Venezuela, which rises to an altitude of 4,246 meters. The mountain is named after Aristides Rojas, a Venezuelan astronomer, geologist, and mathematician who made significant contributions to the study of the Andean mountain range. Aristides Rojas was born in 1860 in Caracas, Venezuela. He studied in Paris, France, where he developed an interest in geology and astronomy. Rojas returned to Venezuela and worked at the Central University of Venezuela, where he became the director of the Astronomical Observatory. Rojas's research focused on the Andean mountain range, which he explored extensively. He conducted several expeditions to study the geological features of the mountains, including their rocks, glaciers, and tectonic activity. Rojas also made significant contributions to the study of the Earth's magnetic field and developed a method for measuring it. Rojas was a prolific writer and published numerous articles and books on geology, astronomy, and mathematics. His work helped to establish Venezuela as a leading center for scientific research in South America. Today, Aristides Rojas is remembered

as one of Venezuela's greatest scientists, and the mountain that bears his name is a popular destination for hikers and mountaineers.

