

PARAMO CASCADA

£180

TECHNICAL INFO

Colours: Heather, wine/black, marsh green/forest, slate, pacific/dark grey, forest

Sizes: XS-XL

Fabric: Nikwax Analogy Waterproof system

Main features: Extra-large map pocket, two zip/flap handwarmer pockets, wired rollaway hood with volume adjuster, elasticated waist drawcords, two-way main zip, double storm flap

Weight: 740g

Men's version: Yes

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COMFORT & FIT 10/10

The Cascada has a lovely, relaxed, comfortable fit and the soft fabric feels more like another layer of clothing than a traditional waterproof. The body is long and the cut is generous, although drawcords at the hem and waist

helped me get a good fit. The stiffened hood is outstanding – coupled with the high collar, you can really bury your face into it!

PERFORMANCE 9/10

Made of a soft polyester fabric permeated with water-repelling Nikwax, which works in a similar way to the natural oils in animal fur, I found this system extremely waterproof and also highly breathable, so much so that I was able to wear this jacket all day long. If there's a downside, it's warmer and heavier than most.

VERDICT

I love this jacket! A little pricey and heavy compared to others, but it offers tremendous versatility and breathability. The fabric technology is different to others, but well worth a try.



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