



# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## HIKING - LUXURY TOUR DU MONT BLANC

Duration: 8

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 2 975 €

The legendary circuit of the Northern Alps, the Tour du Mont-Blanc, offers a unique panorama. During this hike, you can appreciate the beauty of the Mont-Blanc massif and discover the natural and cultural heritage of Valais, Valle d'Aosta, and Pays du Mont Blanc. To make your stay an extraordinary experience, we have added visits to exceptional sites along the classic route: the mythical lakes in the Aiguilles Rouges massif, offering a stunning contrast to the glaciers of Mont Blanc, the picturesque vineyards of Plan-cerisier in the heart of Swiss Valais near Martigny, and Pointe Helbronner at an altitude of more than 3400 meters, accessible via the Skyway cable car.

For this Luxury Tour du Mont Blanc, you will be accompanied by two mountain professionals. One is a hiking guide for a group of up to 10 people, and the other manages logistics and can provide assistance if needed. We have carefully chosen very comfortable accommodations, ensuring a minimum of 3-star hotel standards. As a special addition, we've included an evening at the charming Prés mountain hut in Val Montjoie. Recently renovated, this former alpine chalet offers warm, exceptionally comfortable, and environmentally friendly lodging. It adds the perfect touch to the journey, providing you with an unforgettable evening in the heart of the mountains.

Luggage transport is provided throughout the hike, except for the night spent in the mountain hut. You only need to carry the essentials in your backpack, and accommodations prepare a daily picnic.

This journey is part of a series of itineraries that we have designed to allow you to complete the Tour du Mont Blanc with logistics and comfort tailored to your needs. Explore the highlights with our [classic tour](#) or have an experience closer to nature with our [authentic circuit](#). Enhance your journey even further with our [comprehensive tour](#), and finally, maximize your comfort with our [luxury tour](#).

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1

##### Chamonix - Martigny | Valais suisse

We start our journey around Mont Blanc in the picturesque village of Le Tour (4,757ft) at the bottom of the Chamonix Valley. Col de Balme (7,188ft) on the Franco-Swiss border is our first objective. Upon reaching the col, we leave behind Mont Blanc and the Chamonix Valley to descend to the village of Trient (4,327ft). A short transfer takes us to the heights of Martigny. We head to the Plan-Cerisier vineyards for a guided tour and tasting. Overnight in a hotel.

*Elevation gain: 2,800 feet - Elevation loss: 2,200 feet - Distance : 6 miles*

#### Day 2

##### Martigny - Champex | Rhône Valley

From the hamlet of La Caffè (4,272ft), we walk towards the Giète alpine pasture (6,180ft). The local "Hérens" cows greet us with their cowbells as the cheesemaker diligently works with the milk from the first milking. Our trail now ascends to Col de Portalo (6,722ft). Overlooking the great Rhône Valley, the viewpoint is superb. It's time to descend to the charming village of Champex-Lac (4,920ft), affectionately known by its residents as "Little Canada." Overnight in a hotel.

*Elevation gain: 3,000 feet - Elevation loss: 2,500 feet - Distance : 8 miles*

#### Day 3

##### Champex - Courmayeur | Val Ferret

From La Fouly (5,577ft), we head toward the Grand Col Ferret (8,316ft) on the Italian-Swiss border. We follow along Mont Dolent (12,536ft), an iconic summit at the crossroads of France, Switzerland, and Italy, before discovering the southern slope of

the Mont Blanc Massif. The descent to the Italian Val Ferret unfolds with views of the Pré de Bar and Miage glaciers. Overnight in a hotel in Courmayeur.

*Elevation gain: 2,400 feet - Elevation loss: 2,400 feet - Distance : 6 miles*

## Day 4

### Pointe Helbronner | Skyway Monte Bianco

We reach the Skyway cable car for an exceptional day in the high mountains. At the summit of Pointe Helbronner (11,358ft), we enjoy the atmosphere of the Mont Blanc Massif landscapes and breathtaking views of nearby peaks: Dent du Géant (13,160ft), Mont Blanc (15,780ft), Mont Maudit (14,635ft), and Mont Blanc du Tacul (13,714ft). On the return, a visit to the Mont Fréty botanical garden (7,126ft) allows us to admire the characteristic mountain flora of the region. Overnight in a hotel in Courmayeur.

## Day 5

### Courmayeur - Bourg-Saint-Maurice | Val Veny & Beaufortain

From La Visaille (5,446ft), we ascend the Val Veny, passing by the stunning Lake Combal and its meandering white-water streams colored by glacial flour. The steady trail leads us to the Elisabetta refuge and then to Col de la Seigne (8,215ft), marking the border between Italy and France. We then descend into the Beaufortain alpine pastures and their herds of "tarine" cows, known for their fawn colors and velvet eyes. Overnight in a hotel in Bourg-Saint-Maurice.

*Elevation gain: 2,700 feet - Elevation loss: 2,400 feet - Distance : 9 miles*

## Day 6

### Bourg-Saint-Maurice - Refuge des Prés | Val Montjoie

We start our day with a beautiful climb through the alpine pastures to Col de la Croix du Bonhomme (8,136ft). We then reach Col du Bonhomme (7,641ft), where we take a break on a superb natural terrace with scenic views. We begin our descent through the Contamines Montjoie nature reserve to reach the picturesque Refuge des Prés (5,906ft). Overnight at the refuge.

*Elevation gain: 3,000 feet - Elevation loss: 4,000 feet - Distance : 9 miles*

## Day 7

### Refuge des Prés - Chamonix | Bionnassay Valley

We reach Notre Dame de la Gorge (4,921ft) and its famous Roman road. A short transfer takes us to the village of Champel (3,953ft), where we begin our final hike through the Bionnassay Valley. The landscapes are magnificent, and we pass several waterfalls before crossing the Glacier torrent. We then hike along the flank to Bellevue (5,906ft), which offers a final panoramic view of Chamonix and its peaks. The cable car that takes us back to the valley marks the end of our journey in the heart of Mont Blanc country. Overnight in Chamonix.

*Elevation gain: 3,500 feet - Elevation loss: 1,800 feet - Distance : 8 miles*

## Day 8

### The mythical lakes | Aiguilles Rouges Massif

Today, we take the cable cars from Planpraz (6,398 feet) to reach the Aiguilles Rouges Massif, facing the Mont Blanc Massif. We head towards Col Cornu (7,923 feet) to discover mountain lakes with crystal-clear waters, offering a magnificent and typical atmosphere. Then, we descend towards Flégère (6,070 feet) to take the cable car back to Chamonix. This marks the end of our hike.

*Elevation gain: 3,100 feet - Elevation loss: 2,700 feet - Distance : 6 miles*

## GROUP BOOKING

The collective formula associates several people who do not necessarily know each other. It allows for a planned program to benefit from an attractive price on fixed dates. This formula is ideal for people looking for the friendliness of a group.

**Dates :** See below for the group booking module

**Price 2024 :** 3350€ per person - based on a minimum of 5 participants

This price includes :

- the organization and supervision by a state qualified trekking guide
- half-board accommodation in either a hotel or gîte in either a double or twin room depending on the option you choose

- picnic lunches
- lift passes

- transfers throughout the hike- transportation of one piece of luggage throughout the trek : soft bag, no hard suitcase. **Max 15 kg, in case of excess weight, your luggage will not be transported by our provider**

Not included in the price :

- drinks and personal expenditure (souvenirs...),
- repatriation insurance (compulsory). Cancellation Insurance highly recommended

## PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking is the historical relationship that binds a mountain leader to their clients. It allows you to be alone or in your own group with your guide who will meet your specific needs. Undoubtedly, it is the ideal formula that guarantees you maximum comfort. Accommodation and itinerary can be tailored, and you are free to choose your departure date depending on accommodation availability.

### Prices 2024 :

- 1 person : 12390€ par personne
- 2 people : 7160€ par personne
- 3 people : 5415€ par personne
- 4 people : 4545€ par personne
- 5 people : 4020€ par personne
- 6 people : 3670€ par personne
- 7 people : 3420€ par personne
- 8 people : 3235€ par personne
- 9 people : 3090€ par personne
- 10 people : 2975€ par personne

The price includes :

- the organization and supervision by a state qualified trekking guide
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## FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, find all the information about this activity. To prepare your trip effectively, refer to the [guides' tips](#). They share their expertise and recommendations, ensuring you have a great experience

**Meeting point :** Meet at 8.30 am at the Compagnie des Guides office, 190 Place de l'Eglise, 74400 Chamonix.

**Ability level : 3/5** - The Tour du Mont-Blanc luxury hiking trip is a moderate trek. A minimum of 700m (2296ft) and a maximum of 1300m (4265ft) vertical gain and about 5 to 7 hours of hiking daily. Hiking on generally well-maintained mountain trails, sometimes including out-of-trail sections. For active people who do not mind training to prepare for the hike and practice sport regularly. A great multiday hike for people with trekking experience.

**Itinerary:** The guide may need to adjust the itinerary based on weather conditions and/or the physical and/or technical abilities of the group

**Guiding policy :** The groupe is composed of 5 to 10 people maximum to ensure better communication comfort and a genuine convivial atmosphere. *Registration possible from 16 years of age. Registration is not permitted to anyone under the age of 18 without a legal guardian.*

### Accommodation :

- During the trip : 6 nights half board in \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* hotels in double/twin rooms and one night in a hut in dormitory. *For people signing up alone, we cannot guarantee that you will share your room with a person of the same gender.*

- Before & after the trip : benefit from preferential prices from our partner hotels in Chamonix.

#### **Documentation :**

- Participants must have sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance offering both of these types of cover when you sign up.
- Participants must also take valid ID with them.

**Preparing for the trip :** An information meeting with your guide is scheduled the day before departure at 6pm at the Compagnie des Guides office. We highly recommend your participation, as this meeting provides an opportunity to fine-tune your preparation.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Weight is a hiker's adversary, so it is crucial to carefully select your equipment as it plays a key role in ensuring the success of your trip

#### **Your gear**

- A 30L backpack
- A compact and sturdy travel bag, maximum 15 kg
- A pair of top quality hiking boots
- A pair of telescopic poles
- A hat or cap
- A warm hat
- Category 3 sunglasses
- Breathable long and short-sleeved T-shirts
- A polar fleece
- A warm down jacket
- A Gore-Tex waterproof jacket
- A rain poncho
- A hiking trouser
- A Gore-Tex waterproof trouser
- A short
- A pair of gloves
- Hiking-appropriate socks
- A minimum 2L water bottle
- A pocketknife and a spork
- A flashlight or headlamp
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Toiletry kit, towel, earplugs, and toilet paper
- Minimal personal pharmacy: blister pads like Compeed, medications for common ailments such as diarrhea, constipation, sore throat, headaches, pain, allergies
- ID, money for personal expenses
- Spare shoes
- Spare clothes as per your preference

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