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MIXED - POINTE LACHENAL TRAVERSE

Duration: 1 | Fitness: ▲▲△△△ | Technique: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 360 €

Starting from the Aiguille du Midi (3,842 m), the Pointe Lachenal Traverse is a beautiful mixed ridge route set in the unique environment of the Vallée Blanche. After walking down the Aiguille du Midi ridge, the crossing of the Col du Midi glacier plateau leads to the foot of the first summit (3,613 m), reached via a sustained 40° snow slope followed by an airy rocky ridge. Two abseils (20 m and 10 m) lead to a snowy saddle, then a rocky step (French grade 3 max) allows you to bypass the second summit (3,640 m), finally reached via another section of mixed rock and snow.

The traverse, now mostly on snow, continues towards the foothills of Mont Blanc du Tacul before returning to the glacier plateau. The way back to the Aiguille du Midi follows the same route as the approach. With its variety and length, the Pointe Lachenal Traverse offers a genuine high-mountain experience, just a stone's throw from the Aiguille du Midi. Given the steepness of the snow slopes, this route is best suited to climbers with previous crampon experience.

GROUP BOOKING

The group formula associates people who do not necessarily know each other. It is ideal for people looking for group friendliness and attractive prices.

Dates for group booking
See on-line booking

Meeting point for group booking
Your guide will call you the evening before your trip around 6.30pm to organise the meeting time and place

Guiding policy for group booking
2 people per guide. From 15 years old accompanied by a parent

Departure for group booking
The departure is guaranteed with a minimum of 2 registered participants

2026 price in group booking
360€ per person

This price includes
- mountain guiding services
- lift tickets

This price does not included
- transfer
- technical equipment
- picnic

PRIVATE BOOKING

A private formula reflects the traditional relationship that binds a mountain guide to his or her clients. It allows you to be alone or with your own group, accompanied by your guide who will adapt the outing to your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal option to realise your projects, as it guarantees maximum comfort and flexibility.

Dates for private booking
See on-line booking

Meeting point for private booking
Your guide will call you the evening before your trip around 6.30pm to organise the meeting time and place

Guiding policy for private booking
1 to 2 people per guide. From 15 years accompanied by a parent

2026 prices for private booking
- 1 person : 450€
- 2 people : 490€

The price includes
- mountain guiding services

The price does not include
- technical equipment
- lift passes
- transfer
- picnic & snacks

FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, find all the information about this activity. For further information, please contact our advisor.

Duration
4 to 5 hours, given as an indication

Location
In the Vallée Blanche basin, starting from the Aiguille du Midi lift

Ability level
The Pointe Iachenal traverse is aimed at people wanting to discover a mixed ridge route
⚠ **Previous crampon experience required**

Formality
Individual liability insurance required, covering skiing without restriction of area or altitude, including assistance, search, rescue, and repatriation

EQUIPMENT

We recommend that you take special care in choosing your equipment because it contributes greatly to the success of your trip. As alpine conditions can be highly variable with sudden changes, it can get very cold in altitude, it is preferable to have numerous layers rather than one thick piece of clothing.

Equipment
- Back pack
- Mountaineering boots with a rigid sole
- Crampons
- Ice axe
- Harness
- Helmet
- Gaters if your trousers require them

Clothing
- Suitable clothing adapted to mountaineering
- Windproof jacket
- A pair of thin gloves
- A pair of warm gloves

Accessories
- Sunglasses catagory 4
- Suncream
- Gourde at least 1.5L
- Picnic, snacks

Our Rental Partners : You can rent your equipment with our rental shops partners and benefit from special price Millet (excluding crampons, ice axes and helmet), Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co & Concept Pro Shop
Our Equipment Partners : Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet