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LEGENDARY SUMMIT - MATTERHORN

Duration: 5 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 3 610 €

A Legendary Summit

The Matterhorn (4,478 m), with the purity of its lines and the striking steepness of its faces, embodies the ideal mountain that every alpinist dreams of climbing one day. Its ascent is a true reference, both for the beauty of the summit and the strength of its history. The first ascent of the Matterhorn in 1865 had a major impact and marked the history of alpinism forever. It ended, however, in tragedy: several members of the rope team, including the Chamonix guide Michel Croz, lost their lives during the descent. The north face of the Matterhorn forms, together with those of the Eiger (3,967 m) and the Grandes Jorasses (4,208 m), the famous trilogy of the great north faces of the Alps.

Hörnli Ridge - Our guided program

The Hörnli Ridge is the normal route on the Swiss side of the Matterhorn. Mainly rocky, it offers a sustained but technically moderate climb (3b, sections of 4b), facilitated by the presence of fixed ropes. However, the ascent should not be underestimated. It requires confident and efficient movement on rock, good physical condition and the ability to maintain a steady pace in a high-altitude environment. We offer this ascent as a 5-day program designed to optimise acclimatisation, preparation and success. You climb one-to-one with your guide, allowing for a fully personalised approach and continuous adaptation to conditions and your pace.

A preparation tailored to your objective

This program includes two dedicated preparation days, followed by a rest day before the summit attempt, allowing you to approach the climb in the best possible conditions. Our guiding is based on detailed knowledge of the route and mountain conditions, ensuring optimal safety and decision-making throughout the ascent. The program can be adapted to your specific needs, with additional preparation days if required.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Route from Pointe Helbronner | Night in the Torino Hut (3370m)
Before undertaking the ascent of the Matterhorn, it is essential for your body to acclimate to the altitude. Your guide must also assess your technical skills to ensure they align with the requirements of such a climb. This step also provides the opportunity to make necessary adjustments to fully prepare you. Example of route : Aiguilles d'Entrèves traverse (3600m) or Freshfield arete on Tour Ronde (3793m). Night in Torino Hut.

Day 2

Route from the Torino hut
This second day will reinforce the essential process of acclimating your body to the altitude while providing you with the opportunity to make any necessary adjustments. Example of route : Ascent of the normal route of the Dent du Géant (4,013m), allowing you to climb one of the flagship peaks of the Mont Blanc massif and become acquainted with the use of fixed ropes.

Day 3

Rest day
Rest/spare day depending on weather conditions.

Day 4

Ascent to Hörnli Hut (3260m)
Leave Zermatt in the mid-morning. Ascend to the hut from the Schwarzsee station (2583m), reached via the lift system. Familiarize yourself with the first set of fixed ropes that we will use the following night. The walk takes approximately 2½ hours.

Day 5

Ascent of Matterhorn (4 478m) | Hörnli Ridge
We leave the hut in the early morning. The Hörnli Ridge is a long route mainly consisting in mixed rock tiers interspersed with steeper sections equipped with fixed ropes. The final section is a 40º snow slope. Descent is via the same route downclimbing and using rappels to reach the hut. We return to Zermatt via the Schwartzsee lift system and continue on to Chamonix. 8-10 hours walking return trip hut-to-hut.

PRIVATE BOOKING

Private booking offers a fully tailored experience with a guide. You'll be alone, with an itinerary adapted to your preferences and pace, for maximum freedom and comfort.

Dates
From the end of June to Mid-September

Price 2027
3610€ per person

Included in the package
- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service,
- two half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night),
- transfer go & back Day 1&2
- lift access as per programme,

Not included in the package
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros and Swiss Francs)
- take out lunches and daily snacks
- nights in the Chamonix valley
- transfer go&back from Chamonix to Zermatt
- cost of getting to meeting point (Chamonix)
- personal technical equipment

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.

⚠ **Registration possible from age 18**

Meeting point
Departure on day 1 is at 8.30am from the Compagnie des Guides in Chamonix

Fitness level
Suitable for individuals in excellent physical condition. Participants should be prepared for 10 to 12 hours of physical effort

Technical level
A solid background in mountaineering, and robust physical fitness are prerequisites for this ascent. Proficiency in climbing, with a minimum grade of 4+, is essential

Guiding policy

One participant per guide. *Registration possible from age 18.* This guiding policy ensures high-quality guiding services

Accommodation
Half-board in huts for 2 nights. Benefit from specials prices with our hotel partners in Chamonix

Documentation
Participants must have mountain sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance when you sign up. Participants must also take valid ID with them

EQUIPMENT

We recommend you take particular care over you choice of equipment, as it plays a large role in the success of your trip. Weight is critical, and you must always evaluate the weight-to-comfort ratio to find the best compromise.

Equipment
- Mountainnering shoes compatible with semi-rigid crampons
- Climbing harness, 1 belay device, 1 lanyard, 1 prusik cord, 2 locking carabiners
- Crampons with anti-balling plates
- Ice axe (type to be discussed with your guide)
- Helmet
- Comfortable backpack (approx. 30-35 litres)

Clothing
- Choose warm, lightweight clothing. Several thin layers are better than one thick one!
- 1st layer: technical short- and long-sleeve base layers
- 2nd layer: fleece or thermal mid-layer
- 3rd layer: Gore-Tex-style waterproof jacket
- Lightweight down jacket for extra warmth
- Softshell mountaineering pants or Gore-Tex-style overpants with light base layer
- Gaiters
- Mountaineering socks
- Warm hat and sun cap
- Thin gloves and waterproof insulated gloves

Accessories
- Water bottle (1 to 1.5 litres)
- Headtorch with spare batteries
- Glacier sunglasses (category 4 lenses)
- Sunscreen (face and lips)
- Personal first aid kit (aspirin, plasters, blister pads, ear plugs, basic toiletries, tissues, toilet paper, etc.)
- Waterproof pouch with ID or passport + cash for drinks at the hut

Sleeping bag liner

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