



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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LEGENDARY SUMMIT - MATTERHORN

Duration: 5

Fitness: 

Technique:

Price from: 3 510 €

Thanks to the purity of its contours and the impressive verticality of its rock faces, the Matterhorn symbolizes the ideal mountain that every alpinist dreams of climbing one day. Its first ascent in 1865, despite its tragic outcome (with several members of the party, including the Chamonix guide Michel Croz, dying during the descent), had a profound impact on the climbing community. The Matterhorn's north face, along with those of the Eiger and Grandes Jorasses, forms the famous Alpine trio. The Hörnli Ridge serves as the standard route on the Matterhorn. This is a magnificent climb, primarily over rock, and of moderate difficulty. We propose a four-day program for what is undoubtedly a great mountain journey. To ensure optimal conditions, you will climb exclusively with your guide during these four days. This package allows for personalized tips and advice, providing great flexibility to maximize your chances of success.

This trip is part of a series of programs we have designed for you to climb the iconic peaks of the Alps. We have selected specific routes along with tailored preparatory packages for each peak. Each chosen route is universally recognized as a must-do. Thanks to our unique center of expertise, we can also guide you on other routes. So, don't hesitate to dream big; our expertise is at your service to help you make your dreams come true.

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 40° 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 is the historical relationship that binds a guide to his/her client. It allows you to be alone, or in a constituted group, with your guide that meets your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula to realize your projects because it guarantees you a maximum of comfort. You are free to choose your departure date (depending on the availability of the huts) and the itinerary can be adjusted, according to your specific expectations.

Dates : From the end of June to Mid-September

Price 2026 : 3510€ per person

Registration possible from age 18

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.

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 your 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

- Mountaineering 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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