

# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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# HIKING - AIGUILLES ROUGES AND MONT BUET

Duration: 3 Level: ▲ ▲ ▲ ▲ A Price from: 400 €

The so-called Ladies' Mont-Blanc: the Buet (10,157ft) played an important role in the birth of mountaineering and the conquest of Mont-Blanc in the 18th century. On September 20th 1770, the Deluc brothers reached the top of the Buet. This epic is considered to be the first high altitude climb in the Alps. Emblematic summit of the Giffre massif, it dominates the Fonds circus. Its summit offers an exceptional panoramic view on the Mont-Blanc massif, the Aiguilles Rouges and the Haut-Giffre. During this 3-day hike, we discover the wildest side of the Aiguilles Rouges range. Icing on the cake: we will end this hike with the ascent of Mont-Buet. Our nights will be in authentic mountain huts. Benefit from the knowledge of a mountain leader without worrying about logistics. Simply carry your essentials in your backpack, for a complete mountain experience. Accommodation is provided in refuges with dormitory nights, and provisions are ensured at the refuges.

This journey is part of a collection of unique circuits taking place in natural reserves and national parks. In the heart of the Sixt-Passy, Aiguilles Rouges, and Vallon de Bérard natural reserves, treat yourself to a night under the stars in a bivouac or embark on the Tour des Fiz. Explore the heights of the mythical valleys of Savoie in the Vanoise National Park or indulge in the Italian Dolce Vita in the Grand Paradis National Park.

# **ITINERARY**

# Day 1

## Servoz - Pormenaz chalets - Moëde Anterne hut

We leave this morning from Le Mont village in Servoz (2,952ft) to reach the Pormenaz chalets, by the South side. We regularly hike up and the Mont-Blanc slowly appears, behind the Aiguillettes des Houches. After arriving to the chalets and having a conversation with the shepherd, we go across the mountain pastures to reach the Pormenaz lake (6,381ft). After a small effort, we finally arrive to the Moëde Anterne hut where we spend the night.

Elevation gain: 3,300 feet - Elevation loss: 300 feet - Distance : 4 miles

# Day 2

#### Moëde Anterne hut - Buet - La Pierre à Bérard hut.

We go up to the Col de Salenton (8,287ft) after going across the wild valley of Villy. Arriving up, we can see the Mont Buet. The landscape is now very different, with screes and arid areas where only a few animal and plant species remain. At the Mont Buet (10,164ft), the panorama is breathtaking. After lunch, we descend to the welcoming Pierre à Berard hut. We enjoy a good meal and spend a comforting night in dormitory.

Elevation gain: 4,000 feet - Elevation loss: 5,000 feet - Distance: 10 miles

## Day 3

#### Pierre à Berard hut - Buet village and more ...

In the morning we leave for a magnificent descend along the Berard torrent. Arrived at the Buet village, you have several choices: going back to Chamonix, going up to the Cheserys lakes in the Aiguilles Rouges, or admiring the amazing panorama from the Posettes crest. Whatever you decide, you can discuss it with your mountain leader. We go back to Chamonix with the train

Elevation loss: 2,000 feet - Elevation gain and distance: Depending on your choice...

# **GROUP BOOKING**

Group session associates several people who don't 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: Find all the dates available in the drop-down list below

Price 2024: 450€ 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 mountain huts (dormitories)
- picnic lunches
- transfers throughout the hike, We will use public transport to reach the Buet hamlet and get back to Chamonix

#### 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: 1945€ per person 2 people: 1105€ par person 3 people: 820€ par person 4 people: 680€ par person 5 people: 595€ par person 6 people: 540€ par person 7 people: 500€ par person 8 people: 470€ par person 9 people: 430€ par person 10 people: 415€ par person 11 people: 400€ par person

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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 in front of the Compagnie des Guides in Chamonix.

**Ability level : 3/5 -** The Aiguille Rouges and Mont Buet is a trek of moderate difficulty. A minimum of 700m (2350ft) 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:** minimum 5 and maximum 12 people per guide. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy is one of the strictest in the mountain guiding business. It guarantees the most balanced groups as possible as well as high-quality personalised advice. Registration possible from 16 years of age. Registration is not permitted to anyone under the age of 18 without a legal guardian.

#### Accomodation:

- During the trip: 2 nights in mountain huts (in dormitories). *No shower at the second hut.* Each hiker carries all their personal belongings and picnics throughout the entire trek.
- Before & after the trip: benefit from preferential prices from our partner hotels in Chamonix. If you wish to receive information just ask the Randonnée department.

## **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:** There is an information meeting with your mountain leader the day before departure at 6pm at the Compagnie des Guides Office.

# **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. The weight of your backpack, including all your belongings, should not exceed 9kg

## Your gear

- -A 40L backpack
- -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
- -A sleeping bag liner
- -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
- -Flip flops for the hut
- -Spare clothes as per your preference

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