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MOUNTAINEERING - AIGUILLE DU TOUR

Duration: 2 | Fitness: ▲▲▲△△ | Technique: ▲▲△△△ | Price from: 545 €

DISCOVER MOUNTAINEERING ON THE AIGUILLE DU TOUR

The Aiguille du Tour is one of the most suitable peaks in the Mont Blanc massif for a first mountaineering experience. Its normal route from the Albert 1er Hut offers a two-day introduction to the different aspects of high-altitude mountaineering: an overnight stay in a mountain hut, moving on a glacier, using crampons and an ice axe, followed by an easy rocky section to reach the summit. From the top, the panorama extends across the Mont Blanc massif and the peaks of the Swiss Valais.

AN ACCESSIBLE BUT PHYSICALLY DEMANDING FIRST ASCENT

This ascent is our introductory mountaineering trip and requires no previous high-altitude mountaineering experience. However, you need a good level of fitness to spend several hours at altitude and complete the vertical ascent and descent involved. Regular endurance activity is recommended. If you are unsure about your level, our team can help you choose the most suitable program.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Walk up to the Albert 1er Hut (2702 m)
We start from the village of Le Tour (1450 m) and take the lifts to near the Col de Balme (2100 m). A traversing path, followed by the moraine of the Tour Glacier, leads us to the Albert 1er Hut (2702 m). Set above the Tour Glacier, the hut offers impressive views of the surrounding peaks, particularly towards the end of the day.
Vertical ascent: 600 m

Day 2

Ascent of the Aiguille du Tour (3542 m)
We head out by the light of our headtorches. We quickly reach the Tour Glacier and put on our crampons before climbing to the Col Supérieur du Tour (3289 m), which takes us onto the Swiss side and the Trient Glacier. We continue to the foot of the Aiguille du Tour and reach the summit (3542 m) via a few sections of easy rock climbing. We descend by the same route and return to the village of Le Tour by mid-afternoon.
Vertical ascent: 840 m - Vertical descent: 1440 m

GROUP BOOKING

The group option brings together participants who may not know each other. It allows you to follow a set program on fixed dates while benefiting from an attractive price and the friendly atmosphere of a group.

Dates
See below for the group booking module.

Price 2027
€545 per person, based on a minimum of 3 participants.

This price includes

- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guide
- One night at the Albert 1er Hut on a half-board basis (dinner, overnight stay and breakfast)
- Lift access required for the program

This price does not include
- Drinks at the hut and personal expenses (we recommend bringing euros)
- Picnic lunches
- Transport to the meeting point
- Personal technical equipment, including mountaineering boots

PRIVATE BOOKING

The private option allows you to climb the Aiguille du Tour on your own or with your own group and benefit from a guide dedicated exclusively to you. You can choose your departure date subject to hut availability, and the program can be adjusted according to your level, mountain conditions and expectations.

⚠ **Private bookings are not available online: please contact our team to arrange your ascent.**

Prices 2027
2 people: €870 per person
3 people: €635 per person
4 people: €515 per person

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FURTHER INFORMATION

To prepare for your trip, read our guides' tips, which provide useful advice and recommendations for our mountaineering trips.

Meeting point
Meet at 1.00pm at the lift station in the village of Le Tour.

Fitness level
Regular endurance activity is recommended. You should be able to undertake up to 7 hours of physical activity at altitude.

Technical level
No previous mountaineering or climbing experience is required. However, you should be an experienced hiker, sure-footed and comfortable moving off-trail. The route may include short steep sections, scree and rocky ridges.

Guiding policy
Groups are made up of 3 to 4 participants per guide. Participants aged 16 and 17 may join only when accompanied by an adult.

Accommodation
One night in a mountain hut on a half-board basis is included (dinner, overnight stay and breakfast).

⚠ **Formalities**
Mountain sports insurance including repatriation cover is mandatory. If you are not insured, insurance including repatriation and cancellation cover can be purchased when booking. A valid ID is also required.

EQUIPMENT

We recommend taking particular care when choosing your equipment, as it contributes directly to your comfort during the ascent. Choose lightweight equipment suitable for high-altitude mountaineering while ensuring adequate protection from cold

and bad weather.

Equipment
- A backpack of approximately 35 litres
- Mountaineering boots
- Gaiters if required with your trousers
- Telescopic trekking poles
- Crampons with anti-balling plates
- A helmet
- A harness
- A straight ice axe

Clothing
- A warm hat compatible with a helmet
- A sun hat or cap
- A neck warmer such as a Buff
- A long-sleeve technical base layer
- A fleece
- A Gore-Tex waterproof jacket with a hood
- A lightweight down jacket
- Thermal leggings
- Summer mountaineering trousers
- Gore-Tex waterproof overtrousers
- Walking socks
- Warm gloves
- Lightweight gloves
- A change of clothes for the night in the hut

Accessories
- A sleeping bag liner
- Category 4 sunglasses
- A headtorch
- A water bottle of at least 1.5 litres
- A personal first aid kit including at least sunscreen, lip balm, blister treatment, as well as your usual medication for headaches and nausea
- Earplugs
- A waterproof pouch for your ID and euros

Our Rental Partners
You can rent your equipment at preferential rates from our partner shops: Millet (excluding crampons, ice axes and helmets), Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co and Concept Pro Shop

Our Equipment Partners
Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel and Monnet.