



# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## LEGENDARY SUMMIT - AIGUILLE VERTE

Duration: 5

Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 3 220 €

**The Aiguille Verte is one of the iconic peaks** of the Mont Blanc Massif. The famous French mountaineer and writer Gaston Rébuffat contributed significantly to this reputation when he said of it in the 50's "Before the Verte one is a mountaineer, after the Verte one becomes a proper mountaineer. It is certainly true that there are no easy routes on this peak and each face is a significant challenge. The south face of the Aiguille Verte is an outstanding snow route that follows the Whymper Couloir for over 700 metres. This is unquestionably one of the most beautiful routes in the massif, and we offer a four-day programme for its ascent. The current evolution of the climate has profoundly altered the snow conditions in high mountain areas, requiring a modification of mountaineering practices. The optimal period for ascending the Aiguille Verte via the Whymper Couloir now extends from mid-March to early June. Depending on encountered conditions, ski touring equipment may be necessary for the approach.

**This trip is part of a series of programs** that we set for you to climb the iconic peaks of the Alps. We have selected a route together with a specific preparatory package for each peak. Each route chosen is universally recognised as unmissable. Thanks to our unique centre of expertise, we can also guide you on other routes. So don't hesitate to dream big, as 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 Aiguille Verte, 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 : South-west couloir of the Aiguilles Marbrées (3535m). 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 Gervasutti Couloir on the Tour Ronde (3 798m).

#### Day 3

##### **Rest day**

Rest/spare day depending on weather conditions.

#### Day 4

##### **Climb up to Couvercle Hut (2687m)**

We set off from Le Montenvers (1913m), which we reach by train. We walk up the Mer de Glace, take the ladders and follow a path to the hut. 3-4 hours of walking. Depending on the season, if access is by ski, the departure is from the Aiguille du Midi (3,750 m)

#### Day 5

## Ascent of Aiguille Verte (4122m) | Whymper Couloir

We head out at around 01:00 in the morning. We cross the Talèfre glacier to reach the start of the couloir. We climb the couloir (45-50°) to the summit in the morning. We descend via the same route including downclimbing and rappels. We return to the hut and from there to Le Montenvers. 10-12 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 mid March to early June

**Price 2026 :** 3220€ 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 to Italy (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
- 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 :** Participants should have experience in climbing routes with an AD+ (Assez Difficile Plus) difficulty rating and a strong background in using crampons

**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 to pay particular attention to the choice of your equipment. It contributes greatly to the success of your stay. Weight is decisive: you always have to evaluate the ratio weight/comfort, to find the best compromise. In a general way, it is better to pile up several light coats rather than wear one big clothing.

### Equipment

- Boots compatible with at least semi-rigid crampons
- Climbing harness, 1 belay/descender device, 1 lanyard, 1 prusik cord, 2 locking carabiners
- Crampons with anti-snow plates

- Ice axe (type to be discussed with your guide)
- Helmet
- Comfortable backpack (approx. 30-35 litres)

### **Clothing**

Choose warm and lightweight clothing, preferably several thin layers rather than one thick one.

- 1st layer: technical fibre T-shirt (short- and long-sleeved)
- 2nd layer: fleece jacket
- 3rd layer: waterproof shell jacket (e.g. Gore-Tex type)
- Insulated down or synthetic jacket
- Softshell mountain trousers or waterproof overtrousers (e.g. Gore-Tex type) with light base-layer tights
- Gaiters
- Mountaineering socks
- Warm hat and sun hat or cap
- Thin gloves and robust waterproof gloves

### **Accessories**

- Water bottle (1 L or 1.5 L)
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- Glacier sunglasses (category 4 lenses)
- Sunscreen (for face and lips)
- Small personal first-aid kit (aspirin, plasters, blister patches, earplugs, minimal toiletries, toilet paper, tissues, etc.)
- Waterproof pouch with ID or passport + cash for drinks in the hut
- Sleeping liner (cotton or silk "sleeping sheet") - mandatory in most mountain huts.
- Blankets are provided; do not bring a sleeping bag.

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