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LEGENDARY SUMMIT - AIGUILLE VERTE

Duration: 5 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 3 290 €

A LEGENDARY SUMMIT

The Aiguille Verte is one of the most iconic peaks of the Mont Blanc Massif. The famous French mountaineer and writer Gaston Rébuffat contributed greatly to its reputation when he wrote in the 1950s: "Before the Verte one is a mountaineer; after the Verte one becomes a proper mountaineer." There are no easy routes on this mountain, and each face represents a serious alpine challenge. On its south face, the Aiguille Verte offers an outstanding snow climb via the Whymper Couloir, which rises for more than 700 metres and is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful routes in the massif.

WHYMPER COULOIR : OU GUIDED PROGRAMM

We offer the ascent of the Aiguille Verte via the Whymper Couloir as a 5-day programme. This format allows for proper preparation, acclimatisation and flexibility, key elements for a successful ascent. Climate change has significantly altered snow conditions in high mountain terrain, leading to an evolution in mountaineering practices.
As a result, the optimal period for climbing the Aiguille Verte by the Whymper Couloir now extends from mid-March to early June. Depending on conditions, ski touring equipment may be required for the approach.

CHAMONIX GUIDES - A UNIQUE EXPERTISE

This ascent is part of a wider selection of programmes designed to help you climb the iconic peaks of the Alps. For each summit, we have selected a reference route combined with a specific preparation, chosen for its historical and alpine significance. Thanks to the collective expertise of Chamonix Guides, we are also able to guide you on alternative routes, depending on your objectives and experience. Do not hesitate to dream big — our expertise is at your service to help turn those ambitions into reality.

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

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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 (45-50º) 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 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 mid March to early June

Price 2027
3290€ 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 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.

⚠ **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
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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