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MOUNTAINEERING - WEISSMIES

Duration: 2 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 895 €

THE WEISSMIES TRAVERSE, AN ICONIC 4000M PEAK IN THE SWISS VALAIS

The Weissmies (4,023m), located in the Saas Fee valley, is one of the more accessible 4000m peaks in the Swiss Valais for mountaineers with some previous cramponing experience. The traverse from the Almageller Hütte offers a particularly varied route, ascending the southeast ridge before descending over the glacier towards Hohsaas. The variety of terrain makes this an ideal climb for discovering the high peaks of the Valais, with outstanding views across the Swiss Alps.

A VARIED ASCENT COMBINING RIDGE AND GLACIER

The Weissmies traverse combines snowfields, a rocky ridge and glaciated terrain. The ascent does not require specific rock climbing experience, but you need good physical fitness, confidence at altitude and some previous experience using crampons. This trip is designed for occasional mountaineers looking to continue their progression on 4000m peaks in a varied high-mountain environment.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Walk up to the Almageller Hütte (2,894m)
Meet in Saas-Almagell (1,670m). We follow a pleasant trail through alpine pastures to reach the Almageller Hütte. Overnight at the hut.
Vertical ascent: +1,200m

Day 2

Weissmies Traverse (4,023m)
We set off by headtorch towards the Zwischbergenpass (3,268m). We then climb a series of snowfields to reach the southeast ridge of the Weissmies, which we follow to the summit. We descend the heavily glaciated north side, weaving between crevasses to reach Hohsaas (3,101m). From there, we take the cable car down to Saas-Grund (1,559m).
Vertical ascent: +1,130m / Vertical descent: -950m

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 the group booking module below.

Price 2027
€895 per person based on a minimum of 2 participants.
Registration possible from age 18.

This price includes
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guide
- One night at the Almageller Hütte on a half-board basis (dinner, overnight stay and breakfast)

- Lift access as per the program

This price does not include
- Drinks at the hut and personal expenses (Swiss francs recommended)
- Picnic lunches
- Round-trip travel to Saas-Almagell
- Personal technical equipment

PRIVATE BOOKING

The private option allows you to climb the Weissmies 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.

Prices 2027
Registration possible from age 16.

1 person: €1625 per person
2 people: €895 per person

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- One night at the Almageller Hütte on a half-board basis (dinner, overnight stay and breakfast)
- Lift access as per the program

This price does not include
- Drinks at the hut and personal expenses (Swiss francs recommended)
- Picnic lunches
- Round-trip travel to Saas-Almagell
- Personal technical equipment

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 12:00pm on Day 1 in the village of Saas-Almagell. Your guide will confirm the exact meeting point and time.

Fitness level
Regular endurance training is required. The ascent involves up to 7 hours of physical activity at altitude.

Technical level
Some previous mountaineering experience is required. You must have used crampons before. The southeast ridge includes rocky sections but does not require specific rock climbing experience.

Guiding policy
2 people per guide. *Registration possible from age 18.*

Accommodation
One night at the Almageller Hütte on a half-board basis (dinner, overnight stay and breakfast).

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

EQUIPMENT

We recommend taking particular care when choosing your equipment, as it directly contributes to your comfort throughout the trip. 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 that can be worn under a helmet
- A sun hat or cap
- A neck warmer such as a Buff
- A technical long-sleeve base layer
- A fleece
- A waterproof hooded jacket such as Gore-Tex
- A lightweight down jacket
- Thermal leggings
- Durable hiking trousers
- Waterproof overtrousers such as Gore-Tex
- Walking socks
- Warm gloves
- Lightweight gloves
- A change of clothes for the night at 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 containing your ID and Swiss francs

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

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