# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## TOUR DU MONT BLANC - PREMIUM

Duration: 8 | Fitness: ▲▲▲△△ | Technique: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 3 600 €

### THE LUXURY TOUR DU MONT BLANC IN 8 DAYS

Discover the Tour du Mont Blanc on a trip combining **hiking, comfort and cultural experiences**. Over eight days, you explore some of the most beautiful landscapes of the Mont Blanc massif across France, Italy and Switzerland. To enrich your experience, we have included a visit to the vineyards of the Swiss Valais with a wine tasting, as well as an excursion to Pointe Helbronner (3,462 m / 11,358 ft), reached by the Skyway Monte Bianco cable car.

### ACCOMMODATION SELECTED FOR COMFORT

We have selected **3- and 4-star hotels**, offering double or twin rooms, so you can relax and enjoy your evenings after each day's hike. One night in a mountain hut, in the heart of Val Montjoie, completes the experience with a taste of traditional Alpine life. Thanks to luggage transfers, you hike with a light daypack throughout the trip, except for the night in the mountain hut.

### PERSONALISED GUIDING AND DEDICATED LOGISTICS

Limited to **7 participants**, our Luxury Tour du Mont Blanc benefits from additional support provided by two qualified hiking guides with complementary roles. One leads your group along the trails, while the other coordinates the trip logistics, including transfers, luggage handling and picnic arrangements. You can fully enjoy the hikes and experiences along the way without having to worry about the practical details.

## ITINERARY

**Day 1**

**Aiguilles Rouges Massif**

We begin our trip in the heart of the Aiguilles Rouges massif, facing Mont Blanc. From our very first hike, we enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding peaks. Overnight in a hotel.

*Elevation gain: 700 to 1,200 m (2,300 to 3,940 ft) - Elevation loss: 700 to 1,200 m (2,300 to 3,940 ft) - Distance: 9 to 12 km (5.6 to 7.5 miles)*

**Day 2**

**Swiss Valais**

A short transfer takes us to the picturesque village of Le Tour (1,450 m / 4,757 ft), at the head of the Chamonix Valley. Our first objective is the Col de Balme (2,191 m / 7,188 ft), on the border between France and Switzerland. From the pass, we leave Mont Blanc and the Chamonix Valley behind as we descend towards the village of Trient (1,320 m / 4,331 ft). A short transfer then takes us to the hills above Martigny. We head towards the vineyards of Plan-Cerisier for a guided visit and wine tasting. Overnight in a hotel.

*Elevation gain: 800 m (2,625 ft) - Elevation loss: 900 m (2,950 ft) - Distance: 12 km (7.5 miles)*

**Day 3**

**Rhône Valley**

From Forclaz pass we walk towards the Giète alpine pasture (6,180ft). The local "Hérens" cows greet us with their cowbells as the cheesemaker diligently works with the milk from the first milking. Our trail now ascends to Col de Portalo (6,722ft).

Overlooking the great Rhône Valley, the viewpoint is superb. It's time to descend to the charming village of Champex-Lac (4,920ft), affectionately known by its residents as "Little Canada." Overnight in a hotel.
*Elevation gain: 2,300 feet - Elevation loss: 2,600 feet - Distance : 8.5 miles*

**Day 4**

**Val Ferret**

From La Fouly (1,700 m / 5,577 ft), we head towards the Grand Col Ferret (2,537 m / 8,323 ft), on the border between Switzerland and Italy. We pass beneath Mont Dolent (3,819 m / 12,530 ft), an iconic peak where France, Switzerland and Italy meet, before discovering the southern side of the Mont Blanc massif. The descent into the Italian Val Ferret offers views of the Pré de Bar and Miage glaciers. Transfer and overnight in a hotel.

*Elevation gain: 900 m (2,950 ft) - Elevation loss: 750 m (2,460 ft) - Distance: 14 km (8.7 miles)*

**Day 5**

**Pointe Helbronner | Skyway Monte Bianco**

We take the Skyway Monte Bianco cable car for an exceptional day in the high mountains. From Pointe Helbronner (3,462 m / 11,358 ft), we enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Mont Blanc massif, including the Dent du Géant (4,013 m / 13,166 ft), Mont Blanc (4,810 m / 15,781 ft), Mont Maudit (4,465 m / 14,649 ft) and Mont Blanc du Tacul (4,187 m / 13,737 ft). On the way back, we visit the Mont Fréty Alpine Botanical Garden (2,174 m / 7,133 ft) to discover the region's alpine flora. Return to our hotel. **Dinner at your own expense.**

**Day 6**

**Val Veny & Beaufortain**

From La Visaille (1,660 m / 5,446 ft), we hike up Val Veny alongside Lac Combal and its winding streams, their milky waters coloured by glacial sediment. The trail leads us to Rifugio Elisabetta, then to the Col de la Seigne (2,516 m / 8,255 ft), marking the border between Italy and France. We then descend through the alpine pastures of the Beaufortain, where herds of Tarine cattle graze, easily recognised by their reddish-brown coats. Transfer and overnight in a hotel.

*Elevation gain: 900 m (2,950 ft) - Elevation loss: 750 m (2,460 ft) - Distance: 15 km (9.3 miles)*

**Day 7**

**Val Montjoie**

We begin the day with a climb through alpine pastures to the Col de la Croix du Bonhomme (2,479 m / 8,133 ft). We then continue to the Col du Bonhomme (2,329 m / 7,641 ft), where a beautiful natural terrace invites us to stop and admire the panorama. We then begin our descent through the Contamines-Montjoie Nature Reserve to reach our mountain hut. **You will not have access to your transferred luggage for this night.**

*Elevation gain: 900 m (2,950 ft) - Elevation loss: 600 m (1,970 ft) - Distance: 13 km (8.1 miles)*

**Day 8**

**Bionnassay Valley**

We reach Notre-Dame-de-la-Gorge (1,500 m / 4,921 ft) along its historic Roman road. A short transfer takes us to the village of Champel (1,205 m / 3,953 ft), where we begin our final hike through the Bionnassay Valley. We follow wooded slopes, passing several waterfalls and mountain streams, before reaching Bellevue (1,800 m / 5,906 ft). One last panorama of Chamonix and the surrounding peaks awaits us before we take the cable car down into the valley. Transfer back to Chamonix. End of our trip.

*Elevation gain: 700 m (2,300 ft) - Elevation loss: 800 m (2,625 ft) - Distance: 12 km (7.5 miles)*

## GROUP BOOKING

The group option brings together participants who may not know each other. For a set programme, it offers an attractive price on fixed departure dates. This option is ideal for those who enjoy the friendly atmosphere of a group. Already a group of friends and looking to share a special experience together? Consider the private option!

**We have been guiding people in the mountains since 1821**

**Enjoy the expertise and personal attention of our hiking professionals**

**Travel in a small group of no more than 7 participants with dedicated logistical support**

**Dates**
See the booking module. *The departure will be confirmed once the minimum number of participants (5 people) has been reached by the trip confirmation date.*

**2027 Price**
€3,600 per person

**The price includes**
- Trip organisation
- Guiding by a qualified hiking guide and dedicated logistical coordination throughout the trip
- Accommodation: 6 nights in double or twin rooms in 3- or 4-star hotels and 1 night in a mountain hut in a mixed dormitory with shared bathroom facilities
- Breakfasts and picnic lunches from the second day through to the last day
- Dinners, except on the fifth day (one set menu for the entire group, excluding special diets and allergies)
- Lifts and excursions included in the itinerary
- Transfers throughout the trip, mainly by a dedicated private vehicle, with local taxis in Val Veny and Val Ferret
- Transfer of one soft travel bag per person, weighing no more than 15 kg (33 lb), except for the mountain hut stay on the seventh stage

**The price does not include**
- Dinner on the fifth day
- Personal expenses: souvenirs and drinks
- Any costs resulting from a participant's personal decision to modify the itinerary or inability to complete a stage (additional transfer or lift, accommodation...)
- Mandatory repatriation insurance and strongly recommended cancellation insurance
- Booking fees
- Anything not listed under "The price includes"

## PRIVATE BOOKING

Would you like to hike with family or friends? With the private option, you can choose your departure dates, subject to accommodation availability. Together with our advisors, you can create a trip tailored to your plans. **Duration, itinerary, difficulty level, accommodation and pace**: we help you make the right choices to design a programme that suits your group, preferences and objectives.

Enjoy a **trip designed around you**, benefiting from our local mountain expertise and comprehensive trip organisation and logistics.

The price per person decreases as the group size increases.

**Request a quote**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, you will find all the information you need about this trip. For any additional information, please contact our advisors.

**Meeting Point**
Meet at 8:30 a.m. on the day of departure at the Compagnie des Guides reception desk in Chamonix. An optional briefing is held at 6:00 p.m. the previous evening at our reception desk, giving you the opportunity to meet the group and finalise the last details with your hiking guide. If you cannot attend, please let us know.

On the last day, your arrival time depends on the group's pace and conditions. You will also need to collect your luggage, which will be delivered to the Compagnie des Guides reception desk in the late afternoon. For your return journey, we recommend booking your departure as late as possible that evening or for the following day.

**Technical Level**
The itinerary does not involve any particular technical difficulties, but follows mountain trails that can be steep and rugged.

⚠ In June, snow may still be present at higher elevations, making some sections more challenging.

**Fitness Level**
You should be able to hike **12 to 15 km (7.5 to 9.3 miles) with 700 to 1,000 m (2,300 to 3,280 ft) of elevation gain per day**, at

an average uphill pace of 350 to 400 vertical metres per hour (1,150 to 1,310 ft/h), carrying a daypack. Regular physical activity is essential, and previous experience of multi-day hiking is strongly recommended.

If you are unsure about your fitness level, please contact our advisors before booking.

**Accommodation**
6 nights in double or twin rooms in 3- or 4-star hotels. Participants booking individually will share a room with another member of the group. Depending on the group composition, we cannot guarantee that you will share with someone of the same gender.

1 night in a mountain hut in a mixed dormitory, with shared bathroom facilities.

⚠ Depending on availability, the planned accommodation may be replaced by an establishment offering an equivalent level of comfort. This may involve additional transfers at the beginning or end of the day.

⚠ Accommodation in Chamonix before and after the trip is not included. You can find a list of our partner hotels in the *Booking and Cancellation* section of the FAQ.

**Meals**
Breakfasts and picnic lunches are included from the second day through to the last day. Six dinners are included; dinner on the fifth day is at your own expense. Please indicate any dietary requirements or allergies in your booking information.

**Transfers and Lifts**
The lifts included in the programme and the transfers required between certain stages are included. A private vehicle is dedicated to the trip and managed by our team. In Val Veny and Val Ferret, transfers are provided by a local taxi company.

⚠ At the beginning and end of the season, the itinerary may be adapted depending on lift opening dates.

**Luggage**
The transfer of one bag weighing no more than 15 kg (33 lb) per person is included. Your bag must be soft-sided and durable. Bags exceeding the weight limit will not be accepted by the transport provider.

⚠ **You will not have access to your luggage during the mountain hut stay on the seventh stage.** You must carry everything you need for that night in your backpack.

**Itinerary**
Distances and elevation gains are indicative. Your hiking guide may adapt the itinerary depending on mountain conditions and the group's abilities.

**Guiding**
The trip is led by a qualified hiking guide, with dedicated logistical support. Groups consist of 5 to 7 participants aged 16 and over. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

**Formalities**
You must have insurance covering search and repatriation costs in all three countries visited, as well as a valid identity document. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. We offer combined assistance, repatriation and cancellation insurance, which can be purchased when booking (available to EU and UK residents only). You can find the list of eligible countries of residence in the *Booking and Cancellation* section of the FAQ.

For European residents, we also strongly recommend bringing a European Health Insurance Card.

## EQUIPMENT

Take special care when choosing your gear to maximise your chances of success. Stick to the essentials to keep your backpack as light as possible. This equipment list is provided to help you pack. It has been tested and approved by our guides. We recommend following it when deciding what to pack. You can find the list of our Equipment and Rental partners in the *Practical Information* section of the FAQ.

**Backpack and luggage**
- A 30-litre backpack
- One soft, durable travel bag, maximum 15 kg (33 lb)

**Clothing**
- Breathable long- and short-sleeved T-shirts
- A lightweight fleece jacket
- A warm, lightweight and packable insulated jacket

- A waterproof jacket (e.g. Gore-Tex)
- Hiking trousers
- Shorts
- Waterproof trousers (e.g. Gore-Tex)

**Footwear and evening wear**
- Hiking socks
- A pair of high-cut hiking boots with a good sole
- A change of clothes for the evening
- A pair of lightweight shoes for the evening
- A swimsuit (some hotels have spa facilities available to guests)

**Protection and hiking accessories**
- A pair of telescopic trekking poles
- A rain poncho
- A pair of gloves
- A beanie
- A hat or cap
- A pair of Category 3 sunglasses

**Personal equipment and essentials**
- At least 2 litres of water (water bottle, hydration bladder or other containers)
- A pocket knife and a spork
- A few small waste bags to carry your waste with you
- A torch or headlamp
- A sleeping bag liner for the night in the mountain hut
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- A basic toiletry kit: towel, earplugs and toilet paper
- A small personal first-aid kit: Compeed-style blister dressings and medication for common ailments such as diarrhoea, constipation, sore throat, headaches, aches and pains, and allergies (your guide carries a first-aid kit)

**Documents and money**
- A valid form of identification
- Money for personal expenses (euros and Swiss francs)

⚠ **The weather changes quickly in the mountains**
Even in the middle of summer, you may encounter all kinds of weather. Make sure you bring adequate protection against rain and cold.