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TOUR DU MONT BLANC - NORTH-HALF

Duration: 4 | Fitness: ▲▲▲△△ | Technique: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 950 €

THE NORTH HALF OF THE TOUR DU MONT BLANC IN 4 DAYS

Would you like to experience the Tour du Mont Blanc but don't have enough time to complete the full circuit? Our North and South Half treks offer the opportunity to discover the Mont Blanc massif over four days of hiking. Our **Tour du Mont Blanc North Half** takes you from the Italian Val Ferret to the Chamonix Valley, crossing the Swiss Valais along the way. From the Grand Col Ferret to the panoramic views of the Aiguilles Rouges and Lac Blanc, you will discover some of the most iconic landscapes of the **Tour du Mont Blanc**.

WELCOMING ACCOMMODATION AND LUGGAGE TRANSFERS

You stay in small hotels and inns, in **shared rooms or mixed-gender dormitories**. Your luggage is transferred throughout the trip, so you only need to carry your daily essentials in your rucksack. Transfers between stages are arranged by taxi or public transport, and packed lunches are provided each day. This option allows you to enjoy four days of hiking without having to worry about the logistics.

A GUIDED TREK TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE MOUNTAINS

Your **qualified mountain leader** guides you throughout the trek, shares their knowledge of the Mont Blanc massif and adapts the pace to the conditions and the group's abilities. You can fully enjoy the landscapes and encounters along the way. To complete the full Tour du Mont Blanc, you can combine this trip with our **Tour du Mont Blanc South Half**.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Swiss Val Ferret

After a short transfer, our Tour du Mont Blanc North Half begins in Arnuva, in the Italian Val Ferret. The trail takes us to the Grand Col Ferret (2,490 m / 8,169 ft), marking the border between Italy and Switzerland. We discover the alpine pastures of the Swiss Val Ferret, overlooked by the snow-covered peaks of Mont Dolent and A Neuve and their glaciers. We then descend to the village of La Fouly, where we spend the night.

Elevation gain: 900 m (2,950 ft) - Elevation loss: 1,300 m (4,265 ft) - Distance: 19 km (11.8 miles)

Day 2

Trient Valley

The day begins with a transfer to the village of Champex-Lac. We climb towards the alpine pastures of Bovine, where we enjoy panoramic views of the Rhône Valley and its vineyards, the peaks of the Bernese Oberland and the Combins massif. We then descend to the Col de la Forclaz, a historic crossing between the Rhône and Trient valleys. We spend the night in an inn in Trient.

Elevation gain: 800 m (2,625 ft) - Elevation loss: 700 m (2,300 ft) - Distance: 14 km (8.7 miles)

Day 3

Trélechamps

Our trail takes us to the Col des Posettes (1,997 m / 6,552 ft), on the border between France and Switzerland. From the pass, we enjoy spectacular views of the Mont Blanc massif and the Aiguilles Rouges. These landscapes accompany us throughout the descent to the listed hamlet of Trélechamps, where we spend the night.

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

Day 4

Chamonix Valley

From Trélechamps, we follow the Grand Balcon Sud trail to the Chéserys lakes, then continue to Lac Blanc, where the Mont Blanc massif is reflected in the water. This exceptional setting is the perfect place to enjoy a final picnic overlooking the peaks. We continue to La Flégère before taking the gondola down to the village of Les Praz. We return to Chamonix in the afternoon.

Elevation gain: 1,000 m (3,280 ft) - Elevation loss: 500 m (1,640 ft) - Distance: 10 km (6.2 miles)

GROUP BOOKING

The group option brings together participants who may not know each other. For a set program, 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 12 participants

Dates
See the booking module. *The departure will be confirmed once the minimum number of participants (7 people) has been reached by the trip confirmation date.*

2027 Price
€950 per person

The price includes
- Trip organization
- Guiding by a qualified hiking guide
- Accommodation: 3 nights in inns or small hotels, in mixed-gender dormitories (shared bathrooms)
- Meals (picnic lunches, dinners and breakfasts) throughout the trip (one set menu for the entire group, excluding special diets and allergies)
- Lifts and transfers included in the itinerary
- Luggage transfers for one soft travel bag weighing no more than 15 kg (33 lb) per person

The price does not include
- 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 choose your departure dates, subject to accommodation availability. Together with our advisors, you create a trip tailored to your plans. **Duration, itinerary, level, accommodation and pace**: we help you make the right choices to create a program that suits your group, your preferences and your goals.

You can enjoy a **trip designed around you**, while benefiting from our local knowledge and having all the organization and logistics taken care of.

The price decreases according to the number of participants.

Ask us for 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
Please meet at 7:30 a.m. on the day of departure at the Compagnie des Guides reception desk, 190 place de l'Église, Chamonix. An optional information meeting is held the day before at 6:00 p.m. at the reception desk, giving you the opportunity to meet your group and finalize the last details with your guide. If you are unable to attend, please let us know. Your guide will contact you by phone afterwards.

On the last day, you can collect your luggage from our reception desk in the late afternoon. Your arrival time depends on the group's pace and conditions. 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 present any particular technical difficulties but follows trails that can be steep and rugged.

⚠ In June, high-altitude sections may still be covered in snow, making progress more difficult.

Fitness Level
You must be able to hike **10 to 19 km (6.2 to 11.8 miles) with 800 to 1,000 m (2,625 to 3,280 ft) of vertical ascent per day**, at an average uphill pace of 350 to 400 vertical metres per hour (1,150 to 1,310 ft/h), while carrying your daypack. Regular exercise is required and previous multi-day hiking experience is strongly recommended.

If you have any doubts about your fitness level, please contact our advisors before registering.

Accommodation
3 nights in inns or small hotels, in mixed-gender dormitories accommodating 4 to 20 people, depending on the accommodation. Bathrooms are shared.

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

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

Meals
Breakfasts, picnic lunches and dinners are included from lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day. Please specify any special dietary requirements or allergies on your registration form.

Transfers and Lifts
The lifts included in the programme and the transfers required between certain stages are included. Transfers are made using local public transport or taxis.

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

Luggage
Luggage transfers between accommodations are included. You carry only your personal belongings for the day.

⚠ Each participant may bring one soft travel bag weighing no more than 15 kg (33 lb). Hard-shell suitcases are not permitted. Bags exceeding the weight limit will be refused by the transport provider.

Itinerary
Distances and elevation figures are provided for information only. The itinerary may be adapted by your guide depending on mountain conditions and the level of the group.

Guiding
The trip is led by a qualified hiking guide. The group consists of 7 to 12 participants aged 16 and over. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Formalities
You must have insurance covering search and repatriation costs in France, Switzerland and Italy, as well as a valid form of identification. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. We offer combined assistance, repatriation and cancellation insurance, which can be purchased when you register (EU and UK residents only). You can find the list of eligible countries of residence in the *Booking - Cancellation* section of the FAQ.

For European residents, the European Health Insurance Card is also strongly recommended.

EQUIPMENT

Take special care when choosing your gear to maximize 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 (approximately 8 US gallons)
- One soft travel bag, maximum 15 kg (33 lb); hard-shell suitcases are not permitted

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 flip-flops for the evening

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 (approximately 68 US fl oz; water bottle, hydration bladder or other containers)
- Picnic utensils
- A few small waste bags to carry your waste with you
- A torch or headlamp
- A sleeping bag liner
- 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.