Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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SNOWSHOEING - THE BEST OF THE MONT BLANC

Duration: 5 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 1 250 €

Explore our exceptional snowshoeing program, designed specifically for hiking enthusiasts seeking grand and occasionally technical adventures in tranquil settings. Enjoy a wide range of destinations and discover the unique territory of the Mont Blanc region. Traverse the Aosta Valley in Italy, explore the Swiss Valais, roam through the Chamonix Valley, and uncover the Arve Valley. A diversity of breathtaking landscapes awaits you. In addition to these iconic places, each day holds unexpected gems and exciting discoveries in these renowned regions.

A dynamic and invigorating journey crafted for nature and adventure lovers. Immerse yourself in an experience far from the beaten paths. This trip is tailored for seasoned hikers who appreciate exploring vast expanses and remote corners. Over these 5 days, we invite you to explore the majestic Mont Blanc region through carefully selected unconventional routes. We are delighted to share these unforgettable moments with small groups, limited to a maximum of 8 people. Our dedicated team ensures that this journey becomes an unforgettable memory.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Mount Arpille - Switzerland

Located at the eastern end of the Mont-Blanc massif, this summit (6'839 feet) overlooks the Swiss Rhône Valley, bordered to the north by the Oberland and to the south by the internal Alpine arc, the largest concentration of 13'123 feet peaks in the Alps, from the Grand Combin to Monte Rosa. A varied hike offering different atmospheres: forests, alpine meadows, a remarkable panoramic summit that provides access to a fantastic plateau—a vast playground for exploration—and a playful descent. For the more daring, we will embark on an "adventure" ridge route that few are familiar with.
Elevation gain and elevation loss: around 3'000 feet

Day 2

Brévent - Aiguillettes des Houches - France

The gem! It is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful snowshoe hikes in the Alps. From Chamonix, we take the Brévent cable car (8'284 feet). Through a technical and challenging route, we traverse the magnificent and wild plateau of Calaveyron, a natural reserve, and the frozen lake of Brévent. Like explorers, we will navigate through a multitude of relief features, ridge systems, and foothills to reach Aiguillette des Houches (7'497 feet). The entire day, the Mont-Blanc massif accompanies us. A long and beautiful descent takes us to the Chalets de Chailloux and the hamlet of La Flatière (4'437 feet), marking the end of this unforgettable day.
Elevation gain : 1'000 feet - Elevation loss: 4'800 feet

Day 3

The tour of Fetita Pointe - Italy

Above Morgex, on the left bank of the Aosta Valley, the alpine pastures of Ors and Pointe de Fetita (8'612 feet) offer all the ingredients for a complete and varied day: ascent through the forest, open spaces of alpine meadows with panoramic views (especially on the east side of the Grandes Jorasses), crossing the Col de Fetita (8'392 feet), vast wild spaces to circumvent Pointe de Fetita and possibly climb it. We descend along a ridge to reach the Col de Bard (7'142 feet). Following a path through the forest, we return to our starting point. A long day that is worth its weight in gold!
Elevation gain and elevation loss: around 3'000 feet

Day 4

The Rochers de Leschaux - France
Located in the Arve Valley, the Rochers de Leschaux is a beautiful and rugged limestone massif, rich in fissures and mineral crevices known as lapiaz. The Rochers de Leschaux (4'377 feet) separate the plateaus of Solaison and Cenise. In the heart of winter, they provide a striking view of the icy cliffs, shadow, and frost covering the entire Bargy range, along with a beautiful perspective of Sous-Dine mountain and the Glières Plateau.
Elevation gain and elevation loss: around 3'300 feet

Day 5

The Aiguillette des Posettes - France
An sustained and playful ascent allows us to reach the ridge line: here we are, tightrope walkers on a fantastic panoramic ridge. The ridge separates the Vallorcine Valley (literally the Valley of Bears) from the Chamonix Valley. From the Aiguillette des Posettes (7'218 feet), the view is spectacular in 360 degrees. From the summit, we explore wild spaces for our greatest pleasure.
Elevation gain and elevation loss: around 3'000 feet

GROUP BOOKING

Group session associate several people who don't know each other. It allows for a planned program to benefit from an attractive price on fixed dates. This formula is ideal for people looking for the friendliness of a group.

Dates : See below for the group booking module

Price 2027 : 1250 € per person - based on minimum 4 participants

This price includes :
- the organization of the trip
- supervision by a state qualified trekking guide
- bed and brekfast accommodation, in hotel in Chamonix Valley, in either a double or twin room*
** For people signing up alone, we cannot guarantee that you will share your room with a person of the same gender.*
- cable car tickets
- transportation with a private mini bus
- picsnic lunches
- snowshoes, poles, avalanche transceiver (DVA), shovel and probe

This price does not include :
- evening meals
- transport to the meeting point
- accommodation before and after the hike
- Personal expenses: souvenirs, drinks, etc.
- Mandatory repatriation insurance. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. (Residents of the following countries—Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom—can purchase repatriation and cancellation insurance at the same time as their trip registration. This insurance is non-refundable in case of cancellation.)
- Booking fees
- anything not mentioned in « included in the price »

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.

For more information about our rates for private booking, please contact us

FURTHER INFORMATION

Find in this in this section, all the information about this activity. For any further information please contact our advisors (contact

details above).

Meeting point : Meet at 7:30 am in front of the Compagnie des Guides in Chamonix. Return at the end of the afternoon.

Ability level : Challenging difficulty. Good physical condition and preparation are necessary. The average elevation gain ranges from 3'000 feet to 5'000 feet, with approximately 6 hours of walking. The terrain may include some steep sections requiring good technical proficiency. Prior experience in snowshoe hiking is desirable.

Itinerary : The guide may have to adapt the route to weather conditions and/or to group physical and/or technical ability

Guiding policy : group from 4 to 8 people. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy guarantees a high level experience.

Accommodation :
- During the trip : 4 nights in hotel in Chamonix Valley in double/twin room*. Breakfast included.
** For people signing up alone, we cannot guarantee that you will share your room with a person of the same gender.*
- Before & after the trip : benefit from preferential prices from our partner hotels in Chamonix.

Documentation : Participants must have an insurance with repatriation cover. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended. You can take out insurance offering both of these types of cover when you sign up

Preparing for the trip : one week before the trip, the mountain guide will be in contact to answer any questions you may have

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.

Hiking boots
- Boots for snowshoeing should be warm and waterproof. They should also provide high ankle support. New boots should be worn a couple of times before.
- If your feet tend to get blisters easily, you can apply baby talc on dry feet in the morning before wearing your socks.

Back-pack
- Minimum size 40 L (a back-pack with extra room is better than too small).
- Once everything is packed, make sure there is enough room to fit your picnic lunch.
- Although backpack covers are very convenient in bad weather, we recommend using a very large plastic bag as a pack-liner to protect your personal belongings from getting wet.

Clothing
Underwear : avoid using cotton. Compared to technical synthetic material, it is heavier and it dries slowly. Wool is also getting popular amongst sportswear brands. Synthetic and wool are warmer ; they dry fast, and allow you to pack light.

Carrying weight
Taking enough time to pack is essential, as you are going to carry every item for several days in a row. Avoiding extra weight can easily be done by packing your clothes tightly, placing heavy items at the bottom of the pack, and avoiding empty spaces. As a result weight is better spread throughout your back and weight impression diminished).

Daily needs
- 1 synthetic long-sleeve shirt,
- 1 light polar fleece,
- 1 pair of Goretex pants, 1 long synthetic underwear to wear under your trousers,
- 1 a pair of wool socks,
- 1 Goretex jacket,
- 1 pair of fleece gloves, 1 pair of mittens, 1 pair of silk gloves,
- 1 warm hat, a scarf or neck warmer,
- 1 water bottle (1.5 quart, to 2 quarts minimum) isothermal if possible,
- 1 pocket knife + 1 « spork »,
- Cap or sun-hat and sunglasses (category # 3 minimum), sunscreen (face and lips),
- a camera and a pair of binoculars (optional).
- ID card or passport + spare change for personal expenses + paper tissues and toilet paper,
- gaiters (recommended if your Goretex pants don’t have a boot-skirt).

Don’t forget to bring personal prescription treatment if you have one. Mountain leaders also carry a complete first aid kit.

Our Rental Partners : You can rent your equipment with our rental shops partners and benefit from special price Millet (excluding crampons, ice axes and helmet), Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co & Concept Pro Shop
Our Equipment Partners : Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet