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PREMIUM HIKING - CHAMONIX TO ANNECY

Duration: 6 Fitness: Technique:

This itinerary will take us from **Chamonix** to **Annecy**, two must-see destinations in Haute-Savoie, exploring different Alpine massifs and enjoying breathtaking views!

This trip is based on top-of-the-range logistics, provided by two dedicated professionals. A mountain guide accompanies the group, limited to 10 people, while a professional manages the logistics and offers assistance should you need it. We have carefully selected comfortable accommodations, guaranteeing at least the standards of a 3-star hotel.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Chamonix - Col du Brévent - Aiguillette des Houches - Servoz

We start in the heart of Chamonix, quickly gaining elevation via the Planpraz cable car, which takes us to 2,000 meters above sea level. The hike begins here in the alpine pastures facing Mont Blanc. We ascend to the Col du Brévent, cross toward the summit of Brévent, and then explore the Carlaveyron Nature Reserve. Our route takes us past the Aiguillette des Houches before descending to Servoz, where we will spend the night.
This day allows us to discover the history and landscapes of the Chamonix Valley, with breathtaking views of the massif.
Elevation gain : 1805 feet - Vertical loss : 5580 feet - Distance : 8.7 miles

Day 2

Passy - Varan

Today, we explore the first sedimentary massif of our trip. At the foot of the Fiz mountain range, we cross the southern face toward the Varan alpine pastures. Here, the history of mountain farming intertwines with that of outdoor sports. It's also an incredible spot to observe ibex and chamois, all with views of Mont Blanc -discovered the day before- and the Aravis range, which we'll explore the next day. Night in Cordon.
Elevation gain : 1805 feet - Vertical loss : 2265 feet - Distance : 5 miles

Day 3

Plateau des Bénés - Col de Niard - Col des Aravis

The Aravis Range is world-renowned for its famous cheese, Reblochon. This is a mountain steeped in tradition, celebrated for its authenticity and terroir. You will traverse stunning landscapes and heritage sites as we cross from one valley—and even one department—to another. Indeed, we will leave Haute-Savoie and briefly enter Savoie. Upon reaching the Col des Aravis, we will be transferred to the typical Aravis villages of La Clusaz and Le Grand-Bornand, where we will spend the night.
Elevation gain : 3445 feet - Vertical loss : 2200 feet - Distance : 9.5 miles

Day 4

Crossing Glières plateau

How to Cross Haute-Savoie Without Passing Through the Glières Plateau
A key site of the French Resistance, the Glières Plateau was the stage for battles that changed the course of history. This iconic location and its story are explored throughout a day dedicated to this theme.
Yet, beyond its past, the plateau is also defined by its present: pristine nature and local culinary delights waiting to be discovered. Overnight in Talloire
Elevation gain : 3280 feet - Vertical loss : 2165 feet - Distance : 9.3 miles

Day 5

Mont Baron and Mont Veyrier : the Annecy Lake's balconies

After a restful night by the lakeside, we'll take to the heights to admire it from above. We'll ascend the ridges of Mont Baron and Mont Veyrier, where alpine forests and open clearings reveal breathtaking panoramas of the lake and the foothills of the Bauges massif. This stage is the perfect prelude to exploring the charming old town where you'll spend the night.

Elevation gain : 2625 feet - Vertical loss : 3280 feet - Distance : 6.9 miles

Day 6

Parmelan

The most famous mountain around Annecy is undoubtedly Mont Parmelan. A suspended valley perched on the outskirts of the city, this hike will leave a lasting impression and introduce you to the other unexplored mountains of Haute-Savoie: Salève to the north and Chablais to the northeast.

With this journey complete, you'll leave knowing you've experienced one of the most stunning treks possible—right in the heart of a region rich with stories and diverse landscapes.

Elevation gain : 2825 feet - Vertical loss : 2740 feet - Distance : 6.2 miles

PRIVATE BOOKING

Want to go hiking with family or friends? Want the freedom to choose your departure dates*, enjoy a tailor-made itinerary adapted to your desires, and benefit from guidance specifically suited to your level? Choose the private package!

This is the traditional relationship between a guide and their clients. It allows you to be alone or in a group with your guide, who will respond to your specific needs. The ideal package for realizing your plans, as it guarantees maximum comfort.

Discounted rates based on the number of participants.

*Subject to availability of accommodation.

Contact us for a quote.

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

Meeting point : Meet at 8.30 am in front of the Compagnie des Guides in Chamonix.

Ability level : 3/5 - The Chamonix-Annecy trip is a moderate trek. A minimum of 700m (2296ft) and a maximum of 1300m (4265ft) vertical gain and about 5 to 7 hours of hiking daily. Hiking on generally well-maintained mountain trails, sometimes including out-of-trail sections. For active people who do not mind training to prepare for the hike and practice sport regularly. A great multiday hike for people with trekking experience.

Itinerary: The guide may need to adjust the itinerary based on weather conditions and/or the physical and/or technical abilities of the group

Guiding policy : The groupe is composed of 5 to 10 people maximum to ensure better communication comfort and a genuine convivial atmosphere. *Registration possible from 16 years of age. Registration is not permitted to anyone under the age of 18 without a legal guardian.*

Accomodation :

- During the trip : 5 nights half board in ***/**** hotels in double/twin rooms

* *For people signing up alone, we cannot guarantee that you will share your room with a person of the same gender.*

Restroom facilities (bathroom and toilets) can be shared collectively.

- Before & after the trip : benefit from preferential prices from our partner hotels in Chamonix.

Documentation :

- Participants must have sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance offering both of these types of cover when you sign up.
- Participants must also take valid ID with them.

Preparing for the trip : An information meeting with your guide is scheduled the day before departure at 6pm at the Compagie des Guides office. We highly recommend your participation, as this meeting provides an opportunity to fine-tune your preparation.

EQUIPMENT

Weight is a hiker's adversary, so it is crucial to carefully select your equipment as it plays a key role in ensuring the success of your trip

Your gear
- A 30L backpack
- A compact and sturdy travel bag, maximum 15 kg
- A pair of top quality hiking boots
- A pair of telescopic poles
- A hat or cap
- A warm hat
- Category 3 sunglasses
- Breathable long and short-sleeved T-shirts
- A polar fleece
- A warm down jacket
- A Gore-Tex waterproof jacket
- A rain poncho
- A hiking trouser
- A Gore-Tex waterproof trouser
- A short
-A pair of gloves
- Hiking-appropriate socks
- A minimum 2L water bottle
- A pocketknife and a spork
- A flashlight or headlamp
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- A sleeping bag liner
- Toiletry kit, towel, earplugs, and toilet paper
- Minimal personal pharmacy: blister pads like Compeed, medications for common ailments such as diarrhea, constipation, sore throat, headaches, pain, allergies
ID, money for personal expenses
- Spare shoes
- Flip flops for the hut with no luggage access
- Spare clothes as per your preference

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