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MOUNTAINEERING - ARGENTIÈRE GLACIER DISCOVERY

Duration: 1 | Fitness: ▲▲△△△ | Technique: ▲▲△△△ | Price from: 200 €

Spend a day discovering the Argentière Glacier, one of the most spectacular glaciers in the Mont Blanc massif, renowned for its impressive icefall and towering seracs. Starting from the Grands Montets area, you'll explore the fascinating world of alpine glaciers that once extended all the way down into the Chamonix Valley. This outing is also the perfect introduction to mountaineering, where you'll learn the basics of walking with crampons and using an ice axe.

From the Grands Montets, an easy 1.5-hour hike leads to the edge of the glacier, where the adventure begins. Accompanied by your mountain guide, you'll travel across the ice while discovering the unique features of this constantly changing environment. Crevasses, moraines, seracs and meltwater streams reveal how alpine glaciers evolve through the seasons and illustrate the visible effects of climate change.

GROUP BOOKING

The group formula associates people who do not necessarily know each other. It is ideal for people looking for group friendliness and attractive prices.

Dates (group booking) : See on-line booking

Meeting point (group booking) :
- 8:00 a.m. at the Plan Joran lift in Argentière - Grands Montets

Guiding policy (group booking) : up to 6 people per guide. Minimum 15 years old accompanied by a parent

Departure (group booking) : The departure is guaranteed with a minimum of 4 registered participants

Price 2026 (group booking) : 200€ per person based on a minimum of 4 participants

This price includes :
- mountain guiding services
- lift pass / train tickets

This price does not include :
- technical equipment : high mountain boots with a rigid sole, crampons, ice axe, helmet & harness
- picnic

PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking is the historical relationship that binds a mountain guide to their clients. It allows you to be alone or in your own group with your mountain guide who will meet your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula realise your projects because it guarentees you a maximum amount of comfort.

Dates (private booking) : See on-line booking

Meeting point (private booking) : Your guide will call you the evening before your trip around 6.30pm to organize the meeting time and place

Guiding policy (private booking) : Between 1 - 6 people per guide
Minimum 12 years old accompanied by a parent

Prices 2026 :
Group from 1 to 2 people : 450€
Group from 3 to 4 people : 490€
Group from 5 to 6 people : 530€

The price includes :
- mountain guiding services

The price does not include :
- technical equipment : high mountain boots with a rigid sole, crampons, ice axe, helmet & harness
- lift passes
- transfer
- picnic & snack

FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, find all the information about this activity. For further information, please contact our advisor.

Duration : 5 - 6 hours

Location : Argentière glacier

Ability level : The mountaineering basics are for people who practice regular physical activity. It do not require any previous mountaineering experience.

Formality : Make sure you have valid individual liability insurance for the practice of this activity without any location or altitude restrictions, including assistance, search and rescue, and repatriation

EQUIPMENT

We recommend that you take special care in choosing your equipment because it contributes greatly to the success of your trip. As alpine conditions can be highly variable with sudden changes, it can get very cold in altitude, it is preferable to have numerous layers rather than one thick piece of clothing

Equipment
- Back pack 25/30 liters
- Mountaineering boots with a rigid sole
- Crampons
- Ice axe and Telescopic poles
- Harness
- Helmet
- Gaters if your trousers require them

Clothing
- Suitable clothing adapted to mountaineering
- Windproof jacket
- A pair of thin gloves
- A pair of warm gloves

Accessories
- Sunglasses catagory 4
- Suncream
- Gourde at least 1.5L
- Lunch, snacks

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