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DISCOVERY HIKE - CHAMONIX VALLEY

Duration: 6 | Fitness: ▲▲△△△ | Technique: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 1 450 €

Whether you want to test your stamina on a full week of hiking or simply enjoy the finest scenery in the Chamonix Valley—with hikes suitable for ages 10 and up—this trip is for you. We begin with three days of day hikes radiating from our hotel in Chamonix, the base camp for our adventure. Once warmed up, we set off on a two-day trek at the foot of the Aravis range, spending the night in a comfortable mountain refuge. We conclude the trip with a spectacular visit to the Aiguille du Midi and the iconic Grand Balcon Nord hike. The experience is further enriched by a farm visit featuring a tasting of local cheeses.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Aiguillette des Posettes

We head to the hamlet of Le Tour to begin our hike. The ascent starts in the forest. Gradually, we reach the alpine pastures, and the view opens up to the surrounding peaks. At the summit, we enjoy breathtaking views of the Mont Blanc massif, the Tour Glacier, the Buet, and the Perrons.

Distance: approximately 4.4 miles / Elevation gain: approximately 2362ft / Elevation loss: approximately 2362ft

Day 2

Ayères loop from Servoz

Head to the village of Servoz to begin exploring the Ayères Loop. The steep but steady climb takes us through the hamlets of Servoz. We then leave the inhabited areas to cut through the forest and reach the alpine pastures dominated by the impressive cliffs of the Fiz. We will discover the history of mountain pastoral life through the high-altitude hamlets of Ayères. As we begin the descent, the Mont Blanc massif unfolds majestically before us. We then discover the Lac Vert nestled in its natural setting before crossing the old village of Servoz to return to our starting point.

Distance: approximately 6.8 miles / Elevation gain: approximately 2919ft / Elevation loss: approximately 2919ft

Day 3

Chailloux Alpine Pasture (Aiguillette des Houches)

We begin our hike at the hamlet of La Flatière and start the ascent to the Chailloux alpine pasture. From up there, Mont Blanc seems within reach. It's possible to continue the climb to the Aiguillette des Houches (2286m). From the summit, a 360° panorama unfolds before us.

Distance: 3.7miles to 5.6 miles / Elevation gain: 1912ft to 3280ft / Elevation loss: 1912ft to 3280ft

Day 4

Refuge du Tornieux

It's time to take on this week's challenge: a two-day multi-day hike with an overnight stay in a mountain refuge. Follow your guide's advice to pack your bag and set off with only the essentials. The hike begins in Les Planes, above Sallanches. The trail leads us to the Doran alpine pasture at the foot of the Aravis mountain range. We walk into the valley overlooked by cliffs and then continue the ascent towards the Arête des Saix ridge. We admire the panoramic view of Mont Blanc before descending to the Tornieux Refuge where we will spend the night.

Distance: approximately 4 miles / Elevation gain: approximately 2657ft / Elevation loss: approximately 1515ft

Day 5

Refuge du Tornieux - Pierre fendue - Sallanches and Farm Visit with Cheese Tasting

We leave our bags at the refuge and take advantage of the morning to hike to the Cascade des Fours waterfall and the striking

Pierre Fendue. We return to the refuge to collect our belongings before heading back to the starting point of our hike. We spend the late afternoon visiting a farm and tasting local cheeses. We end the day by returning to our hotel in Chamonix.
Distance: approximately 6.1 miles / Elevation gain: approximately 1627ft / Elevation loss: approximately 2568ft

Day 6

Chamonix - Mer de Glace - Aiguille du Midi
Our trip concludes with one of the most spectacular hikes in the valley. Departing from Chamonix, we will take the famous Montenvers cog railway, which overlooks the Mer de Glace glacier. We'll begin our hike with the magnificent traverse of the north "balcony" to the Plan de l'Aiguille. The cable car will take us to the 12604ft summit of the Aiguille du Midi. After our visit, we'll descend back to Chamonix by cable car.
Distance: approximately 3.5 miles / Elevation gain: approximately 1715ft / Elevation loss: approximately 459ft

GROUP BOOKING

The group option brings together several people who may not know each other. For a given program, it allows you to take advantage of an attractive rate on fixed dates. This option is ideal for those seeking the conviviality of a group.

Dates: See the group booking module below.

2026 Price: €14500 per person - based on a minimum of 5 participants

This price includes
- Trip organization
- Guidance by a qualified mountain leader
- 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in the Chamonix Valley and 1 night in a mountain refuge (in a private room; please note that bathroom facilities at the refuge may be shared). For solo travelers, we cannot guarantee that you will share a room with someone of the same gender.
- Meals (picnic lunches, dinners, and breakfasts) throughout the trip (a set menu for the entire group; please inform us of any specific dietary requirements or allergies)
- Ski lifts and transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Transfers during the hike

This price does not include
- Personal expenses (souvenirs, drinks, etc.)
- Any costs incurred due to a participant's personal decision to alter the itinerary or an inability to complete a stage of the trek (e.g., additional transfers, extra ski lift tickets, or additional accommodation)
- Mandatory repatriation insurance; trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended
- Booking/administrative fees
- Anything not explicitly listed under "This price includes"

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

Meeting point: Departure at 9:00 AM from the Compagnie des Guides office, 190 Place de l'Église, 74400 Chamonix Mont-Blanc

Level: 2/5 - For people who regularly engage in physical activity, with an elevation gain of up to 500m or a distance of up to 10km. For occasional hikers capable of navigating slightly rugged mountain trails.

Itinerary: This itinerary is provided as a guide and may be modified depending on accommodation availability, the participants' fitness level, and mountain conditions. Distances and elevation gains may differ from those indicated depending on the route

taken. If one of the planned accommodations is unavailable, we reserve the right to choose alternative accommodation of equivalent comfort in the same geographical area.

Guiding: The group consists of a maximum of 5 to 8 people, accompanied by a mountain guide. A small group size ensures personalized guidance and a truly convivial atmosphere. Registration is possible from age 10. All minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Accommodation:
- During the trip: 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in the Chamonix Valley and one night in a mountain refuge in a private room. For the night in the refuge, bathroom facilities may be shared. For those registering alone, we cannot guarantee a room share with a person of the same sex.
- Before and after: benefit from preferential rates with our hotel partners in Chamonix.

Luggage: On days 4 and 5, you will carry your belongings for the two days of hiking. With the guides' advice, learn how to optimize the weight of your pack by taking only the essentials for two days in the mountains.

Formalities:
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance is mandatory. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. You can purchase both insurances at the time of registration.
- Photo ID required

Organization: An information meeting with your guide is offered the day before departure at 6:00 PM in our company's reception area. We strongly recommend that you attend, as this meeting provides an opportunity to finalize your preparations.

EQUIPMENT

Weight is the hiker's enemy; pay particular attention to your equipment choices, as they greatly contribute to the success of your trip.

Your Equipment
- A 30L backpack
- A pair of hiking boots
- A pair of trekking poles
- A hat or cap
- A beanie
- Category 3 sunglasses
- Breathable long- and short-sleeved T-shirts
- A lightweight fleece jacket
- A warm down jacket
- A waterproof jacket (Gore-Tex type)
- A rain poncho
- Hiking pants
- Waterproof pants (Gore-Tex type)
- Shorts
- A pair of gloves
- Hiking socks
- A 2L water bottle (minimum)
- A pocket knife and a spork
- A flashlight or headlamp
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- A sleeping bag liner
- Toiletries, towel, earplugs, and toilet paper
- A small personal first-aid kit: Compeed-type blister plasters, medications for common ailments: diarrhea, constipation, sore throat, headache, pain, allergies
- Spare part ID, money for your personal expenses
- A pair of flip-flops or sandals for the shelters
- A change of clothes as you see fit

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
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