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HIKING - AIGUILLES ROUGES AND MONT BUET

Duration: 3 days

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 310 €

The Ladies' Mont-Blanc : The Buet (3096m) played an important role in the birth of mountaineering and the conquest of Mont-Blanc in the 18th century. On September 20th 1770, the Deluc brothers reached the top of the Buet. This epic is considered to be the first high altitude mountain in the Alps. Emblematic summit of the Giffre massif, it dominates the Fonds circus. Its summit offers an exceptional panoramic view on the Mont-Blanc massif, the Aiguilles Rouges and the Haut-Giffre. During this 3 days hiking trip we discover the most wild side of the Aiguilles Rouges range. Icing on the cake, we will end this hike by the ascent of the Mont-Buet. Nights are planned in authentic mountain huts.

Benefit from the knowledge of our mountain leaders without worrying about the logistics.

Night in huts (dormitory) - provision at the huts (picnics on days 2 and 3).

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Servoz - Pormenaz chalets - Moëde Anterne hut

We leave this morning from Le Mont village in Servoz (900m) to reach the Pormenaz chalets, by the South side. We regularly hike up and the Mont-Blanc slowly appears, behind the Aiguillettes des Houches. After arriving to the chalets and having a conversation with the shepherd, we go across the mountain pastures to reach the Pormenaz lake (1945m). After a small effort, we finally arrive to the Moëde Anterne hut where we spend the night.

Elevation gain: 1000m - Elevation loss: 200m.

Day2: Moëde Anterne hut - Buet - La Pierre à Bérard hut.

We go up to the Col de Salenton (2526m) after going across the wild valley of Villy. Arriving up, we can see the Mont Buet. The landscape is now very different, with screes and arid areas where only a few animal and plant species remain. At the Mont Buet (3098m), the panorama is breathtaking. After lunch, we descend to the welcoming Pierre à Berard hut. We enjoy a good meal and spend a comforting night in dormitory.

Elevation gain: 1100m - Elevation loss: 1200m.

Day 3: Pierre à Berard hut - Buet village and more ...

In the morning we leave for a magnificent descent along the Berard torrent. Arrived at the Buet village, you have several choices: going back to Chamonix, going up to the Cheserys lakes in the Aiguilles Rouges, or admiring the amazing panorama from the Posettes crest. Whatever you decide, you can discuss it with your mountain leader. We go back to Chamonix with the train.

Elevation loss: 600m - Elevation gain: Depending on your choice...

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

GROUP BOOKING

Group session associates 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 in 2021 : From Friday July 23th to Sunday July 25th - From Thursday August 12th to Saturday August 14th - From Friday September 3rd to Sunday September 5th

Price for 2021 : 360€ per person - based on a minimum of 4 participants..

This price includes:

- The organization and supervision by a state qualified trekking guide,
- Half-board accommodation in mountain huts (dormitories)
- picnic lunches,

- lift passes,
- transfers throughout the hike, We will use public transport to reach the Buet hamlet and get back to Chamonix.

Not included in the price :

- Drinks and personal expenditure (souvenirs...),
- repatriation insurance (compulsory).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Ability level : 3/5 - The Aiguille Rouges and Mont Buet is a trek of moderate difficulty. A minimum of 700m (2350ft) of vertical gain and 5 to 7 hours of walking each day. Hiking on good conditioned trails, we can also be brought to walk off trail on easy terrain. A good physical condition and preparation are expected. A previous hiking experience is required.

Guiding policy : minimum 4 and maximum 12 people per guide. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy is one of the strictest in the mountain guiding business. It guarantees the most balanced groups as possible as well as high-quality personalised advice.

Important : Registration possible from 16 years of age. Registration is not permitted to anyone under the age of 18 without a legal guardian.

Accommodation :

- During the trip : 2 nights in mountain huts (in dormitories). No shower at the second hut. Each hiker carries all their personal belongings and picnics throughout the entire trek.
- Before & after the trip : benefit from preferential prices from our partner hotels in Chamonix. If you wish to receive information just ask the Randonnée department.

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 : There is an information meeting with your mountain leader the day before departure at 6pm at the Compagnie des Guides Office.

EQUIPMENT

We recommend that you take particular care in choosing your equipment because it greatly contributes to the success of your stay. As alpine climatic conditions can be very variable with sudden changes, it can get very cold very quickly at altitude, it is better to stack thin layers rather than having one big piece of clothing. It is not uncommon to have snow in the middle of summer, do not skip warm clothes, even if the weather seems favourable. Conversely, the sun can be scorching hot. Without weighing it down, you should always have enough in your backpack to deal with capricious and severe weather.

Equipment

- A backpack with a capacity of at least 40 litres (better too big than too small). Make sure you have enough space for the picnic. A small tip in case it rains : even if you have a backpack cover, always protect your belongings in a plastic bag (a big rubbish bag) inside your backpack. Your bag should not exceed 9 kg.
- A pair of high-top hiking boots with Vibram soles. For new shoes, make them fit your foot first by wearing them front. If you are prone to blisters: talcum powder applied to dry feet and in the shoe in the morning.

Clothing

For more comfort regarding underwear (T-shirts, boxers, socks), avoid cotton which is heavy, cold and dries very slowly. Opt for synthetic technical textiles, or wool, which is making a comeback. They are hotter and dry very quickly.

- 1 short-sleeved t-shirt
- 1 long-sleeved t-shirt (technical fabric)
- 1 polar fleece
- 1 light down jacket (or a second fleece)
- 1 pair of shorts
- 1 pair of hiking trousers
- 1 pair of hiking socks (technical fabric)
- 1 Goretex jacket (waterproof windbreaker)
- 1 poncho (large rain cover that fits over your pack) or 1 pack cover
- 1 pair of waterproof trousers (although light Gore-tex trousers are expensive, other types of light waterproof

trousers will do)

- Sun hat or baseball cap
- 1 warm hat
- 1 pair of gloves
- A change of clothes - t-shirt, underwear & socks (technical fabric)
- 1 pair of long underwear (technical fabric)
- 1 pair of ultra-light shoes (i.e. flip flops, slippers)
- optional : short gators (start of the season)

Accessories

- Sunglasses
- Sun cream and lip salve
- 1 water bottle (minimum 1 litre but 1.5 litres is better)
- 1 knife
- 1 fork (type "spork")
- 1 pair of telescopic poles
- 1 sleeping bag liner (the lightest and most comfortable is the silk bag)
- Flashlight or headlight
- Personal pharmacy : elastoplast, (stretchable strapping tape), band-aids "second skin" kit, compresses, medicines for common ailments : diarrhea, constipation, sore throat, headaches, pain relief, allergies and any prescribed medication. The mountain leader always carries a first aid kit with them. Remember that packing light is essential.
- Ultralight toiletries, it's up to you to customize! (including technical towel)
- Identification (passport or ID card)
- Money for your personal expenses
- Provide food for 4 meals (picnics, dinner and breakfast). For example: bread, cold meats, ham, cereal bars, hard fruit (apple), seed mixture and at least 2 litres of water.

Partners : You can rent your equipment with our rental shop partners and benefit from a preferential rate [Sanglard Sports & Ravanel & Co](#) .

PRIVATE BOOKING

A private engagement is the historical relationship that binds a mountain leader to their clients. It allows you to be alone or in your own group with your mountain leader who will meet your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula to realise your projects because it guarantees you a maximum amount of comfort. You are free to choose your departure date (subject to the availability in the accommodation). Depending on the weather conditions, the proposed route can be adjusted according to your level and expectations, the professional can suggest alternatives to the itinerary.

Prices for 2021 :

- 1 person : 1290€ per person | 7 people : 315€ par person
- 2 people : 720€ par person | 8 people : 295€ par person
- 3 people : 530€ par person | 9 people : 2870€ par person
- 4 people : 435€ par person | 10 people : 265€ par person
- 5 people : 380€ par person | 11 people : 255€ par person
- 6 people : 340€ par person | 12 people : 245€ par person

These prices use the same conditions as the collective group formula.

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