



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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GLACIER HIKING - HAUT TOUR DU MONT-BLANC

Duration: 4 days

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 935 €

On this tour, you will discover the magical Valley crossing from the Aiguille du Midi. Then, you will walk over to the Italian side of the Mont-Blanc massif before heading over to Switzerland. You will complete the tour by climbing the Tête Blanche, the highest summit in the Eastern part of the range.

This is a super 4-day-program which crosses three countries and fully explores the treasures of the famous Mont-Blanc range !

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Vallée Blanche traverse

We leave the hut and hike across the splendid Vallée Blanche, deep into the Mont Blanc massif. On the way for Entrèves pass (3 624m), we get within walking distance of the « giants of the range » (Mont-Blanc du Tacul, Tour Ronde, Mont-Blanc). The Helbronner tram takes us down into Italy - Entreves (1 370m). After a short bus shuttle, we reach the Italian Val Ferret and the hamlet of Lavachey (1 642m) where you will spend the night.
Vertical ascent: 150m (492ft) / Vertical descent: 500m (1640ft).

Day 2 : From Italy to Switzerland

Our crampons will stay inside our packs during this casual yet splendid hike on trails from Italy into Switzerland. We hike up to Col Ferret (2 537 m) through alpine pastures. At the top of the pass the trail winds down the lush and peaceful pastures of the Swiss Val Ferret and the Wallis region. Once in the village of La Fouly (1 594 m), we take the bus to Champex where we'll spend the night.
Vertical ascent: 895m (2936ft) / Vertical descent: 945m (3100ft).

Day 3 : From Champex to Orny Hut

After a short ride on the Brea chairlift (2 188 m), a beautiful path in balcony brings us to Orny hut (2831m) where we will spend the night. Depending on the conditions and your desire, you will have the opportunity to climb near the hut. A vast choice of more than 2000m of equipped ways await you. Tracks are available for all levels.
Vertical ascent: 643m (2109ft)

Day 4 : From Orny hut to Le Tour village

We head towards Orny glacier. We hike across it and reach the moraine. We finally follow a well-marked trail to Trient Hut (3 170m). We hike across Trient Glacier in the direction of the upper Tour Noir pass, before climbing up to the summit of Tête Blanche : 3 422 m. This peak offers a stunning view over the various summits of the Mont Blanc range and the nearby Swiss Wallis region. We hike down to Albert 1er hut and finally make our way down into the valley and the village of Le Tour.
Vertical ascent: 590m (1935ft) / Vertical descent: 1242m (4074ft).

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 2020 : June 15 to 18 - July 06 to 09 - July 20 to 23 - August 03 to 06.

Price 2020 : 995€ per person, based on minimum of 3 participants.

Included in the package:

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service,
- 3 Half-board in hut (dinner, breakfast and night),
- Lift access as per programme,
- Transportation during the trip.

Not included in the package :

- Personal drinks and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros),
- Take out lunches and daily snacks,
- Cost of getting to meeting point,
- Personal technical equipment including your mountaineering shoes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Meeting point : Meet at 08.00am at the Compagnie des Guides office in Chamonix, 190 place de l'église.

Ability level : An appropriate choice of peak is essential for you to properly enjoy your holiday. To get the most out of your trip we recommend you take regular exercise throughout the year and, where necessary, undertake specific training a few months before you leave. Try to avoid last minute training that can lead to injury. Do not overestimate your abilities, and do be aware that the weight of your pack and higher altitudes reduce your usual strength and stamina.

Physical and technical level : For people who regularly exercise/take part in sports. . Six to seven hours of exercise per day. No mountaineering experience necessary.

Guiding policy : 3 to 4 people. 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. *Minor, only accompanied by a parent.*

Accommodation : *During the trip:* 3 nights in huts; with dinner & breakfast. Bring some cash (Euros and Swiss francs) for your drinks.

Before & after the trip: We have some hotel partners in Chamonix with special prices for our customers.

Documentation : Participants must have mountain 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 : One week before the trip, the mountain guide will be in contact to answer any questions you may have.

EQUIPMENT

We recommend you take particular care over your choice of equipment, as it plays a large role in the success of your trip. Weight is critical, and you must always evaluate the weight-to-comfort ratio to find the best compromise.

Weather conditions can be extremely variable. Generally speaking, it is better to put on several thin layers than to have one bulky item of warm clothing, and it is vital that you remain dry at all times.

Equipment

- 35-litre backpack
- High-altitude mountaineering boots that are not too tight
- Gaiters, if needed for your trousers
- Telescopic trekking poles
- Crampons with anti-balling plates; helmet, harness and straight ice axe

Clothing

- Warm hat that can be worn under a helmet
- Sun hat or cap
- Neck protection such as a 'Buff'
- 'Micro-fibre' style long-sleeve base layer
- Fleece
- 'Gore Tex' style shell jacket with hood
- Down jacket
- Base layer leggings
- A trekking trousers,
- 'Gore Tex' style over-trousers

- Warm specialist walking socks
- Lightweight specialist walking socks
- Ski gloves or good quality mitts
- Leather or fleece gloves
- Change of clothes at your discretion

Accessories

- Category 4 sunglasses
- Ski goggles
- Headtorch plus spare batteries
- Sheet sleeping bag
- Water bottle (minimum 1.5l) and thermos bottle
- Personalised first aid kit with a minimum of: sun cream, lip balm, cotton buds, blister kit, antisickness medication
- Watertight bag to contain your ID/passport and Euros

Partners : You can rent your equipment with our rental shops partners and benefit from special price [Sanglard Sports & Ravanel & Co](#)

A 10€ discount voucher coming from the shop [Au Vieux Campeur](#) will be given to the first 500 clients from the 'Cie des Guides' (voucher to be collected at our office). Closest shop 'Au Vieux Campeur' : Sallanches.

PRIVATE BOOKING

Private hiring 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.

Prices 2020 :

- 2 persons : 1440€ per person
- 3 persons : 1100€ per person
- 4 persons : 935€ per person

In private hiring, we propose you to be lodged the first two days, in 3 stars hotels, in Courmayeur & Champex. The 3rd night will be at the same hut (Orny).

Prices 2020 :

- 2 persons : 1575€ per person
- 3 persons : 1210€ per person
- 4 persons : 1025€ per person

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