



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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HIKING - BIVOUAC ESCAPE

Duration: 2 days

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 210 €

The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix has developed a set of trips with night in bivouac to give you an extraordinary experience right in the heart of the mountains.

- [Bivouac trapper](#), 2 days: Immerse yourself in the daily life of a trapper
- [Night in an igloo village](#), 2 days: Comfortable evening surrounded by nature
- Bivouac hike, 2 days: Rediscover the path to freedom facing the Mont Blanc
- [High mountain bivouac](#), 2 days: Spend a night as close as possible to the stars

The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix has designed a two day hike with bivouac in complete autonomy to take you on the way to freedom! The Aiguilles Rouges Massif, in front of the Mont-Blanc range, is the ideal playground for a wild getaway. Enjoy the green meadows of Pormenaz before spending the night in a bivouac under the stars, with the Mont Blanc as a backdrop. Back to basics, simplicity and sharing will be the key words of this winter escape!

Thanks to our partner [Samaya](#), all the bivouac equipment is at your disposal to keep you warm and to make the most of this extraordinary night.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Buet - Vallon de Villy

We reach the village of Buet by train, the starting point of our hike. From there, we follow the water up the superb Bérard valley towards the Col de Salenton (2,526m). We enter the kingdom of the ibex and vulture. At the crossroads of three natural reserves, between crystalline and sedimentary rocks, we are offered a sublime landscape. We continue through the wild valley of Villy towards the refuge of Moède Anterne and then to the lake of Pormenaz (1 845m), the perfect place for our bivouac. Respecting the flora and fauna, each in our own tent, we will spend the night in this idyllic setting facing the Mont Blanc.

Elevation gain : 1 200m - Elevation drop : 700m

Day 2: Vallon de Villy - Servoz

We break camp in the early morning to cross the Pormenaz plateau. This historic, suspended pasture in the Chamonix valley faces the Mont-Blanc with all the magnificent views that you would expect. We will have a chance to meet the shepherd working in this beautiful site before descending towards Servoz, a typical and unspoiled village in the Chamonix valley. We will arrive in the afternoon at Servoz train station where we will take the public transport back to Chamonix.

Elevation gain : 500m - Elevation drop : 1 200m

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 2022 : See online booking

Price for 2022 : 260 € per person - based on a minimum of 4 participants.

This price includes:

- The organization and supervision by a state qualified trekking guide,
- Bivouac kit : tent, sleeping bag, stove, cutlery
- Dinner, breakfast, lunch, snacks
- transfers using public transport throughout the hike.

Not included in the price :

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

PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking 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. 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 2022 :

- 1 person : 905€ per person
- 2 people : 480€ par person
- 3 people : 340€ par person
- 4 people : 265€ par person
- 5 people : 225€ par person
- 6 people : 195€ par person

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Meeting point : meet at 10.30am in front of the Compagnie des Guides in Chamonix. Return around 3pm the following day.

Ability level : 3/5 - Moderate trek. A minimum of 700m (2350ft) vertical gain and about 5 to 7 hours of hiking daily. Hiking on generally well-maintained mountain trails, sometimes including easy out-of-trail sections. For active people who do not mind training to prepare for the hike. A great multiday hike for people with trekking experience.

Guiding policy : minimum 4 and maximum 6 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 stay: 1 night in a tent (bivouac). You carry your personal belongings in your backpack throughout the trip.
- 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

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.

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

Our Equipment Partners : [Millet](#), [Dynastar](#), [Julbo](#), [Grivel](#) & [Monnet](#)