



# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## 1ST 4000 - WEISSMIES

Duration: 2 days

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Switzerland's Valais Massif is particularly famous for its high peaks. Its 42 '4000ers' makes it the Alpine range with the most peaks over 4000 metres. The majority of these peaks are a real challenge, as they require an excellent level of physical fitness and significant skill to climb them. Luckily some of them, including the Weissmies (4023m) are more accessible. It lies in the Saas Fee valley and the traverse of the peak from the Almagell hut offers an especially varied and fun climb requiring a moderate physical effort.

The traverse of the Weissmies is aimed at people wishing to explore the high peaks of the Valais range. The panoramic views afforded all along the climb will certainly make you want to get to know this range, and its huge potential, better.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Climb up to the Almagell hut (2894m)

Leave Chamonix for the village of Saas Almagell (1670m). An easy path takes us through typical high-mountain pastures (alpages) to the hut.

*Vertical ascent: 1200m*

#### Day 2 : Traverse of the Weissmies

We set out by the light of our headtorches. A path leads us to the Zrvischbergenpass (3268m) where the climb actually starts. A series of névés lead to the south-east arête of the Weissmies, which we now follow to the summit. The descent is via the north face that has a marked glaciated feel. We wind our way between the crevasses to reach Hohsaas (3101m) that marks the end of the traverse. The remainder of the descent is by cable car to Sass Grund (1559m).

*Vertical ascent: 1130m / Vertical descent: 950m*

*This programme is meant as a guide only. Depending on the abilities of the group and the conditions in the mountains, your mountain guide may alter the route.*

### GROUP BOOKING

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

**Dates :** Find all the dates available in the drop-down list below

**Price 2023 :** 790€ per person based on minimum of 2 participants

Included in the package :

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in hut (dinner, breakfast and night)
- lift access as per programme

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 and back to Chamonix
- personal technical equipment including your mountaineering shoes

## PRIVATE BOOKING

Private booking 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 2023 :

1 person : 1450€ per person

2 people : 790€ per person

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

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**Meeting and transport :** Meet at Mid-day at the village of Saas Almagell - the guide will adjust the timetable & the location.

**Ability level :** A successful trip largely depends on how fit you are. Regular sport practice, enhanced with a strenuous activity during the months preceding the trip are a promise of success. Last minute intense training results in increasing exhaustion during the trip. The effects of altitude and the weight of your pack will increase difficulty and therefore tiredness. We strongly recommend you arrive in Chamonix well-rested, well-prepared and equipped adequately in order to enjoy our mountainous surroundings at best.

**For people who regularly exercise/take part in sports. Six to seven hours of exercise per day. A mountaineering experience is require (rock & ice).**

**Accommodation :** Half-board in hut.

**Group :** 2 people/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.

**Documentation :** Participants must have mountain sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance when you sign up. Participants must also take valid ID with them.

## EQUIPMENT

We recommend you take particular care over you 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: from 20°C on the approach route to the hut, to -15°C on the summit (like a cold winter's day in a ski resort).

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
- Durable summer mountaineering trousers (not ski 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

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