



# THE COMPLETE TOUR OF MONT BLANC


## self-guided


You, your hiking shoes and your map, we take care of the rest...




You have never hiked around the Mont Blanc? If the idea of our group tours does not tempt you, go self-guided! We organise your stay and provide a map and a guidebook detailing the route. For the rest, you have total freedom. 9 days in the mountains, facing the giant of the Alps...

Trekking at medium altitude in a setting of high mountains, magnificent peaks and impressive glaciers. From mountain passes, the balcony trails crisscross the natural wonders of three countries geographically linked by "the roof of Europe", by their traditions and history: the Swiss Valais, the Italian Aosta Valley and the French Savoies.

 9 Days

 Self-guided / without guide

 With or without luggage transportation

 Accommodation : Classic or comfort

 Level : \*\*\*

 From : 865€

## You will like

- The complete tour of this mythic destination
- An original route in the opposite direction along less frequented trails enabling you to enjoy a more serene "off the beaten track" mountain experience
- Your proximity to major glaciers
- The balcony trails of Mont-Blanc in the Chamonix valley
- Crossing 3 countries with lively mountain traditions



# The route

## Day 1

Meeting at 10:00am at the Flégère cable car in Les Praz, Chamonix (to collect your baggage).

### LES PRAZ DE CHAMONIX - LAC BLANC - LE TOUR

Ascend in the Flégère cable car to the Balcons du Mont Blanc to reach Lac Blanc at 2300m. Descend via the Col des Montets and the Aiguilles Rouges visitor centre, then on to Montroc and the village of Le Tour. Night in a gîte.

5.5-hour walk / Elevation: +450m -950m - 13km

## Day 2

### LE TOUR - COL DE BALME - TRIENT

Climb via the Chalets de Charamillon or via the balcony trail of Posettes to the Col de Balme (2200m) on the French-Swiss border. Magnificent view of the surrounding glaciers of Argentiere, Le Tour and the north face of the Mont Blanc range. Descend into Swiss pastures to the village of Trient. Night in a gîte.

5 hour walk / Elevation: +840m -920m - 13km

## Day 3

### BOVINE or FENÊTRE D'ARPETTE - CHAMPEX

Cross through the pastures of Bovine via a balcony trail overlooking the Rhone valley or take a more "high mountain" route along the Trient Glacier to reach the mythic Fenêtre d'Arpette (2665m). Descend to Champex. Night in a gîte.

6 hour walk / Elevation: +1100m -750m (via Bovine) - 16km

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +1300m -970m (via Arpette) - 13km

## Day 4

### SWISS VAL FERRET - LA FOULY

Descend to the village of Champex and pass along the Swiss Val Ferret, dotted with small charming villages. Possibility to take a bus to La Fouly to have a half-day rest. Night in a gîte.

5 hour walk / Elevation: +600m -700m - 15km

## Day 5

### GRAND COL FERRET - ITALIAN VAL FERRET

Climb up through the vast pastures of La Peule to the Grand Col Ferret (2537m). Possible detour to the summit of the Tête Ferret. Descend into the Italian Val Ferret in the impressive foothills on the opposite side of the Mont Blanc. Exceptional views of the Grandes Jorasses. Night in a gîte or refuge with a possible short transfer to get to the gîte (Val ferret or La Palud, depending on availability).

5 hour walk / Elevation: +840m -750m - 12 to 17km

## Day 6

### MONT DE LA SAXE - COURMAYEUR

Ascend to the hamlets of Sécheron and Armina. Follow the exceptional balcony trail of the Mont de la Saxe facing the Mont Blanc or climb to the Col Sapin. Descend to the bus station in Courmayeur for a short bus transfer to refuge Monte Bianco. Night in a gîte.

5.5 hour walk / Elevation: +650m -1200m - 14 to 19km

## Day 7



### **COL DE LA SEIGNE - LES MOTTETS OR LES CHAPIEUX**

Climb the Val Veny to refuge Elisabetta. Possible detour to the glacial lake Miage. Continue climbing to the Col de la Seigne forming the border between Italy and France. Higher mountain detour possible via le Balcon de Chécroui and the Mont Fortin. Descend to refuge Mottets or on to les Chapieux (depending on availability). Night in a gîte or refuge.

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -650m - 14 to 20km

## **Day 8**

### **COL DES FOURS / CRÊTE DES GITTES - COL DU BONHOMME - LES CONTAMINES-MONTJOIE**

Climb to the Col des Fours (2665m) the highest point of the tour. Followed by a descent to the Col du Bonhomme, once frequented by peddlers. If night spent in les Chapieux, climb directly to the Col du Bonhomme. Descend via the old Roman road to the chapel in Notre Dame de la Gorge. Short free bus transfer to Les Contamines-Montjoie. Night in a hotel or a gîte.

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -1500m - 15km

5.5 hour walk / Elevation: +700m -950m - 13km (via la crête des Gittes if sleeping in Roselend)

## **Day 9**

### **GLACIER DE BIONNASSAY - COL DU TRICOT - LES HOUCHES**

Climb up to the Bionnassay Glacier through the village of Champel or via the Col du Tricot (2120m) with an unmissable view close to the Dômes de Miage, the Chamonix valley and the Mont Blanc. Descend to the village of Les Houches.

5 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -850m (via Champel) - 13km

7.5 hour walk / Elevation: +1400m -1550m (via the Col du Tricot) - 17km

**End of the trek in the afternoon in Les Houches.**

Personalised tour available, contact us...



# The trip

## LEVEL \*\*\*

Elevation: +/- 600m to 1200m average per day.

Walking time: 5 to 7 hours per day.

**Type of trek:** The Tour of Mont Blanc is a long hike route accessible to any person with a good physical condition. Although it does not involve any technical difficulty (no rock climbing or very steep path...), this trip remains a demanding hike where you will need to be able to walk almost 1000 meters up every day for a week.

**Advised preparation :** regular practice of a cardio sport (hike, running, bike...), 3 to 4 hours of sport every week.

Please find the description of the levels by clicking here: [Level of difficulty](#)

The roadbook provides sufficient information on the itinerary of your hike. However, it is essential to be able to read an IGN 1:25,000 map and to be sufficiently autonomous in the mountains to be able to tackle the itinerary with confidence, whatever the weather (fog, snow, etc.). Guiding is not included in the self-guided package. You will be crossing areas with no telephone network. For your own safety, you may wish to bring along a radio or the latest generation telephone with satellite connection.

**Please note:** some névés will be present on the paths until the end of June, in particular on the North slopes. High mountain boots, gaiters and walking poles are essential. Be prepared!

## ROAD BOOK

One month prior to departure, we will send you your travel documents. We offer two roadbook versions:

The "paper" version we send by post :

- 2 IGN TOP 25 maps with route layout.
- 1 road book with all the necessary information for the hike.
- 1 card holder.
- The list of accommodations.

The "digital" version is an application to download on your smartphone, accessible to each of the participants of the file. The information for downloading and using it is sent by e-mail.

## SIGNPOSTS AND WAYMARKS ALONG THE TREK

The tour of Mont-Blanc is a very well indicated trek:

In France: marked with red and white stripes for Grande Randonnée (in both directions).

In Switzerland and Italy: a black dot on a yellow diamond (in both directions).

It is preferable to know how to read a topographical map at 1/25000.

## BAGGAGE TRANSPORT

Two options:

**without baggage transport:** you carry your baggage.

**with baggage transport:** your baggage is transported daily by our logistics vehicle.

## ACCOMMODATION

CLASSIC: 8 nights in dormitory, in refuge or gîte.

COMFORT :

8 nights in gîte, refuge or hotel in a twin/double bedroom (triple possible)



All accommodation offers hot showers.

#### HOTEL VERSION :

5 nights in hotel

2 nights in comfortable gîte with private bathroom,

1 night in gîte with bathroom on the landing, in a twin/double bedroom.

## MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are provided in each accommodation.

Picnics are not included and can be pre-ordered in each accommodation in the evening.

Possibility to buy picnic supplies in small local shops (days 1,2,3,4 and 6).

**Allergies & diets:** Please inform us about your allergies and diet.

The accommodations do their best to accommodate your special diets (gluten free, vegetarian, etc.) However, we encourage you to bring some additional products for your own picnics.

## CURRENCY

During the stages of your tour in Switzerland, Euros are widely accepted and it is not essential to carry Swiss Francs.

## PERSONALISED TOURS

We can personalise a tour according to your requirements (number of days, participants, level of route, accommodation, etc.)

## MAPS

IGN Top 25 - 3630 OT - Chamonix and Top 25 - 3531 ET - Saint Gervais (1/25 000)



# Practical information

## DEPARTURE

From mid-June to mid-September.  
Departures every Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday for the option.

## ACCESS TO DEPARTURE POINT

**Meeting point at 10:00am at the Flégère cable car in Les Praz, Chamonix to collect your baggage.**

On request, your luggage can be collected at your hotel in the Chamonix valley allowing you to depart freely without meeting.

Option "without luggage transport" no meeting required at departure point.

### BY TRAIN

Inbound: departure from Paris-Gare de Lyon the day before at 12:18pm (or 2:18pm), arrival in Chamonix at 7:32pm (8:32pm)

Return : departure from Les Houches at 6:20pm, arrival at Paris-Gare de Lyon at 11:42pm.

*Times given are indicative and should be verified in a train station or on [www.oui.sncf](http://www.oui.sncf)*

There are regular buses throughout the Chamonix valley - with an hourly bus service between Les Houches and Flégère.  
[www.montblancbus.transdev.com/ligne/les-horaires-de-chamonix-bus/](http://www.montblancbus.transdev.com/ligne/les-horaires-de-chamonix-bus/)

### BY CAR

Take the A40 motorway to Chamonix.

If you wish to leave your car in a covered garage, contact:

Chamonix Auto Park: 04 50 53 65 71 (40 to 50€ per week).

The easiest option for your return, is to leave your car at the end point of the tour at the Prarion gondola in the village of Les Houches and take the bus to the meeting point at the Flégère gondola.

### CAR-SHARING

Get in touch with people to share a lift! Here are some website recommendations:

[www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr) [www.covoiturage-libre.fr](http://www.covoiturage-libre.fr) [www.laroueverte.com](http://www.laroueverte.com) [www.roulezmalin.com](http://www.roulezmalin.com)

### CLOSEST AIRPORTS

#### Geneva (GVA)

1 hour by car to Chamonix.

Bus and minibus services direct to your accommodation (25-35€ pp each way)

#### Lyon (LYS)

2.15 hours by car to Chamonix.

Train every 2 hours to Chamonix, 4.15 hour journey (40-45€ pp return)

#### Paris (PAR)

7 hours by car to Chamonix.

Train every 2 hours to Chamonix / 5-6 hour journey (80-120€ pp return)

**End point during the afternoon at the bottom of the Prarion cable car in Les Houches.**

## RETURN TO DEPARTURE POINT

At the end of the tour the return to the departure point in les Praz de Chamonix is easy via bus or train.

## ACCOMMODATION BEFORE AND AFTER

**Extra nights:** at the beginning of your trek, your luggage can be collected at your accommodation in the Chamonix Valley (hotel or gite with a permanent reception). It can also be dropped off at your accommodation at the end of your trek. In both cases, please let us know the name and address of your hotel two weeks in advance, at least.



On request, we can book a bedroom for you before and/or after your trek.

Les Houches - Hôtel St Antoine: +33 (0)4 50 54 40 10

Chamonix - Hôtel de l'Arve: +33 (0)4 50 53 02 31

Hôtel Vallée Blanche: +33 (0)4 50 53 04 50

Chamonix Tourist Office: +33 (0)4 50 53 00 24 / [www.chamonix.com](http://www.chamonix.com)

If you book a night in the Chamonix valley, ask the hotel reception for a bus/train pass to use public transport for free in the Chamonix valley.

[www.montblancbus.transdev.com/ligne/les-horaires-de-chamonix-bus/](http://www.montblancbus.transdev.com/ligne/les-horaires-de-chamonix-bus/)

## INSURANCE

In accordance with regulations, we are covered by Professional Liability Insurance. In no case can we be responsible for your own Personal Liability. If you chose to take out repatriation insurance with EUROP ASSISTANCE whom we propose, Altitude Mont Blanc will only serve as an intermediary between the client and the insurer. We cannot influence either party. We adhere to strict conditions of sale. You are responsible for compliance with the reporting procedures of any incident.

Before making any decision, contact EUROP ASSISTANCE.

## CONTACT US

If you are late please contact the agency as soon as possible on: **+33 (0)4 50 79 09 16** or **+33 (0)6 42 49 76 07**



# Dates & prices

## DEPARTURES AND PRICES

### Departures from 14th June to 15th September 2025

*Departures on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for the classic and comfort versions.*

*Departures on Mondays and Sundays for the comfort hotel version.*

#### Without baggage transport

**€865** per person classic accommodation.

**€1125** per person comfort accommodation in bedroom (2 pers.).

Hotel version (5 nights in hotel, 2 nights in comfortable gîte with private bathroom, 1 night in gîte with bathroom on the landing, in a twin/double bedroom) : **€1370** per person.

#### With baggage transport

**€985** per person classic accommodation.

**€1245** per person comfort accommodation in bedroom for 2 persons

Hotel version (5 nights in hotel, 2 nights in comfortable gîte with private bathroom, 1 night in gîte with bathroom on the landing, in a twin/double bedroom) : **€1490** per person.

**Information and reservation online, by email or by phone.**

## THE PRICE

### The price includes:

- Half board from dinner the first evening to breakfast of the last day;
- 1 hard copy of your travel documents for the group and the digital version for each participant;
- The transfer of day 9 between Les Contamines-Montjoie and la Gruvaz;
- Daily baggage transport between accommodation if you have chosen this option;
- Organisation and booking fees.

### The price does not include:

- Picnic lunches;
- Personal expenses, drinks, touristic visits, etc.;
- Bus transfers (approx 5€ per person);
- The cable car on day 1 (approx €19 per person);
- Cancellation insurance (4.2% of total tour cost).
- Guiding : you are responsible for your own safety

**The price is all inclusive from departure to end point.**



# Equipment and luggage

## EQUIPMENT LIST

### Clothing

- Walking trousers
- Shorts (Bikini/swimsuit, just in case!)
- Breathable or merino wool t-shirts
- Breathable or merino wool leggings
- Fleece or jumper
- Wind stopper or Goretex jacket
- Waterproof poncho + gaiters or Goretex trousers + waterproof rucksack cover
- Pair of gloves and a warm hat
- Sun hat or baseball cap
- Walking socks (1 pair per day)
- Sturdy walking boots with a good sole, already broken in
- 1 change of clothes for the evening
- A pair of comfortable shoes for the evening

### Other Equipment

- Toilet bag
- Quick drying towel
- Sunglasses and sun cream
- Water bottle or Camelback (1.5 litre minimum)
- Knife, fork and spoon
- Plastic lunch box/plate for your picnic lunches
- Plastic cup for coffee
- Small First Aid kit (antihistamine, ibuprofen, Compeed type blister pads...)
- Survival blanket
- Head torch or hand torch
- Sleeping bag liner sheet and pillowcase (blankets provided at accommodation), if you sleep in dormitories
- Two adjustable walking poles (highly recommended)
- Identity card or passport

## BACKPACK

Bring a comfortable backpack of 30 to 40 litres for your personal belongings for the day (warm clothes, waterproofs, water, plate and cutlery for your picnic, sunscreen and your identity papers) and please keep a little room to carry a picnic and snacks.

## BAGGAGE TRANSPORT

You are allowed **1 soft, sports type bag, with all your possessions inside, of 10kg maximum per person**. Your baggage will be transported daily between accommodation by our logistics vehicle where access is not always easy. **Baggage which is too big and too heavy won't be accepted by the drivers, please think of their backs!**

*If you wish to prolong your holiday, we can safely hold another bag for you which you may leave with us at the departure point and it will be dropped off at the end point with your other baggage.*



## HOW TO REGISTER

- By internet: [www.altitude-montblanc.com](http://www.altitude-montblanc.com)

- By telephone: +33 (0)4 50 79 09 16

- By post: Please provide your details

- Surname, First Name, Date of birth
- Address
- Email
- Telephone
- Mobile

If you wish to register by post, please complete the form below and return it to:

Altitude Mont-Blanc  
62 Route du Nant Devant  
74110 MONTRIOND  
FRANCE

Please specify whether you wish to take out an optional cancellation insurance (4.2% of the tour price).

On receipt of your registration we will email an invoice (per couple) with a request for a deposit of 30% in association with your account details at Altitude Mont-Blanc ('My Account'). Payment can be made by credit card, bank transfer or by cheque. On receipt of your deposit you will receive a registration confirmation.

The balance must be paid one month before departure without a reminder from us.

For self-guided tours, we will then send your tour pack (includes maps, descriptive book etc.)

Our terms and conditions of sale can be found on our website.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.





## Registration by mail form

Last name:

First name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Phone number:

Mobile phone number:

Email address:

Requested tour:

Number of days:

Insurance:

Price:

x 30% =

Deposit

Locality where signed:

Date

Signature:

Return with your deposit to:

Altitude Mont-Blanc, 62 Passage du Nant Devant, 74110 Montriond, FRANCE