



Tour du Mont Blanc

The ultimate tour through the Mont Blanc Massif

Ready for one of the greatest hiking adventures you can experience in the Alps? Spectacular peaks, wide mountain valleys, one mountain peak after the other and all this at close range! The Tour du Mont Blanc is, so to speak, the crème de la crème for trekking enthusiasts and something for sturdy calves. The twelve-day trip takes you through three countries at once, and in one fell swoop you will have climbed the "most wanted" peaks in Europe.

Details about trekking holidays on Mont Blanc

You will climb altitude metre by altitude metre, and that is new every day. Already on day two, fantastic views of Mont Blanc await you when you stand at the Col de Balme pass. The very next day, you set off for the most spectacular part of the Mont Blanc circuit. Once you have climbed the secured ladders, the mountain lake Lac Blanc shines before you. Unforgettable and indescribably beautiful.

Whether from the viewing platform at Brévent or the Grand Balcon in Chamonix - unpack your smartphone and take a snapshot of a lifetime of Mont Blanc. Towards the end of the trip, the blue Alpine River Dranse accompanies you on the hike. High rock faces, typical stone houses and cornfields are your companions until the end.

The highlights of the Tour de Mont Blanc trekking holiday at a glance:

- **Refuge for real mountain enthusiasts:** On day seven you will reach the Rifugio Elisabetta. The traditional Italian mountaineering hut simply must not be missing from any Mont Blanc tour plan.

- **Grüezi in Valais:** The southern Swiss canton brings together numerous magnificent components: the pyramid-shaped Matterhorn, first-class wineries and breathtaking views.

Interesting facts about hiking on Mont Blanc

Long and quite strenuous stages with some exposed sections require a good basic level of fitness from the hikers, as well as surefootedness, endurance and a head for heights. Furthermore, hiking experience in alpine terrain is advisable. Over several hours per day, you will cover up to more than 1,000 metres in altitude. Venture on the journey of a lifetime and experience the Tour du Mont Blanc.

This tour has been graded as **Trekking**. Find out more about our **walking holiday difficulty levels**.

Tour information



Athletic



12 Days / 11 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total walking distance: approx.
153 km

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Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Martigny





The little town Martigny lies in an idyllic spot close to river Rhône. Go for a walk and visit the castle La Batiaz or indulge yourself in one of the many restaurants.

DAY
2

Martigny – Argentière approx. 15 km | 4.5 to 5 hours

Early in the morning by bus or transfer (depending on season) to Trient. Your first hiking day starts by climbing the Col de Balme (2191 m) pass, where you can rest in a quaint mountain lodge. It offers fantastic views of Mont Blanc and the Chamonix valley. You will then descend into the grassy Sattel, where you can see grazing livestock and leisurely mountain pastures.

The impressive Kammweg (ridgeway) over the summit of l'Aiguillete des Posetes will now take you through a rocky terrain with a phenomenal panoramic view of the surrounding glaciers. You will cope with the descent on a steep trail, which later takes you along the mountain brook to your destination. A fantastic day amidst the highest, gigantic mountains!

 approx. 4.5 – 5 h  approx. 15 km
 1'000 – 1'200 m  900 – 1'100 m





DAY
3

Argentière – Chamonix

approx. 14 km | 4.5 to 5
hours

Day 3 is the most spectacular leg of the Mont Blanc tour: on well-secured ladders, you will climb steep rocks to reach the light-blue shining mountain lake called Lac Blanc. In the afternoon, the path across the “Grand Balcon”, a great alpine path, will take you along the mountain slope and through blueberry fields to Plan Praz, which has a café at an altitude of 2000 m!

Here you can take the cable car and glide down to the legendary mountaineer location of Chamonix. A stroll through the magnificent pedestrian area with colourfully decorated houses is a treat for the eyes! These stretches can be made easier if you wish and you can leave out the adventurous climbing routes.

 approx. 4.5 – 5.5 h  approx. 14 km
 1'050 – 1'300 m  350 – 600 m





DAY
4

Chamonix – Les Houches

approx. 12 km | 5 hours

On day 4, you will ride the cable car to climb up 2000 m without any efforts. You are not very far from pass Col du Brévent (2368 m), from where you will climb the impressive boulders of the panorama peak of Brévent. From the panorama platform which is known as the “best lookout post on Mont Blanc”, you can study the glaciers and corn snow peaks of the ice giant very well.

A beautiful hiking trail passes the bizarre shaped mountain lake Lac du Brévent and descends into the shelter called Bel-Lachat. You can take some rest here before resuming the steep climb, which will take you past the Alpen-Wildpark Merlet through the forest and into the valley. You will stay the night in one of the many small hamlets in the municipality of Les Houches situated in the valley of the river Arve, which gets its water from the glaciers.

 approx. 5 h  approx. 12 km  500 m
 1'500 m

DAY
5

Les Houches – Les Contamines

approx. 10 to 20 km | 4 to 7 hours

Experience the famous “Mont Blanc tram” from close quarters and walk along its tracks for a stretch of the hike! From Bellevue, you can view the imposing end station of the daringly constructed rack railway next to the ice field. An interesting alpine path guides you to an adventurous suspension bridge that you need to cross to walk over a rustling glacial stream.

You will then hike through mountain meadows to the Col de Tricot (2120 m) pass and climb down to the Miage huts. After a further climb, you will reach the cosy resting destination of Truc-Alpe. Grab a bite while listening to the bells of grazing cows.

Your destination, Les Contamines, is situated in the Montjoie valley, which is famous for its delicious cheeses from the numerous surrounding alpine pastures. Don't forget to visit one of the cheese dairies and taste the Savoy cheese with red wine and a fresh baguette.

 approx. 4 – 7 h  approx. 10 – 20 km
 550 – 1'350 m  1'150 m

DAY
6

Les Contamines – Les Chapieux – Bourg Saint-Maurice





approx. 17 km | 6.5 hours

The last leg of the tour will make your heart beat faster: you will hike on the paths tread by Romans over gurgling ravines, see stone types of varied colours, get views of glacial lakes and climb two high pass crossings! The path passes the southernmost point of the Mont Blanc massif, where you can enjoy unending vistas of the southern part of the mountain massif of the French Alps.

You will first walk leisurely along the river to the baroque pilgrimage church Notre Dame de la Gorge, from where you can start with the long climb to the top of the passes: on a rocky alpine path from Col du Bonhomme (2329 m) to pass Col de la Croix du Bonhomme (2450 m).

Replenish yourself at Refuge de la Croix du Bonhomme, a traditional shelter of the French Alpine Club. The last descent across alpine pastures with mountain brooks flowing through them leads you to Vallée des Glaciers (valley of glaciers), where you can toast to your successful hiking week in the small hamlet of Les Chapieux!





A short transfer from Les Chapieux will bring you down to your overnight accommodation location – Bourg-Saint-Maurice. You can now relax on the last evening of your tour and relive the week-long hike over a glass of wine!

 approx. 6.5 h  approx. 17 km  1'300 m
 900 m

DAY
7**Bourg Saint Maurice –
Courmayeur**approx. 15 km | 4.5 to
5 hours





A short journey takes you back to the Vallée des Glaciers, the valley of the glacier. From there you climb up to the Col de la Seigne pass, where you cross border from France to Italy and enjoy fantastic panoramic views. You then hike through fields studded with flowers to the Rifugio Elisabetta, a traditional Italian mountaneering lodge.

A side trip to the turquoise glacier lake Lacs de Miage is enticing, before you take the bus or the transfer from Chalet du Miage (depending on season) to Courmayeur, the home of famous mountain guides and alpine mountaineers.

 approx. 4.5 h  approx. 15 km  750 m
 850 m





DAY
8**Courmayeur – Val Ferret** approx. 16 km | 5 hours

Passing by Rifugio Bertone, you walk on a very scenice mountain path along the mountain flank. The Rifugio Bonatti mountain lodge receives you to rest on the terrace, directly opposite the massive Mont-Blanc. The path takes you further over bridges and brooks to Arnouva, located at a height of 1800m in the valley head of the idyllic Val Ferrets.

 approx. 5 h  approx. 16 km  1'000 m
 550 m





DAY
9**Val Ferret – La Fouly** approx. 14 km | 4.5 hours

Today, you will hike over the 2500 m high Col Ferret pass in Switzerland and reach beautiful Wallis. Rest in one of the mountain lodges and enjoy fresh milk products and the ringing cow bells on your way further towards your destination of La Fouly.

 approx. 4.5 h  approx. 14 km  800 m
 1'000 m





DAY
10**La Fouly – Champex** approx. 15 km | 4 hours

The blue alpine river Dranse accompanies you on your hike past high mountain walls towards the valley through forests and meadows. Small traditional mountain villages with their typical stone houses and corn fields are a feast for the eyes on the relaxed hike through the valley. In the end, Murmeltierweg (groundhog route) takes you up to Champex, a mountain location famous for its extensive forests and crystal clear lake.

 approx. 4 h  approx. 15 km  450 m
 600 m

DAY
11**Champex – Martigny** approx. 15 km | 5 hours

Beautiful forest and meadow paths take you down to Alpe am Plan de l'Au, where a long ascent begins to the higher pastures. You climb up to the Bovine lodge with gigantic views of the Rhone valley and bizarre shaped rocky peaks, where you can rest among gentians and alpine roses. Now you climb down to Trient, famous for its rose-pink church and impressive glaciers on the surrounding mountain peaks. By bus or transfer (depending on season) down to Martigny.

 approx. 5 h  approx. 15 km  700 m
 900 m

DAY
12**Departure or extension**

Route information

You need to be physically fit to cope with the long legs of the hike. There are some exposed sites – enduring surefootedness and head for heights are a must! The first part of this tour is more difficult. Things get easier past Bourg Saint-Maurice.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Tour du Mont Blanc**

Place of arrival: Martigny

	Season 1 31.08.2024 - 15.09.2024 Daily	Season 2 29.06.2024 - 30.08.2024 Daily
Tour du Mont Blanc, CH-WSWMB-12X		
Base price	1,699.00	1,819.00
Single room surcharge	689.00	689.00

Hotel information: You will stay in 3* hotels and guest houses, a dormitory in Val Ferret, and depending on availability, rooms with en-suite bathrooms cannot always be booked.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Martigny

	Season 1 Aug 31, 2024 - Sep 15, 2024 Daily	Season 2 Jun 29, 2024 - Aug 30, 2024 Daily
Martigny		
Double room p.p	85.00	85.00
Single room surcharge	29.00	29.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Included:

- 11 overnight stays as stated incl. breakfast
- 1 x Halfboard (Val Ferret)
- Luggage transfer (1 piece of luggage per person, max 15 kg)
- Transfers as per program
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel and tour documents (1 x per room)
- Service hotline

Note:

- Rides in public transport, cable cars, etc. are not included.
- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

Information

Arrival/Departure:

- By car: Limited amount of parking spaces close to the railway station in Martigny. CHF 10.- per day.
- By train: Direct train in 1.5 hours from Geneva. From Zurich in approx. 2.5 – 3 hours via Visp.