




TOUR OF MONT BLANC 7 days 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. 7 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 to alpine pastures, 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.

 7 days

 Self-guided / without a guide

 With or without baggage transport

 Accommodation : Classic or comfort

 Level : ***

 From : 660€

You will like

- An original route in the opposite direction along less frequented trails enabling you to enjoy a more serene "off the beaten track" mountain experience
- The panorama and the proximity of major glaciers
- The breathtaking landscapes of the Mont Blanc from the Chécroui Pass
- Accommodation in gites, mountain refuges and small friendly hotels

The route

Day 1

Meeting at 10:30am in front of the train station in Montroc-le-Planet (to collect your baggage)

LE TOUR - COL DE BALME - TRIENT

From the village of Montroc, short walk to reach the village of le Tour to start an easy 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

Day 2

TRIENT - 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 Glacier of Trient to reach the mythic Fenêtre d'Arpette (2665m). Descend to Champex. Night in a gîte.

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

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

Day 3

GRAND COL FERRET - ITALIAN VAL FERRET

Bus transfer to the village of La Fouly. 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 Plalud, depending on availability).

6 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -800m

Day 4

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 south face of the Mont-Blanc range or climb to the Col Sapin. Descend to the bus station in Courmayeur for a short bus transfer to the refuge nestled above Courmayeur.

5.5 hour walk / Elevation: +650m -1200m

Day 5

COL DE LA SEIGNE - LES MOTTETS or LES CHAPIEUX

Climb the Val Veny to refuge Elisabetta. Detour possible 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 the Balcon de Chécroui and the Mont Fortin. Descend to refuge Mottets or to Les Chapieux (depending on availability). Night in a gîte or refuge.

6 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -650m

Day 6

COL DES FOURS - 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

Day 7

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: +750m -800m (via Champel)

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +1100m -1250m (via the Col du Tricot)

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

ON REQUEST

ALTERNATIVE ITINERARY VIA THE LAC BLANC ON DAY 1

Ascent in the Flégère cable-car to the Balcons du Mont Blanc to reach the Lac Blanc at 2300m. The path leads to the lakes of Cheserys and keeps going on balcony to the foot of les Aiguilles Rouges. Then, descent to the Col des Montets. Breathtaking view on the whole Mont Blanc chain. Night in a gîte at the village Le Tour.

6.5-hour walk / Elevation: +600m; -850m.

D2 LE TOUR - COL DE BALME - TRIENT

D3 BOVINE or FENÊTRE D'ARPETTE - CHAMPEX

D4 GRAND COL FERRET - COURMAYEUR

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6 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -800m

D5 COL DE LA SEIGNE - LES MOTTETS or LES CHAPIEUX

D6 COL DES FOURS - COL DU BONHOMME - LES CONTAMINES

D7 CHAMPEL ou COL DU TRICOT – 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. Being able to easily walk 15km in less than 3 hours.

The path of the TMB is very well marked, and the Roadbook you receive is complete enough to allow you to hike safely. Nonetheless, it is crucial to be able to read a 1:25'000 topographic map and to have a good orientation sense in order to do this trek, even under bad weather.

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

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 in both directions for Grande Randonnée.

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: 6 nights in dormitory, in a refuge or gîte.

COMFORT: 5 nights in gîtes in a twin/double bedroom.

1 night in gîte in a 4 person bedroom.

All accommodations offer hot showers.

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 and diets: please inform us about your allergies and diet **at the time of booking**.

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 Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

ACCESS TO DEPARTURE POINT

Meeting point at 10:30am at Montroc-le-Planet train station to collect your baggage.
Your luggage can also be collected on request at your hotel in the Chamonix valley allowing you to depart freely without meeting.
For the option "without baggage transport", no meeting required at the departure point.

BY TRAIN

Inbound: departure from Paris-Gare de Lyon the day before at 12:18pm (or 2:18pm), arrival in Chamonix at 7:50pm (8:50pm)
Return : departure from Les Houches the day after at 2:20pm (or 3:20pm), arrival at Paris-Gare de Lyon at 7:42pm (9:22pm).

Times given are indicative and should be verified in a train station or on www.oui.sncf

There are regular buses throughout the whole Chamonix valley - with an hourly bus service between Les Houches and Montroc-le-Planet.

www.chamonix.montblancbus.com/en/bus-lines

BY CAR

Take the A40 motorway to Chamonix, follow the main road towards Argentiere and Switzerland to the village of Montroc (1km after Argentiere).

The easiest option for your return, is to leave your car at the end point of the tour at the Prarion cable car in the village of Les Houches and take the bus to the meeting point in Montroc-le-Planet.

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).

CAR-SHARING

Get in touch with people to share a lift! Here are some website recommendations: www.blablacar.fr
www.covoiturage-libre.fr www.laroueverte.com 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 by car to Chamonix.

Train every 2 hours to Chamonix, 4:15 journey (40-45€ pp return)

Paris (PAR)

7 hours by car to Chamonix.

Train every 2 hours to Chamonix / 5 or 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 at Montroc-le-Planet is easy via bus.

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.

By request we can book a bedroom for you before and/or after your tour.

Les Houches - Hôtel St Antoine : +33 (0)4 50 54 40 10
<http://hotelsaintantoine.com/accueil/>

Hôtel les Campanules : +33 (0)4 50 54 40 71
<http://www.hotel-campanules.com/>

Le Tour - Chalet Alpin : +33 (0)4 50 54 04 16

Chamonix: Hôtel Vallée Blanche : +33 (0)4 50 53 04 50
<http://www.vallee-blanche.com/fr/hotel.html>

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. <https://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 15th June to 15th September 2024

Departures on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Without baggage transport

€660 per person classic accommodation.

€805 per person comfort accommodation in bedroom (2 people minimum)

With baggage transport

€750 per person classic accommodation.

€895 per person comfort accommodation in bedroom (2 people minimum)

Hotel version (4 nights in a hotel and 2 nights in a comfortable gîte): **€1030 per person**. Price based on 2 persons with a slightly adapted itinerary, please ask us for details.

Online bookings are open for 2025!

Departures from 14th June to 15th September 2025

Departures on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the classic and comfort versions.

Departures on Mondays and Tuesdays for the comfort hotel version.

Without baggage transport

€730 per person classic accommodation.

€885 per person comfort accommodation in bedroom (2 people minimum)

Hotel version (4 nights in a hotel and 2 nights in a comfortable gîte): **€1035 per person**. Price based on 2 persons with a slightly adapted itinerary, please ask us for details.

With baggage transport

€820 per person classic accommodation.

€975 per person comfort accommodation in bedroom (2 people minimum)

Hotel version (4 nights in a hotel and 2 nights in a comfortable gîte): **€1125 per person**. Price based on 2 persons with a slightly adapted itinerary, please ask us for details.

Information and reservation online, by email or by phone.

THE PRICE

The price includes:

- Half board from dinner on 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;
- Transfer of day 7 from Les Contamines to la Gruvaz;
- Daily baggage transport between accommodation if you have chosen this option;
- Tourist taxes;
- Organisation and booking fees.

The price does not include:

- Picnic lunches;
- Personal expenses, drinks, touristic visits, etc.;
- Bus transfer (approx 25 to 30€ per person);
- The cable car on Day 1 via the Lac Blanc (approx 18€ per person);
- Cancellation insurance (4.2% of total tour cost).

The price is all inclusive from departure to end point.

Equipment and baggage

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

- 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

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:

PRENOM:

Date of birth:

Address:

Phone number:

Mobile phone number:

Email address:

SEJOUR DEMANDE:

Number of days:

Insurance:

Price:

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Deposit

Locality where signed:

Date

Signature:

A large, light gray rectangular box intended for the user's signature.

Return with your deposit to:
Altitude Mont-Blanc, 62 Passage du Nant Devant, 74110 Montriond, FRANCE