

TOUR OF BEAUFORTAIN Self-guided

Pastoral mountain break



Here, the landscape brings back buried memories. You suddenly discover the mountain of your childhood, the mountain of your dreams! The one you drew at school without having seen it, the one that the over-frequentation of ski resorts means you can no longer find. It's all there: the crest of the snow-capped peaks forming the horizon, the lush green meadows where the herds graze, the little village huddled around its bell tower, hanging on to the slope and, everywhere, the wooden chalets, the traditional habitat, dotted across the mountain. This is a wild mountain that man has not deserted.

🕒 7 Days

👤 Self-guided / without guide

🧳 With or without luggage transportation

🏠 Accommodation : Classic (dormitory)

🗨️ Level : ***

🏠 From : 625€

You will like

- A traditional mountain with pastures, herds and chalets...
- A serene atmosphere away from the big resorts
- Landscapes of the Mont-Blanc massif
- The unique taste of the "Beaufort", the local cheese.

The route

Day 1

BEAUFORT - ARÊCHES - ALPAGE REFUGE

Meet at 9am in Beaufort sur Doron for a transfer to Le Planay, Arêches, starting point.

From Le Planay, the itinerary starts in the forest and reaches the 'Col de La Bathie'. The tour and optional ascent of the 'Pointe de La Grande Combe' offers an excellent first 360° panorama, before crossing to the Alpage refuge via 'Lac de Brassa'. A short return trip to the former Ardoisières de Cevins makes for a slightly longer stage. Night in refuge, **without luggage transfer**.

5h30 walk / +1250m-460 / 11km

Day 2

COL DE LA FORCLAZ - COL DE LA LOUZE - REFUGE DE L'ECONDU

A day of wilderness between the 'Grand Mont' and the 'Pointe du Riondet'. The path starts in a mineral landscape along the lake Seston and the lake Cornu before reaching the 'Col de La Forclaz' and then the 'Col de La Louze'. The second part of the itinerary goes between vast alpine pastures and multiple streams along the slopes of Riondet. Night in refuge, with luggage transfer.

3h walk, Elevation: + 600m/ -750m, 7km for the most direct path

5h to 5h30 walk, Elevation: + 500m/ -900m, 13km with the summit of the Grand Mont or by the "Lacs de la tempête"

Day 3

PIERRA MENTA - LA BALME REFUGE OR PRESSET REFUGE

The path starts quietly in the mountain pastures between the "Lac des Fées" and the "Lac des Halles", until the "Col du Coin" that offers a fantastic panorama of the Mont Blanc Massif. Reaching the "Lac d'Amour" at the foot of the Pierra Menta, one of the most famous summits of the Beaufortain, an emblematic mountain of alpinism ! With good weather conditions, you can cross the "Passeur de la Mintaz", near Pierra Menta.

Night in a refuge, **without luggage transfer**.

5h30 walk / Elevation: +1000m / -800 / 12 km

Day 4

COL DU GRAND FOND – PLAN DE LA LAI

A quiet day to reach the 'Cornet de Roselend', historical passage between Tarentaise and Italy. Two itineraries in option today : through the 'Col du Grand Fond' before descending in the vast 'Combe de la Neuva', with the Mont Blanc in sight; or by reaching the slope which dominates the magnificent Roselend dam. Both itineraries end at Plan de la Lai. Night in refuge with luggage transfer.

5h30 walk / Elevation: +700 m/ - 850m / 13 km (from refuge de La Balme)

Day 5

COL DU BONHOMME - REFUGE DES PRÉS

A first ascent under the 'Rocher du Vent' allows you to admire the great plateau of 'Cornet de Roselend' before reaching the 'Col de La Sauce' and the 'Crête des Gittes'. From the 'Col de la Croix du Bonhomme', the itinerary follows a portion of the 'Tour of Mont Blanc', on the traditional route of the peddlers between Val Monjoie, Tarentaise and Val d'Aoste. A little detour is possible via the 'Rocher du Vent' and its tunnel, for a spectacular view of the Gittaz and Roselend lakes, and the Mont Blanc massif. (+1h30 walk, +/-250m ascent / +4km). Night in refuge, close to the Mont Blanc **without luggage transfer**.

6h00 walk / Elevation: +1000 m -850m / 13 km

Day 6

COL DE LA FENETRE - REFUGE DE LA CROIX DE PIERRE

From the refuge, the route starts with the ascent of the 'Col de la Fenêtre'. From the pass, starts the long panoramic route around 'Val Joly'. One view follows another across the Val Montjoie, the snow-capped peaks of the Mont Blanc massif and the Aravis. The balcony path ends quietly at the wide 'Col de Véry'. In good weather, the hike can be extended by climbing the 'Col de la Cicle' and the 'Plateau de la Grande Perrière'. Night in refuge, **without luggage transfer**.

5h walk / Elevation / +650m -620m / 13 km

6h30 walk / Elevation : +860m -830m / 17km through col de la Cicle

Day 7

MONT CLOCHER – HAUTELUCE

In the morning, you can still enjoy the panoramic views as you cross to Mont Clocher. A long descent on a winding path leads to the intact village of Hauteluce and its church Saint-Jacques-d'Assyrie, a great example of Baroque art in Savoie with its beautiful bulbous bell tower and its wall of illusion. Coming back to Beaufort with the shuttle (July-August) or walking.

3h30 walk/ Elevation: +80 m -900m / 9km (to Hauteluce)

End point at Beaufort sur Doron.

The itinerary is established according to the latest information available, the possibility of unknown factors affecting this itinerary is possible including situations beyond our control which may change the route, timings etc.

Personalised tour available, contact us...

The trip

LEVEL ***

Elevation: +/- 900m approximately per day.

Walking time: 5 to 7 hours per day.

Type of trek: mountain hike including some variants with steeper passages requiring a little more attention. Hiking poles are essential.

You need to be in a good overall physical condition. Regularly practise an endurance sport such as walking, running, swimming or cycling, 3 to 4 hours a week. Your fitness training will make your walk easier and make it all the more enjoyable. Click here for a description of the different levels: [hiking levels](#).

ACCOMMODATION

Classic version : 6 nights in dormitory in refuge. All accommodation has hot showers except at the refuge 'Croix de Pierre', the last night. Due to increasingly recurrent periods of drought, access to showers is not guaranteed.

LUGGAGE TRANSFER

Two options:

Without luggage transfer: you carry all your luggage.

With luggage transfer: your luggage is delivered to your accommodation on nights 2 and 4.

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are provided in each accommodation. You can order the lunch picnic in each accommodation when arriving for the day after. Please specify any allergies or dietary requirements **when booking**. We do our best to accommodate special diets (gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.). However, we encourage you to bring a few extra items for your own picnics.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

We opted not to transfer luggage over several nights because this service would have involved very costly logistics. This means we can keep our prices more affordable and limit our carbon footprint. Let us know what you think!

MAPS

IGN Top 25 - 3532 OT - Massif du Beaufortain

Practical information

ACCESS TO DEPARTURE POINT

Departure point at Beaufort sur Doron.

BY TRAIN

Arrive at Albertville. There are regular buses between Albertville and Beaufort (schedule on Altibus.com)
Timetables must be checked at a train station or at www.voyages-sncf.com

BY CAR

There is a large free car park on the right at the entrance to the village, opposite the tennis courts, along the banks of the river.

Please check mappy.com or viamichelin.com

End of the tour in the afternoon in Beaufort sur Doron.

ACCOMMODATION BEFORE AND AFTER

Hôtel le Grand Mont, place de l'Eglise 73270 Beaufort, 04 79 38 33 36

Gîte de Molliessoulaz, 5398 route de Molliessoullaz 73720 Queige, 06 30 10 34 56

TO CONTACT US

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Dates & prices

DEPARTURES AND PRICES

Departure from 22 June to 14 September 2025

Without luggage transfer

625€ per person (minimum 2 persons), classic accommodation
Single person departure : **50€**

With luggage transfer on Days 2 and 4

For 2-3 people: **860€** per person, classic accommodation
For 4-5 people: **735€** per person, classic accommodation
For 6 people : **710€** per person, classic accommodation

THE PRICE

Includes:

- Organisation and booking fees;
- Accommodation with half-board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 7;
- Tourist tax;
- Luggage transfer between accommodations on days 2 and 4, if you have chosen the option;
- Transfers as described in the technical facts.

Does not include:

- Personal expenses (drinks, etc.);
- Lunchtime picnics;
- Touristic visits;
- Cancellation insurance;
- Your return journey from home to the point of departure/end point.

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)
- 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.

LUGAGGE TRANSFER

You are allowed **1 soft, sports type bag, with all your possessions inside, of 10kg maximum per person**. Your baggage will be transported, only on days 2 and 4, between accommodation by our logistics vehicle where access is not always easy.

Baggage which is too heavy won't be accepted by the drivers, please think of their backs!

YOUR BACKPACK FOR THE NIGHTS WITHOUT LUGGAGE TRANSFER

On nights 1, 3, 5 and 6, your luggage won't be delivered at your accommodation. Here are the things to bring with you (about 2 kilos are enough!):

- small toiletries bag
- sleeping bag liner sheet
- change of clothes for the day after (bare necessities!) and comfortable for the evening.

Details

HOW TO REGISTER

- By internet: <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, passage 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 (inc. 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:

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Deposit

Locality where signed:

Date

Signature:

Return with your deposit to:
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