

# Tour around Mont Blanc



**Countries:** France, Italy, Switzerland.

**Dates:** July 17 - 26, 2024

**Duration:** 10 days (including days of arrival and departure)

**Distance:** about 110 km (total elevation difference - about 8,000 m)

**Number of participants:** 5-9 people

**Difficulty:** medium, for participants in good physical shape, backpacking experience is desirable

**Tour cost:** from €1390

**Prepayment:** €300

**Meeting point:** Chamonix, France.

Flights are possible to Geneva or alternatively Milan

## Tour description

Famous Tour du Mont Blanc - one of the most beautiful hikes in Europe and it crosses 3 countries: France, Italy, and Switzerland. We will have about 110 km of walking, 8,000 m in altitude, and 8 days of satisfaction! Magnificent scenery and spectacular views are guaranteed.

We will start our classic route around the Mont Blanc massif from Les Houches, France, will cross picturesque towns of the Orsieres valley in Switzerland, walk through gorgeous valleys and mountain passes to Courmayeur, Italy, and finish the circle in the cradle of alpinism - Chamonix-Mont-Blanc.

We will integrate into the atmosphere of the alpine hiking world by staying in cozy refuges and hotels along the route and trying the local cuisine.

The tour is quite demanding and it's a great opportunity to challenge yourself to one of the best adventures in your life!

### INCLUDED:

- Guiding services, advice on preparation, and equipment.
- Accommodation in mountain shelters/hotels\*
- Meals: breakfast + dinner, while staying in the refuges, lunch-picnic on the route, breakfasts in the hotels
- Bus or taxi transfers along the route
- Luggage transfer
- Group first aid kit
- Storing things/suitcases for the duration of the trip.

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Flight and airport transfer
- Dinners in the hotels
- Medical insurance
- Optional additional expenses: food (i.e. personal snacks), drinks, souvenirs, etc.





- 1 - ✈️🚗 Chamonix
- 2 - Argentiere - Trient
- 3 - Trient - Champex-Lac
- 4 - La Fouly - Courmayeur
- 5 - Courmayeur - Mount Chetif
- 6 - Val Veny - Les Mottets
- 7 - Col de la Croix du Bonhomme-Refuge de Balme
- 8 - Les Contamines - Refuge Fioux
- 9 - Chamonix/ Brevent
- 10 - 🚗✈️

\* Variations of the hike itinerary are possible, the exact description and layout of the route will be supplemented, depending on the reservation of mountain shelters.

## 1 DAY

### ARRIVAL TO CHAMONIX

On this day we will all gather in the city of Chamonix (France). Today you can walk around Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, the cradle of mountaineering; if necessary, buy missing pieces of equipment. In the evening we will check the completeness of our backpacks, get to know each other, and discuss the tour details. We will spend the night at a hotel in Chamonix or in the neighboring villages of Les Houches or

Argentiere.

### 2 DAY

⇔ 13 km ▲ 900 m ▼ 1000 m

The first day of the journey and the first mountain pass - Col de Balme (2191 m). We move by train to Argentiere, where we begin our climb to the pass through the forest and then through open mountainous terrain. From the pass we will see a wonderful panorama - in front of us is the entire Chamonix valley, above which rises Mont Blanc on one side and Aiguille-Vert on the other. We will have a picnic on the green slopes with stunning views and end our day with a descent to Trient, where we will spend the first night in a mountain shelter.



### 3 DAY

⇔ 15 km ▲ 950 m ▼ 750 m

A pleasant hiking of medium difficulty, a picturesque traverse of the massif through the Col de Portalo pass (2049 m). We will have a picnic near the Bovine shelter with beautiful views and a descent to the small town of Champe-Lac by the crystal clear lake, where we spend the night in a shelter.

### 4 DAY

⇔ 11 km ▲ 800 m ▼ 750 m

After a short and beautiful ascent with incredible views, we will come to the Grand Col Ferret pass (2537), located on the Italian-Swiss border, will have rest, take photographs, and continue our path down through the emerald alpine meadows. We will go down into the valley to a stop and take a bus to Courmayeur - a fabulous resort town in the shadow of Mont Blanc.



### 5 DAY

⇔ 10 km ▲ 950 m ▼ 650 m

Today we will hike to the mountain above Courmayeur - Mont Chetif. The beautiful 360° lookout on top offers magnificent views and an unforgettable experience! From the summit, we go down to our refuge and relax, enjoying the views of Mont Blanc massif and savoring the day.

Alternatively, we can have a rest day and walk around the Courmayeur or take a ride to the glacier by the Skyway Monte Bianco cable car.

### 6 DAY

⇔ 14 km ▲ 850 m ▼ 650 m

Today we will arrive at the beginning of our trek by bus. During the day we will gradually gain altitude along the picturesque Val Veny valley, and we will reach one of the most beautiful and highest passes, Col de la Seigne (2516 m), where the Italian-French border lies. As always - some rest, a picnic, and an easy descent and overnight at a hotel in a neighboring town.



### **7 DAY**

⇔ **15 km ▲ 900 m ▼ 1300 m**

In the morning we will have a strenuous hike - we need to ascend the pass, just as impressive as the previous one - Col de la Croix-du-Bonhomme (2329). After a short rest and a picnic with stunning views, we will take memorable pictures and begin the long descent into the valley. We will spend the night in the shelter of Les Contamines-Montjoie.

### **8 DAY**

⇔ **9 km ▲ 500 m ▼ 200 m**

We continue our adventure from the cozy town of Les Contamines, where we can stop by a couple of local shops, drink some coffee, or get ice cream. Our hike goes up the picturesque route to our last secluded refuge - Refuge di Fioux.

### **9 DAY**

⇔ **7 km ▲ 350 m ▼ 650 m**

We complete our tour with a short hike to Col de Voza pass (1653 m), where we can still admire the view of the Bionnassay glacier, the peak of the same name, and Mont Blanc itself. We will pass through the mountain tram station and go down to Les Houches, where we spend our last night in the hotel. We will have free time - you can stroll in Chamonix, go shopping, take the cable car to Aiguille du Midi, or even go paragliding.

### **10 DAY**

#### **DEPARTURE**

The program ends with breakfast at the hotel. Farewells and departure.



