

★★★★★ (7)

# HIKING TOUR MONT BLANC "WEST"

Hiking: Tour Mont Blanc

## Alpine peaks of France and Switzerland

Mont Blanc is enthroned majestically amidst the highest peaks of the Alps. If you want to hike around this massif, you will be venturing onto one of the most beautiful long-distance trails in Europe. You will be greeted with high passes, dreamy hamlets and cosy mountain inns, where you can gear up for the challenges awaiting you.

Tour Mont Blanc is one of the biggest classic trails for hikers from all corners of the world, all of whom come in search of the same thing: exquisite mountain panoramas, peace and unspoilt landscapes. This tour will surely enrich you and you will take something back.



7 Days / 6 Nights



Self-guided tour



Minimum number of participants: 2  
persons

To the online version



# 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

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'Aiguillette 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 to 5 h     approx. 15 km     1'000 to 1'200 m  
 900 to 1'100 m

DAY  
3

## Argentière – Chamonix

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

DAY  
4**Chamonix – Les Houches**

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**

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 to 7 h       approx. 10 to 18 km       550 to 1'350 m  
 1'150 m

---

DAY  
6

## Les Contamines – Les Chapieux – Bourg Saint-Maurice

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

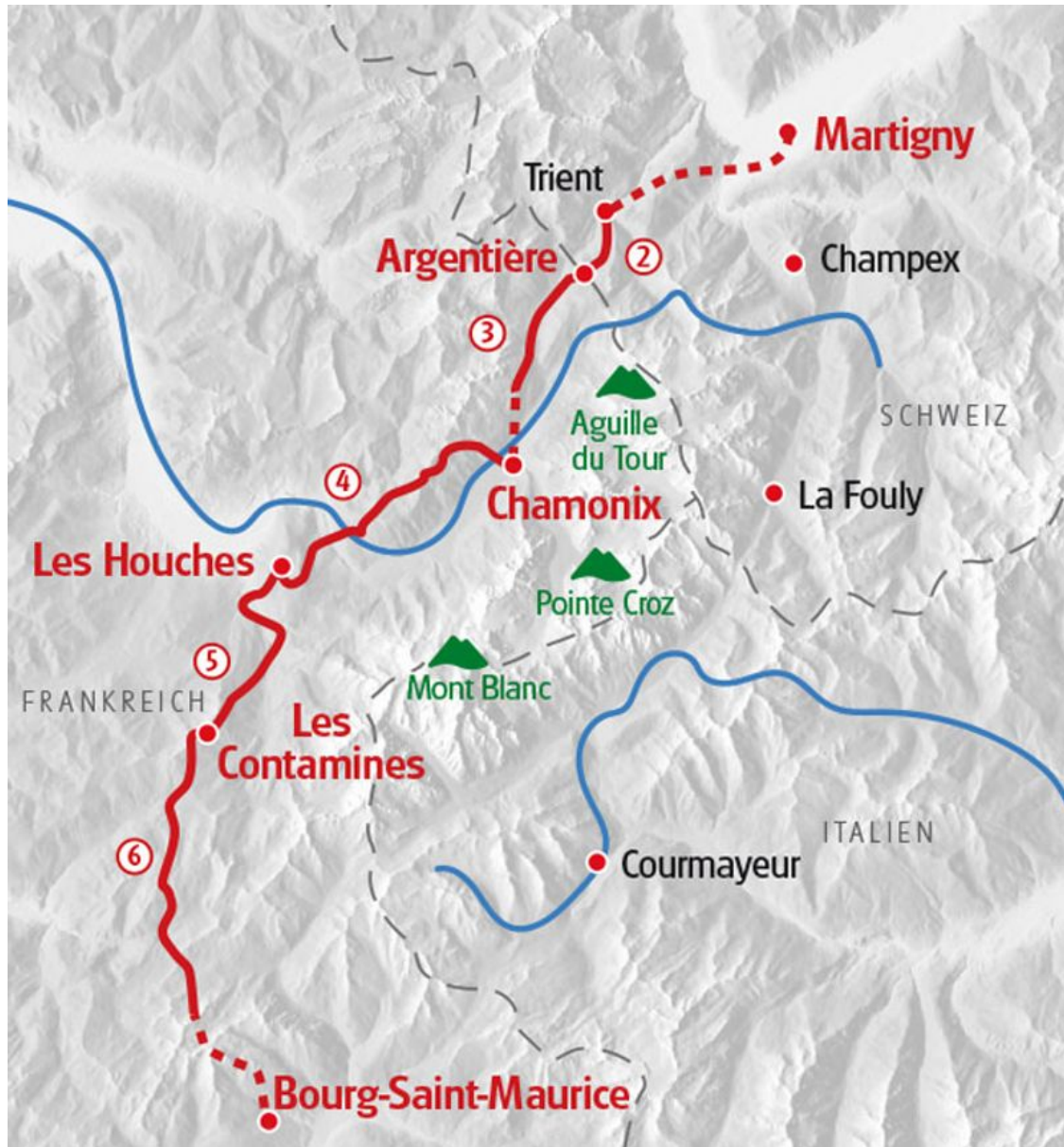
DAY  
7

## Departure or prolongation

We recommend a walk through the typically French Alps location, a ride on the funicular into the hiking region of Arcs before heading back home. Or would you rather spend a few more days and relax in the region of Savoie?

# TOUR CHARACTER

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!





# PRICES & DATES

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: MARTIGNY

	<b>Season 1</b> 31.08.2024 - 15.09.2024   Arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> 29.06.2024 - 30.08.2024   Anreise täglich
<b>Tour Mont Blanc West, 7 days, CH-WSWMW-07X</b>		
Base price	1'089.-	1'279.-
Surcharge single traveller	265.-	265.-
Surcharge single room	415.-	415.-

**Category:** 3\* hotels and guest houses (French hotel standard), depending on availability, rooms with en-suite bathrooms cannot always be booked.

# ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: MARTIGNY

	<b>Season 1</b> Aug 31, 2024 - Sep 15, 2024   Arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> Jun 29, 2024 - Aug 30, 2024   Anreise täglich
<b>Martigny</b>		
Double room p. P.	105.-	105.-
Surcharge single room	45.-	45.-
<b>Bourg-Saint-Maurice</b>		
Double room p. P.	99.-	99.-
Surcharge single room	25.-	25.-

Prices per person in CHF



# SERVICES & INFORMATION

## Services

### Included:

- 6 overnight stays as stated incl. breakfast
- Luggage transfer (1 piece of luggage per person, max. 15 kg)
- Transfers as per program
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- Navigation-App and GPS-data
- Service hotline

### Note:

- Rides in public transport, cable cars etc. not included
- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Reservation fee of CHF 20 per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

## Information

### Arrival/Parking/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.
- The return trip to Martigny is circuitous. 8 hour train journey via Chambéry, Annecy and Vallorcine to Martigny. Or organised transfer. CHF 599.- per ride. Max. 8 passengers. Booking required. Advance payment.

## Travel Documents

### Travel documents "digital"

We reduce the amount of printed documents. You will receive instructions to help you find your way around using the Eurotrek Travel Guide App. We provide you with further information online.

In advance you will receive a small package of documents with the following contents:

- Your travel program
- Luggage tags
- Description of how to use the app
- Any vouchers

The Eurotrek Travel Guide App will help you find your way around. In addition to your digital map, you will find further information about your booked trip. The app is also available offline, simply download the trip in advance.



# CONTACT & BOOKING

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.

 +41 443161000

 eurotrek@eurotrek.ch

**Book now**