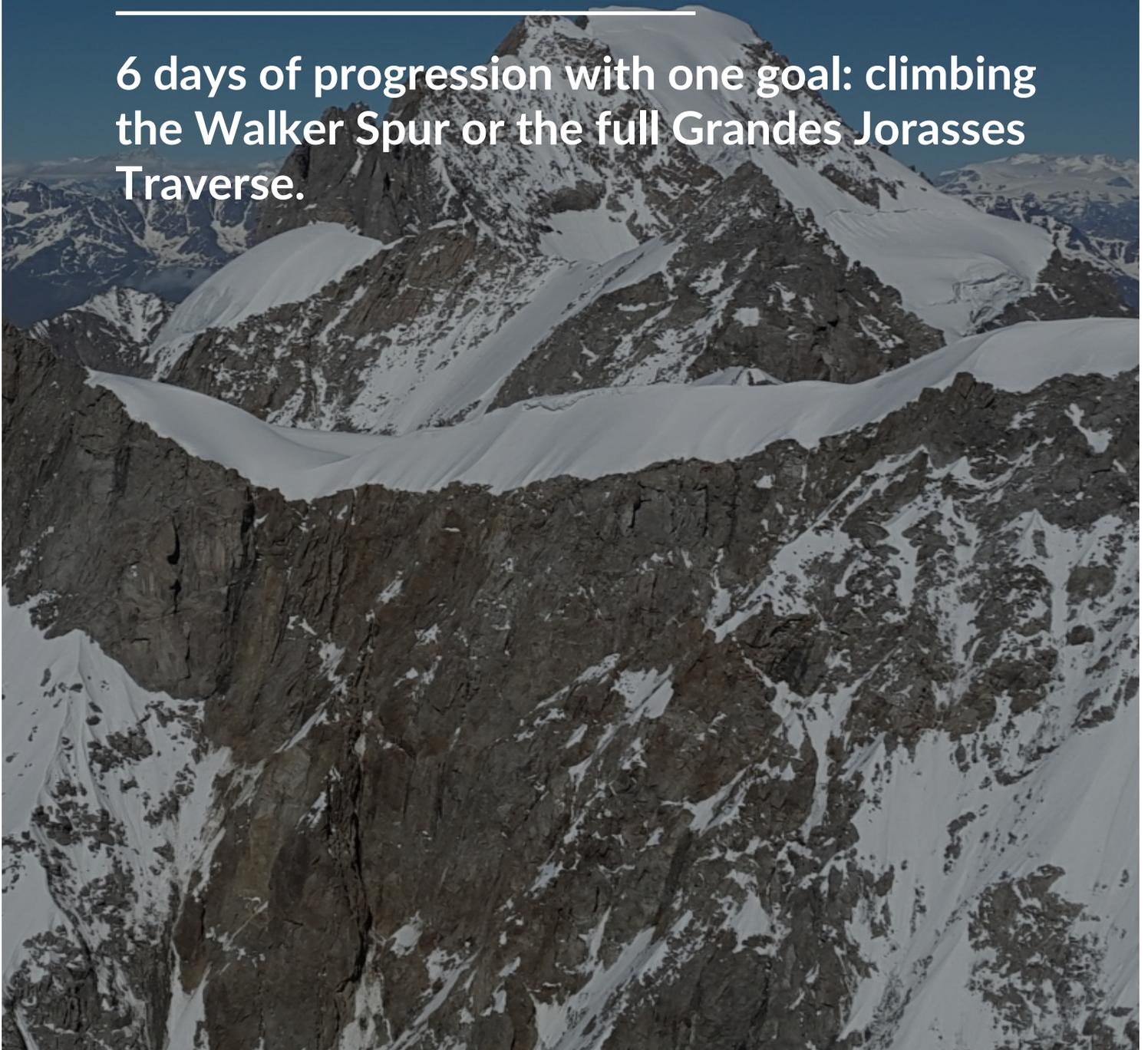


MOUNTAINEERING

# **GRANDES JORASSES 4208 M: ONE OF CHAMONIX'S GREAT ALPINE CHALLENGES**

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6 days of progression with one goal: climbing the Walker Spur or the full Grandes Jorasses Traverse.



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6-day technical mountaineering program in the Mont Blanc massif combining formative ridges in the Torino sector with a great final goal: the Rochefort–Grandes Jorasses traverse or, if everything aligns, the demanding Walker Spur.

## RECOMMENDED MONTHS

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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER



## PRICES

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**From 6.800€ /person**

Group discounts





# *Highlights*

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- REAL PROGRESSION IN SERIOUS ALPINE TERRAIN
- ENTIRE PROGRAM IN 1:1 RATIO WITH EXPERT UIAGM GUIDE
- TECHNICAL FINISH BETWEEN TWO GREAT OBJECTIVES
- GRANDES JORASSES, A DREAM FOR EVERY MOUNTAINEER

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100% customizable

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1	Standard	06/01/2026 03:00:00 PM - 09/01/2026 04:00:00 PM	6	6.800€

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## ***Includes***

- UIAGM High Mountain Guide with extensive experience in the area.
- Guide ratio 1:1
- 3 nights half board in Rifugio Torino.
- 1 night in Bivouac Canzio or Refuge de Leschaux
- Skiway Monte Bianco cable car.
- All guide expenses (food, refuges, and extras).
- Refuge reservation management service.
- Technical and equipment advice.

## ***Not included***

- Transport to starting point (Courmayer)
- Personal climbing equipment
- Optional but recommended travel/cancellation insurance (can be arranged)
- Mandatory rescue insurance (can be arranged)
- Tips (optional)
- Everything not described in the "INCLUDED" section.





# Itinerary

## DAY 1: AIGUILLES MARBRÉES

Meet in Courmayeur and ascend via Skyway Monte Bianco to Punta Helbronner to access Rifugio Torino. First ridge day with glacier, snow-rock transition, roped progression, and edge reading. It is not just a warm-up: it already allows observation of rhythm, technique, and skill in alpine environment by making Aiguilles Marbrées the goal of the day.

**Accommodation: Rifugio Torino**

**Meals: Dinner.**

## DAY 2: FULL TRAVERSE OF AIGUILLE D'ENTRÈVES

Airy, continuous, and very formative day from Torino through Glacier du Géant towards Col d'Entrèves. Glacier, mixed, and rock terrain are blended on a ridge where rope team fluidity, balance, and movement economy matter more than a single move. It is a key day to measure continuity and calmness.

**Accommodation: Rifugio Torino**

**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.**

## DAY 3: DENT DU GÉANT OR ROCHEFORT RIDGE

Third major activity of the initial block and decisive day to refine the project. At this point, the guide will have a very approximate understanding of the client's technical level, alpine skill, and what may happen in the next stage. If the Walker Spur remains a real option, the day can include either Dent du Géant or Rochefort ridge depending on conditions and the type of technical test desired. If Walker Spur is ruled out due to technical level or conditions and the full traverse of days 4 and 5 is planned, the day will focus on Dent du Géant, reserving Rochefort ridge as the natural start of that great traverse. In either scenario, the day ends again at Rifugio Torino.

**Accommodation: Rifugio Torino**

**Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.**

## **DAY 4A: START OF THE ROCHEFORT-GRANDES JORASSES TRAVERSE**

If the chosen option is the full traverse, the program maintains coherence with everything built in previous days in the Torino sector. From Rifugio Torino begins a day that should no longer be understood as an approach but as the first major stage of the traverse: gaining the Rochefort ridge, crossing Aiguille de Rochefort, continuing along Dôme de Rochefort, and advancing to bivouac Canzio located at Col des Grandes Jorasses.

Technically, it is a long, airy, and very serious day, with changing terrain and constant exposure. Snow, mixed, and rock are linked in an environment where the quality of movements and the ability to maintain rhythm over many hours matter. Progression demands precision on sharp sections, efficiency in maneuvers, good edge reading, and highly tuned time management, because the margin does not depend only on the difficulty of a single move but the entire route. Sleeping at bivouac Canzio allows gaining a strategic position within the itinerary and preparing the great second day with the lightest possible load.

**Accommodation: Bivouac Canzio**

**Meals: Self-catering.**

## **DAY 4B: TRANSFER TO CHAMONIX AND ACCESS TO REFUGE DE LESCHAUX**

If during the first three days the guide confirms that the client's technical level, skill, and mountain conditions permit planning the Walker Spur, the fourth day involves a total change of scene. The Torino-Courmayeur logic is abandoned and crossed over to Chamonix to enter through the classic north face access. From the Montenvers station, descend to Mer de Glace and ascend the Leschaux glacier and moraine to reach Refuge de Leschaux, the natural starting point for the attempt.

Although on paper it is not the main climbing day, it has enormous technical, logistical, and mental weight. It is not just about reaching a refuge but placing oneself under one of the great north faces of the Alps and beginning to read the project at its true scale. From here, the perception of the trip changes completely: the terrain is more remote, the wall dominates the horizon, and all strategy revolves around the weather window, the condition of the bergschrund, rock dryness, the presence or absence of snow on pitches, and the real possibility of moving quickly on a 1,200-meter wall. It is a day to fine-tune equipment, strategy, and mindset before the big leap.

**Accommodation: Refuge de Leschaux**

**Meals: Self-catering.**

## **DAY 5A: HIGH TRAVERSE OF THE GRANDES JORASSES AND DESCENT TO ITALY**

Very early start from bivouac Canzio to face the great traverse of the Grandes Jorasses. The route progresses along the high ridge linking several four-thousand-meter peaks until reaching Pointe Walker, always on very exposed, sustained terrain with enormous continuity. It is a day with practically no break: each section demands maximum concentration, precise movements, and very fine rhythm management, as any loss of time weighs heavily when the itinerary is so long and the descent still lies ahead.

Technically, this option is a great ridge journey, not a wall ascent. The difficulty is distributed in the sum of ridges, mixed steps, rock outcrops, snowy terrain, and the need to move fluidly for many hours along a committed edge. Weather, ridge condition, and accumulated time are decisive factors throughout the day. Once the traverse is completed, a long and complex descent begins on the Italian side, usually towards Boccalatte and then the valley. If conditions allow, it is a powerful culmination of the program and probably the most coherent with the technical progression built from Torino.

## **DAY 5B: ATTEMPT ON THE WALKER SPUR**

Alpine dawn departure from Refuge de Leschaux to ascend the glacier and reach the north face bergschrund. Entering the wall alone can already be a serious problem, and once passed, a completely different type of ascent from what was done during previous days begins. The Walker Spur is not just another summit of the trip, but a highly committed project on a historic line running along the great left buttress of the north face to Pointe Walker.

Here, the terrain changes constantly and requires much more complex and complete climbing: mixed, snow ramps, chimneys, dihedrals, slabs, traverses, and sustained pitches on rock of variable quality. The difficulty does not only lie in isolated moves, but in the length of the route, orientation, route finding, changing terrain quality, and permanent time pressure on the wall. Depending on schedule, conditions, and climbing style, the day may involve summit and exit to Italy or require using the margin of the next day to complete the strategy and descent. It is the big leap of the program and only makes sense when all previous signals are truly favorable.

## **DAY 6: SAFETY MARGIN, STRATEGY OR DESCENT**

The extra day is an essential piece of the project. It serves to absorb delays due to conditions, reposition the final strategy, manage a long descent, or complete the ascent with greater safety. In a program of this level, this margin is not decorative: it truly increases the chances of responsible success

***Payment and cancellation policy***

**Initial Deposit:** To secure your spot, an initial payment of 30% of the total trip amount is required at the time of booking.

**Final Payment:** The remaining amount, equal to 70% of the total, must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

**Extras:** Additional trip costs, such as insurance, flights, or other optional services, must be paid in full at booking.

**Cancellation Insurance:** The client may purchase travel cancellation insurance to obtain a refund of the full amount paid (according to its conditions).

The end user may cancel the contracted trip, having the right to a refund of the amounts paid, except for indicated penalties, but must also pay the Agency the amounts listed below once the trip is confirmed. If it does not take place due to not reaching the minimum required places, the client may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the deposit.

**Cancellation policy 3:**

- ○ FULL REFUND UP TO 24H AFTER PURCHASE
  - Up to 60 days before the trip, 100% refund of the trip amount.
  - Up to 45 days before the trip, 50% refund of the trip amount.
  - For periods shorter than described in the cancellation policy, no amount already paid will be returned.

\*A handling fee of €250 applies.

\*Cancellation fees for bookings already issued will not be refunded. If other non-refundable costs already issued exist, these will also not be refunded and will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed.

\*The cancellation cost for issued flights is 100% of the amount.

## Equipment list

### FUNCTIONAL CLOTHING:

- Gore-Tex jacket or waterproof and breathable
- Waterproof rain pants
- Warm jacket: down jacket or preferably primaloft (as they can withstand water)
- Light fleece
- Short-sleeve quick-drying T-shirts
- Elastic pants, slightly thicker, for colder days or nights
- Trekking-type pants
- Thermal pants and shirt set
- Underwear and spare clothes

### CLIMBING EQUIPMENT:

- Crampons
- Climbing harness
- 3 safety carabiners
- 1 120 cm sling
- Ice axe between 55 and 66 cm in length
- Climbing helmet
- If you don't have your own climbing gear, you can rent it in Chamonix. Check out this rental shop.

### HEADGEAR:

- Light running cap
- Wool hat
- Neck gaiter
- Ski mask

### HANDS:

- Thin fleece gloves
- Leather gloves
- High resistance thermal gloves or mittens

### FEET:

- 2 pairs of merino ski socks: 1 thin and 1 thick
- Light trail running shoes or hiking boots (what you usually use in the mountains) Mountaineering boots
- Gaiters (only if your boots do not have integrated ones)

### BACKPACKS:

- 30-liter mountain backpack
- Small travel bag (for documents and wallet)

### REFUGIO MATERIAL:

- Silk sleeping bag (mandatory in all refuges)
- Earplugs

### ACCESSORIES:

- Headlamp and spare battery or batteries
- Sunscreen, lip balm, and after sun

### EAT / DRINK:

- Water bottle or thermos, minimum 1 liter. If you choose a Camelbak-type bag, consider that the tube may freeze, so it is advisable to carry an auxiliary bottle
- Snacks, nuts, gels, hydration, and enough energy bars, protein bars, mixed nuts, magnesium tablets, and recovery supplements

### TRAVEL EQUIPMENT:

- Casual clothes
- ID or passport, Visa, cash, insurance documentation, vaccination card
- Microfiber towel
- First aid kit and medication
- Thermal blanket
- Mobile phone and watch with route track
- Powerbank, camera, charging cables, headphones, selfie stick...

# FAQs

## **What technical and physical level is needed?**

This program is for mountaineers with previous summer mountain experience, progression with crampons and ice axe, and skill in mixed and exposed terrain. It is not designed for beginners from scratch. The demand increases greatly in the final block, where continuity, speed, and altitude recovery count.

## **Are the first three days already a level selection?**

Yes. They are not just a beautiful part of the trip but a real and progressive evaluation. The guide observes how you move roped up, how you manage exposure, how you handle crampons, and how you respond to accumulated fatigue. That reading is the basis to decide the most coherent program ending.

## **What is the real difference between the Jorasses traverse and the Walker Spur?**

The traverse is a great ridge route, very long, highly exposed, and sustained, where continuity rules. The Walker Spur adds another dimension: north face, more verticality, more route finding, and much greater dependence on the exact condition of the face. Both are serious, but the Walker represents a clear jump.

## **Why is the program 1:1 during the six days?**

Because it is a top-level alpine project in the Mont Blanc massif, aiming to culminate at the Grandes Jorasses and, if conditions allow, the Walker Spur. This type of itinerary requires completely personalized attention to adapt rhythm, decisions, and progression to the client's real level. Therefore, the entire program is set at a private 1:1 ratio with an expert UIAGM guide in the area. This maximizes safety, personalization, and real chances of achieving the great final goal with guarantees.

## **Where does the Walker Spur option actually start?**

It does not start in Torino. If this route opens, the logic of the Italian sector must be dismantled, moving to Chamonix, accessing Montanvers, descending to Mer de Glace, and ascending to Refuge de Leschaux. This logistical change already expresses that it is not a natural continuation of the initial block but a distinct objective.

## **What type of accommodation is there during the trip?**

The initial base is Rifugio Torino. In option A, you sleep later at bivouac Canzio, already within the traverse. In option B, the final block base is Refuge de Leschaux, at the foot of the north face. The ending may be adapted according to ascent, descent, and actual mountain time consumed.

## **Is the Walker Spur guaranteed if I hire this project?**

No. And it's important to be clear. The Walker depends greatly on the condition of the bergschrund, snow on the wall, rock dryness, night refreeze, and the real level observed during the first days. It is planned as a possible great objective but is only attempted when mountain and rope team offer reasonable guarantees.

## **Is the Rochefort-Grandes Jorasses traverse the easy option?**

It would not be correct to call it easy. It is the most coherent option with the progression built from Torino and often the most logical. But it remains a very serious, long, technical route with a lot of exposure. The difference is not easy versus difficult but great ridge versus great north face.

### **What previous experience should I have to evaluate this program?**

Ideally, you should have already done summer alpine activity with habitual use of crampons, ice axe, rope, and exposed terrain. Having traversed ridges, glaciers, and mixed terrain. And the more interest you have in the Walker Spur, the greater your previous experience in technical and committed alpine routes should be. Although the first days help build sensations and acclimatization, the trip is aimed at people with previous classic mountaineering experience. A solid level is required for the full traverse, and clearly superior experience in long and committed alpine itineraries is needed for the Walker Spur.

### **When is this trip usually done?**

The window depends entirely on the final objective and the condition of the massif. The Torino block fits the summer season, but the traverse and the Walker require very fine reading of conditions. It is not a trip to plan rigidly because it changes a lot with snow, rock, refreeze, and the wall.

### **What if the mountain does not permit either of the two big options?**

In a program of this level, the mountain commands. If the condition of the ridge, weather, bergschrund, or general safety advises against the final goal, the guide will propose a coherent alternative within the massif. It is not a failure of the trip but an essential part of its alpine honesty and responsible approach.

### **How do you reach the meeting point and what is the nearest airport?**

The most logical starting point is Courmayeur, from where you quickly access Punta Helbronner by Skyway to start the ridge block. It is also well connected with Chamonix and the Geneva area.

### **What personal technical equipment do I need to bring?**

You must have crampon-compatible boots, crampons, ice axe, helmet, harness, anchor sling, gloves, goggles, headlamp, and layered clothing to move efficiently at altitude. In the final block, it may be important to finely tune weight and choose lightweight gear without compromising rope team safety.

### **Is it necessary to arrive acclimatized before starting?**

It is recommended. The program is built with a progression that helps gain height reasonably, but arriving with a good base improves your chances of handling long days well and maintaining freshness for the decisive block. In the case of the Walker Spur, this prior acclimatization adds even more.

### **Is it mandatory to hire rescue insurance?**

Yes. For a program of this level and commitment on glacier terrain, high mountain ridges, and possible itineraries like the full traverse of the Grandes Jorasses or the Walker Spur, it is mandatory to have insurance covering mountain rescue and mountaineering activity. You must travel with this coverage in effect before the program starts.

### **Are meals included?**

Yes. The program provides half board in refuges, as specified in the itinerary itself.

### **When is option A or option B confirmed definitively?**

The decision is not finalized weeks in advance but during the trip itself. The guide assesses your real level, rope team efficiency, and mountain condition throughout the first three days. Only when these variables align is it confirmed if the ending will be the traverse or the complete change towards the Walker.

### **Do I have to bring my own technical gear?**

Yes. The provided information explicitly lists technical items such as crampons, ice axe, rope, and mountaineering boots, as they are a direct part of the progression and ascent. Gear can be rented in Chamonix.

**How much does the weather influence this program?**

Weather has a decisive influence. That's why the trip includes a specific sixth reserve day to adjust the attempt, wait for a better window, or complete the descent. In a mountain like Grandes Jorasses, and especially in the Walker Spur, the correct opportunity is as important as the technical level.

**Can the plan change during the week?**

Yes. The trip's design contemplates adjustments according to conditions, weather, attack strategy, and finally chosen route. The structure is not rigid because an activity of this level requires flexibility to put oneself in the best possible position without compromising rope team safety.



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