

TREKKING

HIGH ROUTE, TREKKING CHAMONIX-ZERMATT

Guided trek along the Alps' Haute Route, an iconic glacier trail



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Chamonix–Zermatt Glacier Haute Route: a direct, glacier-heavy line across the Alps—more technical than the Walker’s Haute Route. Ropework, crevasses and high passes; epic hut-to-hut panoramas on a classic guided traverse.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JULY, AUGUST



PRICE

From 2.350€ /person

Group discounts





Highlights

- ICONIC ALPINE ROUTE.
- STUNNING ALPINE LANDSCAPES AND GLACIAL TERRAIN.
- SLEEP IN MOUNTAIN HUTS AT OVER 3000 METERS.
- WITH UIAGM MOUNTAIN GUIDE.

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
4	Standard	22 Jun 2026 - 06 Sep 2026	7	2.350€
3	Standard	22 Jun 2026 - 06 Sep 2026	7	3.890€

Travel only with your family or friends.

*Confirm availability at info@b4experience.com / +34 613 03 77 00 / www.b4experience.com

Open groups

Share the experience with other travelers

Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
✕ No open group events available, only private groups					

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Included

- UIAGM mountain guide (maximum 1:6)
- All mountain guide expenses included
- 6 nights in mountain refuges with half board
- Bus from Chamonix to Le Tour
- La Brea cable car to Chamonix
- Private transfer Champex - Mauvoisin
- Refuge reservation management service
- Technical advice and equipment

Not Included

- Transport to/from Chamonix/Zermatt
- Personal alpine equipment (crampons, harness, ice axe, etc.)
- Travel/cancellation insurance: optional but recommended (we can arrange it)
- Rescue insurance: mandatory (we can arrange it)
- Tips (optional)
- Anything not described in the "INCLUDED" section



Itinerary

DAY 1: CHAMONIX – ALBERT 1st REFUGE

From Chamonix, we will take a transfer to the village of Le Tour, where we will begin ascending to the Albert 1st refuge. We enter an alpine landscape surrounded by the great peaks of the Mont Blanc massif. The route can be shortened using the Balme cable car. Glacier terrain progression techniques will be practiced.

Duration: 2-3 h; Ascent: 600 m; Descent: 0 m

Accommodation: Mountain refuge

Meals: dinner

DAY 2: ALBERT 1st REFUGE – CHAMPEX

Our first day in contact with ice, we will ascend to the Upper Col du Tour (3288 m) and then cross the Trient and Orny glaciers. We are now in Swiss territory. We will use the Brea cable car to descend to the village of Champex. From there, we will take a private vehicle transfer to Mauvoisin.

Duration: 6-7 h; Ascent: 650 m; Descent: 1100 m

Accommodation: Mountain refuge

Meals: dinner + breakfast

DAY 3: CHAMPEX – CHANRION REFUGE

From the Mauvoisin dam, we will follow a trail that crosses the reservoir and will take us to the Chanrion refuge.

Time: 4-5h; Ascent: 800m; Descent: 200m

Accommodation: Mountain refuge

Meals: dinner + breakfast

DAY 4: CHANRION REFUGE – VIGNETTES REFUGE

Following the Otemma glacier, we will ascend to the Charmotane Pass (3024 m) to finally reach the Vignettes Refuge, which boasts dreamy views.

Duration: 6-7 h; Ascent: 800 m; Descent: 200 m

Accommodation: Mountain refuge

Meals: dinner + breakfast

DAY 5: VIGNETTES REFUGE – BERTOL REFUGE

Today will be a tough stage on glacier terrain with a steep final ascent to Bertol refuge.

Time: 7-8h; Ascent: 1200m; Descent: 800m

Accommodation: Mountain refuge

Meals: breakfast + dinner

DAY 6: BERTOL REFUGE – SCHÖNBIEL REFUGE

Another long day of hiking, which will require an early start. A day to take advantage of the last encounters with glacier terrain and reach the highest point of the route, the Tête Blanche (3707 m). Finally, we will arrive via a small via ferrata at the Schönbiel Refuge.

Time: 6-7h; Asc: 600 m; Des: 1300 m

Accommodation: mountain refuge

Meals: breakfast + dinner

DAY 7 : SCHÖNBIEL-ZERMATT

Final descent to the famous village of Zermatt, we walk through its streets and have a well-deserved beer before ending the trip. From Zermatt, you can take a direct train to Geneva airport or return to Chamonix.

Time: 3-4h; Asc: 0 m; Des: 800 m

Accommodation: mountain refuge

Meals: breakfast

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial Deposit: To secure your spot, a 30% payment of the total trip cost is required at the time of booking.

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

Extras: Additional travel costs, such as insurance, flights, or other optional services, must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation Insurance: The client may purchase trip cancellation insurance to recover the full amount paid (according to the insurance conditions).

The end user may cancel the booked trip, having the right to a refund of amounts paid, except for the penalties indicated, but must also pay the Agency the amounts specified below once the trip is confirmed. If the trip is not carried out due to not reaching the minimum required participants, the client may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the booking.

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 shorter terms than described in the cancellation policy, no refund of the amount paid will be made.

*A handling fee of €250 applies.

*Cancellation costs of already issued bookings will not be refunded. If there are other non-refundable expenses already incurred, these will also not be refunded and will be deducted from the amount to be paid.

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

Packing List

FUNCTIONAL CLOTHING:

- Softshell jacket (windproof, water-repellent, lightweight) for normal activities or Hardshell (waterproof Gore-Tex) only when very bad weather is forecast
- Lightweight waterproof pants
- Warm jacket: down jacket or preferably primaloft (since they can withstand water)
- Light fleece jacket
- Thermal pants and shirt for sleeping in the refuge
- Shorts and technical T-shirts (quick-drying)
- Swimwear
- Underwear (recommended not cotton)

HEAD:

- Light running cap
- Wool hat
- Neck gaiter
- Sunglasses

HANDS:

- Light fleece gloves
- Trekking poles

FEET:

- Socks (recommended not cotton)
- Trail running shoes or trekking boots
- Trekking sandals with heel strap (optional)

BACKPACKS:

- Comfortable backpack
- Rain cover for backpack
- Duffel bag

REFUGE GEAR:

- Sleeping bag or sleeping bag liner
- Earplugs

ACCESSORIES:

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

EATING/DRINKING:

- Hydration system minimum 1L (Camelbak, canteen or flexible bottle)
- Thermos (optional)
- Snacks, nuts, gels, hydration, and enough energy bars, protein bars, nut mixes, magnesium tablets, and recovery supplements

TRAVEL GEAR:

- Casual clothing
- Passport, visa, cash, insurance documentation, vaccination card
- Microfiber towel
- First aid kit and medication
- Thermal blanket
- Phone and watch with route track
- Power bank, camera, charging cables, headphones, selfie stick...

Other recommended items for this trip:

- Crampons
- Ice axe
- Climbing helmet
- Harness + 2 carabiners + sling (1.5-2m)
- Ski mask

*Si no tienes equipo personal de escalada, puedes alquilarlo en Chamonix.

FAQs

What physical and technical level is required?

You need a minimum level that allows you to complete a mountain route with a 1,200m elevation gain in one day. Technical experience is not essential, but it is essential to have completed challenging traverses and be familiar with the basic use of crampons and ropes. The guide will review all key concepts before entering glacial terrain.

Walking on ice and glaciers?

Yes, several stages cross glaciers. Therefore, crampons and harnesses are mandatory, and you will always be accompanied by high-altitude guides.

What happens if the weather is very bad?

Safety is a priority. The itinerary may be modified or even partially cancelled if conditions are dangerous. We always look for the best possible alternative.

Is it possible to shorten or lengthen the route?

The route can be shortened or lengthened by using different cable cars and/or routes. The mountain guide, together with the group, will find the best route to meet the group's expectations. For those who are always looking for more, we have several extensions available during the afternoons from the refuge.

Can I leave unnecessary luggage during the trek?

Yes, you can leave a bag in Chamonix for collection at the end of your trip.

Is there mobile coverage on the route?

In many sections no. Some refuges have coverage or Wi-Fi for a fee, but it is recommended to be prepared to disconnect.

How is food managed during the trek?

The refuges provide breakfast and dinner. The midday picnic is carried in the backpack, it is prepared by the refuge.

Are there options for vegetarians or people with allergy?

Yes, the diet can be adapted if informed in advance at the time of booking. Options are limited but sufficient in most lodges.

What if I cannot continue due to fatigue or injury?

At each stage the nearest evacuation is assessed. There are intermediate exit points, but additional transportation costs will be covered by the participant (except if it's for medical reasons covered by insurance).

Is trekking suitable for minors?

Only for those over 16 years of age, in excellent physical condition, and accompanied by an adult. Previous experience is a plus.

Do I need rescue insurance?

Yes, rescue insurance is mandatory. Rescue in the Alps can be very expensive (more than €10,000), so it's a good idea to purchase insurance that covers helicopter rescue for this specific activity. If you have any questions about rescue insurance for this activity, please contact us for advice.

Is the accommodation in a shared or single room?

The program offers shared accommodation. If you prefer a single room, please indicate this when booking. If you would like extra nights in Chamonix, you can add a bunk bed in a dormitory-style hostel or a double room in a 2- or 3-star hotel to your package. You can add this service under "Extra Services" at checkout before booking your trip.

Can I do this trek in a private group?

This tour must be organized with a minimum of 6 people and 1 guide. If you'd like to organize a smaller private group with no additional clients and 1 guide, the rates are: 2-3 people: €3,890/person +4 people: €2,350/person.



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