

MOUNTAINEERING

MONTBLANC – NORMAL ROUTE GOUTER

Guided 3-day Goûter ascent; 5-day program
option with Gran Paradiso



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Climb Mont Blanc (4,808 m) in 3 days via the Goûter route with a professional high mountain guide. Enjoy a unique and unforgettable experience. Come and summit the highest peak in continental Europe with a certified guide! 5-day program option available, including ascents of Gran Paradiso (4,061 m) and Mont Blanc (4,808 m).

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

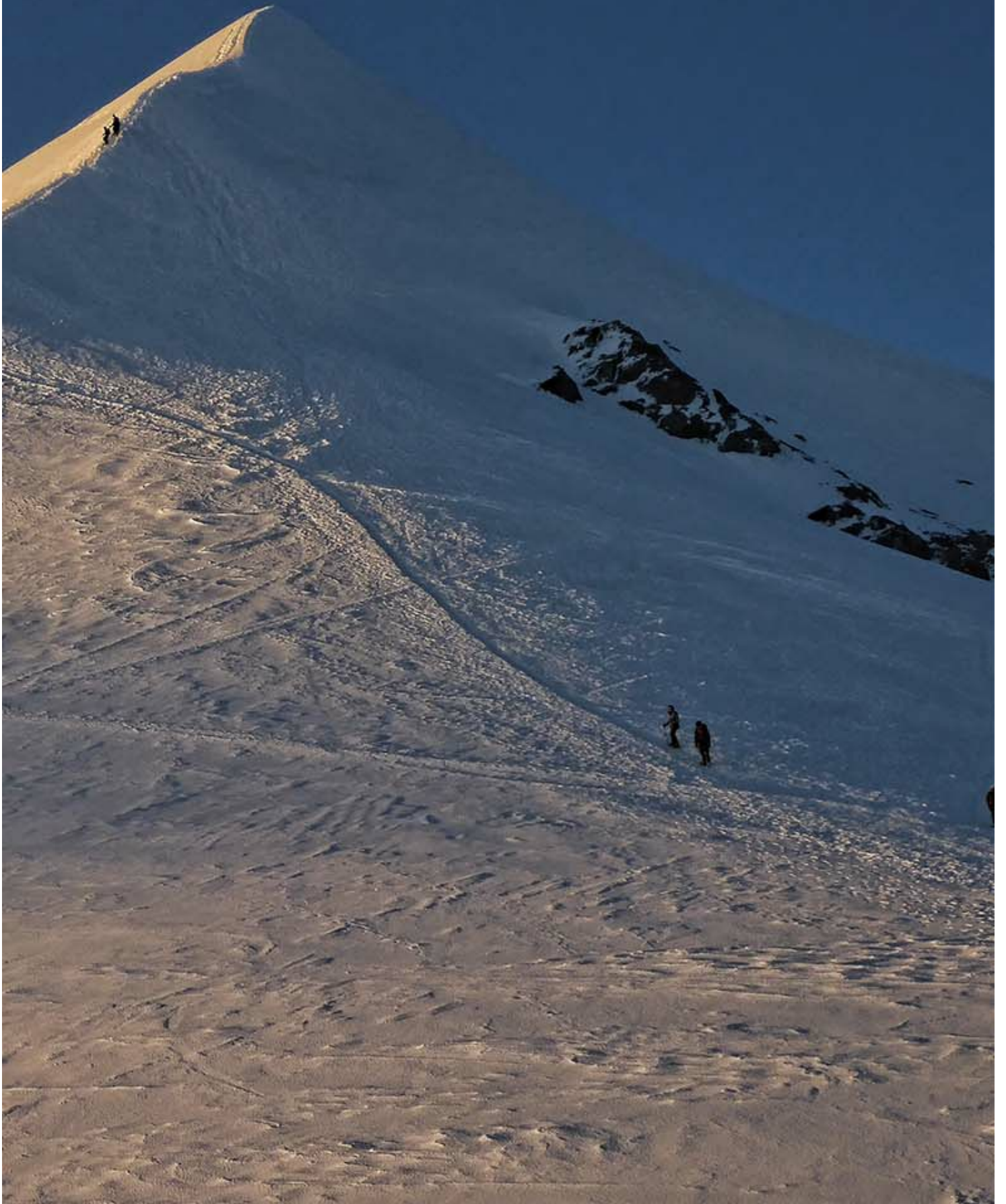
MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER



PRICE

From 1.750€ /person

Group discounts





Highlights

- CLIMB TO THE TOP OF EUROPE.
- GUIDE RATIO 2:1.
- 3-DAY PROGRAM THROUGH GOUTER.
- 5-DAY PROGRAM: GRAN PARADISO + MONTBLANC.

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
2	Standard	25 May 2026 - 15 Sep 2026	3	1.750€
1	Standard	25 May 2026 - 15 Sep 2026	3	2.850€

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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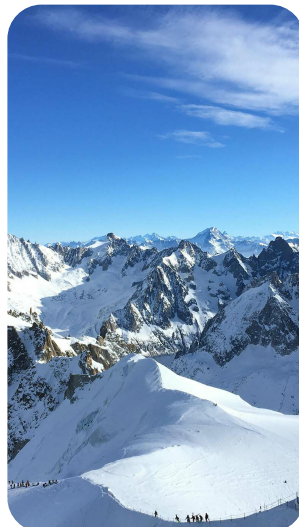
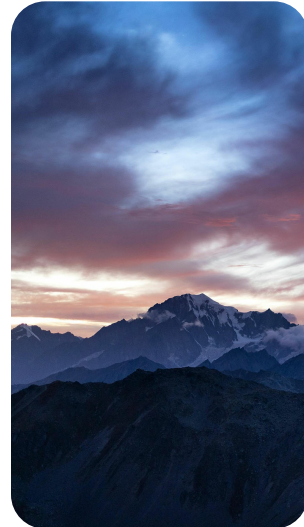


Included

- UIAGM Mountain Guide with extensive experience in the area
- Guide ratio 2:1
- 1 night half-board at Tête Rousse hut
- 1 night half-board at Goûter hut
- Les Houches bus to/from Chamonix
- Train to/from Nid d'Aigle
- All guide expenses (meals, huts, extras)
- Hut reservation management service
- Technical and gear advice

Not Included

- Transport to the starting point (Chamonix)
- Personal climbing equipment
- Travel/cancellation insurance: optional but recommended (we can help arrange it)
- Rescue insurance: mandatory (we can help arrange it)
- Tips (optional)
- Everything not specified in the "INCLUDED" section



Itinerary

DAY 1: Ascent to Tête Rousse Hut

We make first contact with the mountain. We'll start by taking the Les Houches cable car, followed by the Mont Blanc train, which will take us to Nid d'Aigle at 2,372 meters — the starting point of our ascent. The hike up to the vicinity of the Tête Rousse hut is straightforward. Tête Rousse, 3,200 m. Elevation gain: 900 meters. Estimated time: 3 to 3.5 hours.

Accommodation: Mountain hut

Meal: dinner

DAY 2: Ascent to the Goûter hut

From this point onward, the mountain steepens and reveals its most dangerous section. After leaving the Tête Rousse hut and walking for about 30 minutes, we must quickly cross the large couloir descending from high up the mountain — the Goûter couloir. From there, we'll continue up a vertical rocky slope with loose stones and sections equipped with safety cables, leading us directly to the balcony of the Goûter hut at 3,817 meters. Elevation gain: 600 meters. Approximate time: 3 to 4 hours.

Accommodation: Mountain hut

Meals: breakfast + dinner

Day 3: Mont Blanc summit day

Around 2 a.m. we'll have breakfast so we can start the ascent about an hour to an hour and a half later. We'll climb the Aiguille du Goûter at 3,863 meters and the Dôme du Goûter at 4,304 meters. At sunrise, we'll be near the Vallot shelter, ready to tackle the final section of the ascent along the Bosses ridge. We'll reach the summit of Mont Blanc between 9 and 10 a.m. The descent will follow the same route, passing by the Goûter hut and returning to Chamonix. We'll descend to the Nid d'Aigle, take the train, and then the cable car back to Chamonix.

Elevation gain: 1,000 meters up and 3,330 meters down. Approximate time: 8 to 10 hours.

Meals: Breakfast + Dinner

OTHER PROGRAMS: 2 days in Gran Paradiso + 3 days in Mont Blanc (via Goûter)

If you prefer 2 extra days to acclimatize, train and summit another 4,000 m peak in the Alps, you'll have a much better chance of success on Mont Blanc!

Day 1: meet your guide in Chamonix, transfer to the Gran Paradiso valley and hike up to the Vittorio Emanuele II mountain hut.

Day 2: wake up early and summit Gran Paradiso (4,061 m)! Descend to the valley and return to Chamonix the same day.

Day 3: from Chamonix to Tête Rousse.

Day 4: from Tête Rousse to Goûter hut.

Day 5: from Goûter hut to the summit of Mont Blanc (4,808 m) and descend back to Chamonix.

INCLUDED:

- UIAGM Mountain Guide with extensive local experience
- Guide ratio 2:1 for Mont Blanc (up to 4:1 for Gran Paradiso)
- 1 night half-board at Vittorio Emanuele II hut
- 1 night half-board at Tête Rousse hut
- 1 night half-board at Goûter hut
- Les Houches bus from/to Chamonix
- Train to/from Nid d'Aigle
- All guide costs (food, huts and extras)
- Hut reservation management service
- Technical and gear advice

NOT INCLUDED:

- Same as the 3-day program

5-day program

Price: €2,850/person (based on 2:1 guide ratio in MB)

Accommodation: Mountain hut

Meals: breakfast + dinner

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial Reservation: To secure your place, an initial payment of 30% of the total amount of the trip is required at the time of making the reservation.

Final Payment: The remaining amount, 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 and other optional services, must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation insurance: The client can take out trip cancellation insurance to be able to obtain payment of the entire amount paid (according to its conditions).

The end user may withdraw from the contracted trip, having the right to a refund of the amounts paid, except for the indicated penalties, but must also satisfy the Agency in the amounts indicated below once the trip has been confirmed. If it is not carried out due to not reaching the minimum necessary places, the client can save the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the reservation.

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 Refund of 50% of the trip amount.
 - For terms shorter than those described in the cancellation policy, the amount already paid will not be paid.

*€250 management fees apply.

* Cancellation fees will not be paid for reservations already issued. If there are other non-refundable expenses already issued, these will not be paid either and will be deducted from the amount to be paid.

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

Packing List

FUNCTIONAL CLOTHING:

- Gore-Tex or waterproof and breathable jacket
- Waterproof rain pants
- Warm jacket: down or preferably Primaloft (as it can handle moisture)
- Light fleece
- Quick-drying short-sleeve shirts
- Slightly thicker stretch pants for colder days or nights
- Trekking pants
- Thermal top and bottom
- Underwear and spare clothing

CLIMBING EQUIPMENT:

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

HEAD:

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

HANDS:

- Thin fleece gloves
- Leather gloves
- Heavy-duty thermal gloves or mittens

FEET:

- 2 pairs of merino ski socks: 1 thin and 1 thick
- Light trail shoes or hiking boots (whichever you usually use in the mountains)
- Gaiters (only if not integrated into the boots)

BACKPACKS:

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

HUT EQUIPMENT:

- Silk sleeping bag liner (mandatory in all mountain huts)
- Ear plugs

ACCESSORIES:

- Headlamp and spare batteries
- Sunscreen, lip balm, and after-sun lotion

FOOD/DRINK:

- Water bottle or thermos, minimum 1 liter. If you choose a Camelbak-style bladder, remember the hose may freeze, so bringing an extra bottle is recommended
- Snacks, nuts, gels, hydration and energy bars, protein bars, trail mix, magnesium tablets, and recovery supplements

TRAVEL GEAR:

- Casual clothing
- ID or passport, Visa, cash, insurance documents, vaccination card
- Microfiber towel
- First-aid kit and personal medication
- Emergency thermal blanket
- Mobile phone and GPS watch with route track
- Power bank, camera, charging cables, headphones, selfie stick...

FAQs

How many days does the normal route via Goûter take and what is the itinerary like?

The ascent of MontBlanc via the normal Goûter route takes 3 days. On the first day, you travel from Chamonix to Nid d'Aigle (2,372m) by cable car and cogwheel train, then hike up to the Tête Rousse hut (3,200m) where you spend the night. On the second day, you cross the exposed Grand Couloir and climb to the Goûter hut (3,817m) to rest and complete the acclimatization. On the third day, very early in the morning, you begin the summit push, passing the Dôme du Goûter, Vallot hut, and the Bosses ridge to reach the summit of Mont Blanc (4,808 m), then descend along the same route back to Chamonix.

What are the differences between climbing Mont Blanc via the Goûter route and the Cosmiques–4,000s route?

Both routes reach the summit of MontBlanc (4,808m), but differ significantly in approach. The Goûter route is the most classic and frequented: physically demanding but technically less challenging. It involves crossing the Grand Couloir (a rockfall-prone area), ascending rocky paths, and moving over open glacier terrain to the summit. In contrast, the Cosmiques–4,000s route is more alpine and technical, crossing complex glaciers and intermediate peaks such as MontBlanc du Tacul and MontMaudit. It includes exposed sections, steeper slopes, and fixed rope segments, requiring greater prior experience with crampons and ice axe. Additionally, the Cosmiques route is a circular itinerary, ascending one side and descending via the Goûter route, whereas the Goûter is linear. Your choice depends on your experience, acclimatization, and the type of adventure you're seeking.

What physical and technical level is required to climb Mont Blanc via the Goûter route?

Climbing MontBlanc is a demanding challenge that requires excellent physical fitness and previous mountain experience. Confidence in using crampons is essential, as well as being able to tackle routes with 1,000 meters of elevation gain per day for three consecutive days. Additionally, the 3-day program can be challenging due to altitude, so prior acclimatization or choosing a longer program is recommended. Many of our participants choose a combination of 2 days on Gran Paradiso + 3 days on MontBlanc, which significantly improves acclimatization and increases the chances of summit success.

What hazards are present on the Goûter route?

The most delicate point of the Goûter route is the Grand Couloir, a rocky gully that can present rockfalls, especially in hot or rainy conditions. For this reason, it is crossed at dawn, when temperatures are lower and conditions more stable. With good planning, a professional guide, and caution in this section, the risk can be significantly minimized and managed safely within the context of a demanding alpine route.

When is the route available?

The normal route via Goûter is generally open from late May or June until September or October, depending on snow conditions and the opening of the mountain huts. The best time to climb is usually in June, July, and September, when temperatures are milder, the snow is more consolidated, and the route is safer. In August, although there are more available dates, higher temperatures can increase the risk of rockfalls in areas like the Grand Couloir.

What is the guide-to-client ratio?

The ratio is 2 climbers per guide, ensuring safety, personal attention, and compliance with regulations. A 1:1 guide option is available for a more personalized experience, with an additional fee.

Is it easy to get a spot in the Mont Blanc mountain huts?

No. The great popularity of MontBlanc has made it increasingly difficult to secure accommodation in the huts along the Goûter route (Tête Rousse and Goûter). Reservations for professional agencies open before Christmas and usually sell out within a few weeks for the entire season. Therefore, if climbing MontBlanc is your dream, we recommend not waiting until the last minute; ideally, you should book 6–7 months in advance to secure your preferred date.

Can I climb Mont Blanc in more than 3 days?

Yes, although the ascent is usually done in 3 days, we also offer a 5-day program that first includes the climb to Gran Paradiso (4,061m), the highest 4000er located entirely in Italy. This option allows for better acclimatization, altitude training, and crampon technique practice before taking on MontBlanc. Plus, you'll summit two iconic Alpine peaks in a single trip, increasing your chances of success and reducing the risk of altitude sickness. It's an excellent choice if you're not already acclimatized or want a more complete experience.

What gear and type of boots are required to climb Mont Blanc via the Goûter route?

To ascend MontBlanc via the Goûter route, it is essential to wear rigid or semi-rigid mountaineering boots compatible with automatic or semi-automatic crampons. Ideally, category B3 boots with good thermal insulation, such as La Sportiva Nepal Evo or Scarpa Mont Blanc, should be used. Trekking or hiking boots are not suitable, as they lack the rigidity and safety required for glacier travel. In addition to footwear, you'll need crampons, a classic ice axe, helmet, harness, technical layered clothing, and other essential items such as gloves, glacier sunglasses, and a headlamp. Inadequate gear may prevent you from completing the ascent, so we recommend checking or renting your equipment in advance. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Is it mandatory to purchase rescue insurance?

Yes, rescue insurance is mandatory. Rescue operations in the Alps can be very expensive (over €10,000), so it's essential to have insurance that specifically covers helicopter rescue for this type of activity. If you have any questions about which rescue insurance covers the activity, feel free to contact us for guidance.



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