



HAUTE ROUTE TREK

Chamonix, France to Zermatt, Switzerland

ITINERARY

() Parentheses denote meals that are included.

Day 1

We meet in the alpine center of Chamonix for a dinner meeting to discuss the logistics of the trip. Hotel in Chamonix is included. (Dinner)

Day 2

Today we take the local train up the Chamonix Valley to the town of Le Tour where we board a gondola that takes us up high into the alps. From the top of the lift we begin our trek as we hike across the Col du Balme and quickly into Switzerland. We make our way to the Col du Forclaz where we spend the night in a small hotel.

Luggage will be waiting for us at the hotel

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3

We trek from Trient along trails over the Fenetre d'Arpette and down the Val d'Arpette to the charming lakeside town of Champex where we spend the night in a comfortable hotel, just steps from the beautiful lake.

Luggage will be waiting for us at the hotel

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4

We spend the morning hiking downhill from Champex and then take a short train to the mountain resort town of Verbier. From Verbier, we hike a short distance to the charming high mountain hut of Mont Fort.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5

We leave the Mont Fort Hut and the Verbier area and make our way to towards the Prafleuri Hut near the Grand Deserts Glacier. Today is a bigger day in which we cross three passes through stunning alpine scenery. Overnight at the Prafleuri Hut.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6

Today we hike over the Col des Roux, along the Grande Dixence lake, climb ladders over the Pas de Chevre, and then descend to the charming Swiss village of Arolla, where we enjoy a charming hotel and more good swiss food. Overnight at a hotel in Arolla.

Luggage will be waiting for us at the hotel

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7

We climb up to the Moiry reservoir and on to the Moiry Hut in a stunning location surrounded by glaciers. One of the most scenic huts of the trip. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8

Today is a leisurely day hiking down to the village of Zinal where we will spend the night in a hotel.

Luggage will be waiting for us at the hotel

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9

We leave the Zinal and hike over the Meidenpass depending on group strength and goals. The views of the Surrounding alpine peaks (including the Matterhorn) are spectacular. We stay in a small hotel in the small hamlet of Gruben.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10

The final day of the Haute Route takes us from Gruben over the final col of the trek, the Augsbordpass, and down to the tiny hamlet of Jungu. An exciting cable car ride from Jungu takes us down to St. Niklaus where we board the cog-wheel train to famous Swiss resort town of Zermatt under the shadow of the Matterhorn. If energy allows, we may get off the train early and walk the final couple miles into Zermatt. We will stay in a 3-star hotel

Luggage will be waiting for us at the hotel

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 11

Today is departure day from Zermatt for connections to flights home or on to your next destination.

(Breakfast).

Itinerary subject to change