



# Alps Chamonix to Annecy Hiking

7 Days



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# ➤ Alps Chamonix to Annecy Hiking

Enjoy the Haute-Savoie or "Upper Savoy" in France for an epic adventure into the Alps, from Chamonix to Annecy, Mont Blanc to the Aravis. Discover majestic mountain passes, alpine lakes, glorious glaciers and Sixt-Passy's nature preserve. Embrace the thrill of hikes to limestone plateaus and summit ridges while taking in the World War II history of the region and its rich landscape. Led by top professional guides, enjoy warm hospitality as you immerse yourself in the resplendent charm of alpine towns and villages.

## Details

Arrive: Geneva, Switzerland

Depart: Geneva, Switzerland

Duration: 7 Days

Group Size: 6-14 Guests

Minimum Age: 18 Years Old

Activity Level:



## Testimonials

*"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides."*

Carol & Burt D.

*"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."*

Dennis G.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

No one knows the Alps like us, with four decades of experience leading trips here and a regular following of Alps-loving clients.

### REASON #02

MT Sobek guides are the best in the Alps, well-reputed for their indispensable knowledge and skills.

### REASON #03

Our Haute-Savoie route combines strenuous all-day treks, with carefully chosen, comfortable lodgings in gorgeous alpine settings.

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## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

High-altitude hikes, challenging summits that involve steep trails, spectacular scenery, occasional wildlife spotting and panoramic drives.



### LODGING

Charming accommodations in alpine towns and villages, featuring comfortable rooms, on-site restaurants, and stellar vistas of surrounding scenery.



### CLIMATE

The days can change from hot to cold and wet. Snow is even possible at high passes. Come prepared for everything.

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## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

A native of Chamonix, Florence is a descendant from two of the area's oldest families. After growing up in the Chamonix Valley, "Flo" spent several years in the south of France, and then traveled abroad to South America and Asia. She returned to her ancestral home, where the mountains now form an integral part of her life. She has led nearly 50 trips to the Alps, not counting how many times she has done this trip for her own fun! In addition to being an accomplished hiking guide, Flo is a skier and climber. As a member of the Compagnie des Guides, she follows in the footsteps of her forefathers.

**Florence Simond**

Beatrice is a native of Chamonix, France, and has been guiding professionally in the Alps since 1989. She comes from a family of mountain climbers and her grandfather was also a professional mountain guide. Aside from being an expert hiking guide, Beatrice is also an avid climber and accomplished skier, and is a ski instructor during the winter months. She loves the mountains and will share her enthusiasm and in-depth experience with you during your trip.

**Beatrice Mugnier**

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### ARRIVE GENEVA & HEAD TO CHAMONIX

Arrive at the airport in Geneva, Switzerland and meet your private transfer. Head to the iconic French resort town of Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, surrounded by majestic Alpine peaks. Once at the hotel, enjoy time to rest, explore this charming village or watch the moonrise.

**Meals:** D

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## DAY 2

### HIKE IN CHAMONIX WITH VIEWS OF MONT BLANC

Take in the crisp Alpine air. After an easy ascent in the cable car, cross towards the pristine waters of Lac Blanc — one of the valley's most famous sites with stunning, panoramic views of the Mont Blanc Massif, Aiguille Verte (or, "The Green Needle") and glaciers Argentière and Le Tour. Descend through the Aiguilles Rouge National Nature Reserve towards the Col des Montets mountain pass, passing by Cheserys Lake. Dare to plunge in for a quick swim? Arrive to Col des Montets and transfer back to Chamonix.

**Activity:** 5 hours/4.5 miles with 1,000' elevation gain & 4,000' elevation loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### EXPLORE THE GIFFRE VALLEY

Discover the thrill of Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval and Passy Nature Reserves. Climb past the hamlet of the Ayères des Rocs to reach the Pass of Anterne for awe-inspiring vistas. Descend to glimpse Lac d'Anterne where the steep east face of the impressive Fiz reflects in its waters. Take a beat at Refuge Alfred Wills, named after the well-known British mountaineer, before heading towards the swell of waterfalls. Arrive to Salvagny and transfer to picturesque Samoëns.

**Activity:** 7 hours/6 miles hiking with 3,000' elevation gain & 3,200' elevation loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### TOUR LE BARGY: LAKES & WILDLIFE

Continue towards Lapiaz du Bargy, where bearded and griffon vultures join elegant ibexes on the mountain's steep slopes. Discover the Cenise plateau and head to the Lac de Lessy at the base of Pic de Jallouvre. After lunch, a short climb leads to the pass under the Aiguille Verte. Descend to the resort town of Grand Bornand on the western slope of the Aravis.

**Activity:** 7 hours/8 miles hiking with 3,000' elevation gain & 3,300' elevation loss

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**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 5

### TAKE IN HISTORY & SCENERY AT THE GLIÈRES PLATEAU

After three sporty days of climbing, a more leisurely day awaits. Visit the limestone Glières Plateau in the Bornes Massif, an important site rich in biodiversity and a stronghold for the resistance during World War II. Between mountain forests and protected alpine pastures, discover the native landscapes of the French Alps. Transfer to quaint Annecy, the largest alpine town in Haute-Savoie.

**Activity:** 6 hours/9 miles hiking with 2,700' elevation gain & 3,000' elevation loss

**Meals:** B, L

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## DAY 6

### THE PARMELAN TRAIL

We start this last day's hike with a transfer between Annecy and the Chalet de Anglettaz. The trail is regular and steep until we reach the Petit Montoir (5,197') and then the Grand Montoir (5,680'). From here, the path becomes wider and oscillates through the lapiaz of the karst limestone of Parmelan. Here, we have a beautiful view of the Mont Blanc massif, the Aravis mountains and all the beautiful miles that we have traveled throughout the week. With a little more effort we reach the 5,988' of the Refuge du Parmelan. We will eat near the refuge before heading back down, taking the loop to the Grotte de l'Enfer via the Plateau.

**Activity:** 5 hours/4 miles hiking with 1,640' elevation gain & 1,640' elevation loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 7

### DEPART FROM GENEVA

After breakfast, transfer to Geneva Airport to international flights home, or to other destinations in Europe on your own.

**Meals:** B

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## Dates

Jun 24 - 30, 2022

Jul 22 - 28, 2022

Sep 9 - 15, 2022

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## Inclusions & Exclusions

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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