



Alps Around the Matterhorn Trekking

8 Days



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➤ Alps Around the Matterhorn Trekking

Gear up for a bucket-list loop trek around the most famous peak in Switzerland, the iconic Matterhorn! With high-altitude trails up to 11,000 feet and two glacier crossings, this is the perfect adventure for seasoned hikers looking for a challenge - and the rewards are plentiful. Hike among magnificent snow-capped peaks, shimmering alpine lakes, and charming pastoral hamlets cradled high in the mountains. Enjoy warm hospitality at inviting hotels in both Switzerland's Wallis Valley and Italy's Aosta Valley. Marvel at epic Matterhorn views and celebrate your accomplishment in just a week. Love the Alps? This is for you.

Details

Arrive:	Geneva, Switzerland
Depart:	Geneva, Switzerland
Duration:	8 Days
Group Size:	4-14 Guests
Minimum Age:	18 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see."

Bob J.

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

Carol & Burt D.

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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

We are one of the few US travel companies to offer this once-in-a-lifetime hike around the majestic Matterhorn.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Challenging day hikes up to 9 hours a day at elevations between 6,000-11,000ft. Expect rugged alpine trails, spectacular panoramic scenery, and two glacier crossings



LODGING

Charming accommodations in alpine towns and villages, featuring comfortable rooms, on-site restaurants, and warm alpine hospitality.



CLIMATE

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

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.


Originally from a little village in the French Alps, David grew up in the mountains and then travelled across the five continents for ten years, as a student, traveler and hiker. His studies led him to specialize in local development, organic farming and ecotourism and eventually led him to settle in Costa Rica as tour leader. After a few years, he then moved back to the Alps to manage a mountain hut in the Mont-Blanc valley. He now resides in Chamonix as a crystal hunter, organic cook, and enthusiastic trekker. David possesses deep local knowledge, and is an excellent cook!

David Sivriere

Marc began his outdoor career as a cartographer and eventually became a guide, leading trips around the world—in the Alps, Asia, New Zealand, and the Americas. After realizing a deep passion for American landscapes, he settled in California and helped French trekkers discover the wonders of the West. Eventually he decided to return home to Chamonix, where he currently resides. Marc takes great pride as a tour leader in his home region and loves sharing the trails around Mont Blanc, the history of the world-famous mountain, and its numerous cultures and traditions.

Marc Latil

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN GENEVA & TRANSFER TO ZERMATT

Welcome to Switzerland! Arrive at Geneva airport and meet your guides for a drive to Zermatt via stunning Lake Geneva and the Wallis valley, home to the longest and most beautiful glaciers in the Alps! Arrive in the picturesque mountain town of Zermatt at the base of the iconic Matterhorn. Soak in the traditional mountain atmosphere and enjoy a welcome dinner tonight.

Accommodation: Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt

Meals: D

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DAY 2

WARM-UP HIKE ON MATTERHORN TRAILS

Discover Zermatt's spectacular surroundings as you explore trails at the foot of Switzerland's most famous mountain: the iconic Matterhorn. Hike to the famous Zmutt hamlet (6,352') and then to Zum See. Once at Furi mountain station (6,125') take a cable car up to Schwarzsee (8,373'), a small picturesque lake just below the Matterhorn. If you feel like it, there's an option to hike up to Hörnli mountain hut at 8,490 feet. This is where all alpinists overnight before a Matterhorn ascent! Return to Zermatt and explore the town at your leisure tonight.

Accommodation: Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt

Activity: 3-5 hours/4.5 miles (+4 Miles optional return trip to the hut) hiking with 2,620' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L

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DAY 3

HIKE FROM JUNGU TO THE AUGSTBORD PASS & GRÜBEN

Enjoy a morning train ride to St Niklaus, where a traditional cable car will take you up to the pastoral mountain hamlet of Jungu (6,562'). Your day hike begins here, in glorious surroundings facing Mischabel Dom (14,911') — the third-highest summit in the Alps. Along the way you'll traverse a larch forest, cross alpine meadows, and follow steep rocky paths up to Augstbord Pass (9,495'). Splendid views abound! From here, head down to the Turtmann valley and Gruben through Arolle pine groves. At Gruben, a private bus will take you to your hotel in the Wallis Valley.

Accommodation: Hotel Bayard, Wallis Valley

Activity: 6.5 hours/8 miles hiking with 3,280' elevation gain and 3,610' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 4

HIKE TO FORCLETTA PASS & STAY IN GRIMENTZ

Pick up the trail where you left off yesterday, back in Grüben. From here, follow forest trails through the Turtmann Valley on a heart-pumping climb to Forcletta Pass at 9,430 feet. Here you'll get a perfect view of Dent Blanche (14,298'), the white tooth, one of the most famous summits of the Wallis Valley. Continue down through the Anniviers Valley surrounded by the Imperial Crown, a ring of spectacular sky-high peaks over 13,000 feet. Take a private bus from the charming ski field at Zinal to the iconic Swiss village of Grimentz, your home for the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Cristal, Grimentz

Activity: 7 hours/10.9 miles hiking with 3,450' elevation gain and 3,940' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5 CROSS ALPINE MEADOWS TO TORRENT PASS

Take a morning bus ride to Moiry Lake and dam, where you'll begin today's scenic hike. Cross alpine meadows above the lake and enjoy a shorter ascent up to Torrent Pass at 9,570 feet. Be awed by more amazing views of high glacier summits. Descend on the other side of Evolene Valley to the La Sage hamlet, where a private bus awaits. From here you'll drive to enchanting Arolla, the last and highest village in the valley.

Accommodation: Hotel du Pigne, Arolla

Activity: 5.5 hours/7.6 miles hiking with 2,300' elevation gain and 4,260' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 6 AROLLA GLACIER HIKE TO COLLON PASS & ITALY'S AOSTA VALLEY

Rise for the longest and most challenging day of this alpine adventure! After an easy warm-up hike on moraine terrain, meet an IFMGA alpine guide to assist your Arolla Glacier ascent to Collon Pass (Col Collon) at 10,065 feet. (Your guide will provide harnesses and crampons for the glacier hike if necessary, depending on snow/ice conditions.) This magnificent high mountain pass connects Arolla in Switzerland's Wallis Valley to Bionaz in Italy's Aosta Valley, our destination. Stop at Rifugio Nacamuli on the way before a long descent to Place Moulin Lake. Make a final push on a lakeside path to the trailhead, where a private bus will take you to Breuil Cervinia at the foot of the Italian side of Matterhorn (called Cervino in Italy). Enjoy an evening in Italy!

Accommodation: Sertorelli Sporthotel, Breuil-Cervinia

Activity: 9 hours/12.9 miles hiking with 3,940' elevation gain and 4,100' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 7 CROSS THEODUL GLACIER & HIKE BACK TO ZERMATT

Complete the loop today with a final hike back to Zermatt. Starting at Breuil Cervinia ski resort, take a cable car up to the field at Testa Grigia (11,300'). Meet your IFMGA guide to assist with the easier Theodul Glacier

crossing (10,180') back on the Swiss side. Continue down to Trockener Steg and Schwarzsee lake at the foot of the Matterhorn. Revel in a final downhill push to Zermatt (or take the cable car down the last 3,300 feet). Celebrate your accomplishment with a well-deserved farewell dinner tonight. You hiked around the Matterhorn!

Accommodation: Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt

Activity: 6 hours/8.7 miles hiking with 490' elevation gain and 6,560' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 8

RETURN TO GENEVA

Bid farewell to Switzerland as you transfer from Zermatt to Geneva airport.

Meals: B

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Dates

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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 in the Trip Planner)
- 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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