



France Mont Blanc Private Hiking Adventure

Spectacular Alpine Hikes from Chamonix

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with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

We've been perfecting adventures in the Alps for more than 50 years, including expert-led private hiking tours such as this.

REASON 2

In 6 days, you'll enjoy the best of Chamonix and experience the wonders of Alpine hiking as you follow different trails each day. Stay at one perfectly located hotel in the heart of Chamonix.

REASON 3

Follow our professional local guides, who are truly the best in the Alps. Many of our Alps-loving guests return to hike with them year after year!

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Strenuous hiking on mountain trails covering up to 10 miles per day with maximum elevation gain of 2,400'. Exploration of scenic mountain towns and panoramic drives.



LODGING

Based in Chamonix, France at the foot of Mont Blanc, this trip offers a luxury accommodation in a 5-star hotel.



CLIMATE

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



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Enjoy the great hiking opportunities of the Mont Blanc region with the convenience of not having to change hotels every day. Your “base camp” is the historic, 5- star Grand Hotel Des Alpes in the heart of the bustling resort town of Chamonix with fabulous views of the surrounding mountains. Our itinerary is flexible, with moderate to challenging hiking options selected by your guides each day that showcase the spectacular beauty of this part of the Alps, with fabulous vistas of serrated peaks and glittering glaciers every single day! And you'll only miss a week of work.

6 Days

Start: Geneva, Switzerland

End: Geneva, Switzerland

Departing: June, July, August, September

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 2-8 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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“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.



The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Geneva

Arrive at the airport in Geneva, Switzerland. You will be picked up at 12:00 p.m. for a transfer by private car to the mountain-ringed resort town of Chamonix, France. The transfer takes approximately 1 and a half hours, and once at the hotel, you'll have time to rest a bit or explore the town before meeting the guide for a welcome dinner and orientation.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer



Selection of Day Hikes

Below are several outstanding options for day hikes amid the splendid scenery of the Mont Blanc area. The trails traverse France, Italy, and Switzerland so you'll get a full complement of the fantastic scenery. Breakfast and lunch are included each day. After breakfast, the guide will lay out a variety of fixings for a delectable gourmet picnic lunch, including special regional cheeses and cold cuts, yogurt, fresh breads, plenty of fruits and vegetables, chocolate, and trail snacks. You'll fix your own lunch and carry it in your daypack. Each night you're free to take dinner in a local restaurant of your choice. You'll celebrate with a festive farewell dinner at the end of your final day of hiking (Day 5).

Possible excursions include the following:

Aiguille du Midi-Montenvers (France)

In 1741, the first tourists to Chamonix were transported to Montenvers on the backs of mules in order to admire the glaciers. Today, most travelers take a bright red cog train up the steep slopes to reach the Mer de Glace (Sea of Ice), the second-largest glacier in the Alps. Begin your hike from the hotel, crossing the town of Chamonix and entering the forest. Ascend a steep trail passing the Blaitiere farm to reach the "Grand Balcon," from where you have a fabulous view of the Chamonix Aiguilles towering above. Traverse below these towering peaks toward the Montenvers railway sitting high above the Mer de Glace glacier. You may see alpinists on the glacier. Return to Chamonix by the cog railway. (5 hours hiking)

The Lakes of the Aiguilles Rouges (France)

North of Chamonix the massif of the Aiguilles Rouges offer beautiful views of the Mont Blanc massif. A telepherique allows you to quickly escape the valley floor for hikes to luminescent mountain lakes. According to the group's hiking abilities (and the weather forecast), two hiking options are available: one to Lake Cornu, a five-hour hike with an ascent/descent of 1,500 feet; or a hike to White Lake, an easier three-hour hike that offers a reduced 600-foot ascent and a 1,500-foot descent.

Courmayeur to Bonatti Refuge (Italy)

On the Italian side of Mont Blanc is the resort town of Courmayeur (4,014'), spectacularly situated beneath the Grand Jorasses and Brenva Glacier. Here the views of Mont Blanc are Himalayan in scale — the mountain rises in a breathtaking abruptness from the Veny Valley to the summit 10,000 feet above. You'll hike two hours from the town to the Bertone Refuge, with its views of the entire Aosta Valley of Italy. You can continue to the well-known Bonatti Refuge, which faces the famous peaks and needles of the Grandes Jorasses. From here, descend into the Val Ferret, a beautiful valley connecting Italy and Switzerland, and meet a waiting vehicle that takes you back to Chamonix. (6 hours hiking, 2,100' up, 1,500' down, 35-minute transfer)

Emosson Dam (Switzerland)

Not far from Chamonix in Switzerland is a dam from which there are several splendid hiking options. Starting from the Passet Pass, follow a trail to a terraced plateau with unobstructed views of the Tour Glacier, neighboring Swiss summits, and a background view of the summit of Mont Blanc. Descend through the wild and narrow Veudale gorge and reach a transfer vehicle for a return to Chamonix. (7 hours hiking, 2,100' up and down, 1 hour total vehicle transfer)

The Combe of Fours (France)

With a little distance from the Mont Blanc massif, you can get a full appreciation of just how magnificent it really is. Just above the village of Sallanches in the Aravis massif is a small valley where reclusive mountain goats called chamois live undisturbed. From this valley, you'll have views of the Mont Blanc massif in all its majesty. (6 hours hiking, 2,400' up, 2,400' down, 45-minute transfer)

The Junction (France)

This is another challenging hiking option, one of the best the region has to offer. A classic route on the circuit, this trail connecting two glaciers is absolutely spectacular. (8 hours hiking, 3,600' up and down)

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: Up to 1.5 hours private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5–8 hours/up to 10 miles hiking with 600–2,400' elevation gain & loss



Return to Geneva & Depart

Transfer to the Geneva airport for your homeward-bound flight. One group transfer is included, and will be scheduled to coordinate with your departure flight. Extra transfers can be arranged with an additional cost.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Grand Hotel des Alpes

In the shadow of Mont Blanc in the heart of Chamonix, the Grand Hotel des Alpes is centrally located, just minutes from the lake, the lift to the Aiguille du Midi, and the old town. The traditional blue shuttered building, built in 1840 and beautifully renovated, offers 30 handsome rooms with extensive amenities including concierge service and afternoon tea.

Hôtel Hameau Albert 1er

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August, September

What's Included

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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