



# Alps Chamonix & Zermatt Hiking

## Day Hikes From Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn

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# Feel the difference

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 40 years, including expert-led hiking tours such as this.

## REASON 2

On this well-paced itinerary, you'll enjoy spectacular day hikes from the iconic alpine hubs of Chamonix and Zermatt, giving you a quintessential mountain experience in just one week.

## REASON 3

We work with 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

Leisurely day hikes, between 3 to 5 hours up to 10,000 ft elevation, on rugged alpine trails with spectacular panoramic scenery.



### 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.



### 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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Go deep into the heart of the Alps for an epic one-week mountain adventure amidst extraordinary natural beauty. From the hubs of Chamonix and Zermatt, you'll enjoy perfectly paced day hikes with picture-postcard backdrops including the iconic Matterhorn — Switzerland's most famous peak! Reach new heights on thrilling cog railways and follow scenic mountain trails, including the Tour du Mont Blanc. Be dazzled by the chic towns of the Swiss Riviera and relax in Lavey's soothing thermal waters. At night, experience charming hotels and toast your alpine adventure.

### 7 Days

**Start:** Geneva, Switzerland

**End:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Departing:**

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Family Friendly, Family Adventure

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 4-16 Guests

**ACTIVITY:**



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

- Carol & Burt D.

# The Itinerary

## DAY 01

### Arrive in Geneva, Transfer to Chamonix

Arrive at the Geneva airport, Switzerland, for a 2pm pick-up. Transfer by private van to the charming mountain-ringed resort town of Chamonix, France. Upon arrival at the hotel, rest or explore the town before meeting your guides and group for a trip orientation. End the day with a delicious welcome dinner at a lovely restaurant in town.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grand Hotel des Alpes, Chamonix Park Hotel Suisse & Spa, Chamonix

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hours private van transfer

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## DAY 02

### Hike to the Grand Balcon

Today begins with a fun cog railway ride up to Montenvers (6,276'), high above the Mer de Glace glacier. From here, head up to Signal Forbes (7,215') for fabulous views of the towering Chamonix Aiguilles. Next, follow trails towards Blaitiere and join the famous Grand Balcon for a hike that leads to Plan de l'Aiguille. Return to Chamonix from here or opt to visit the Aiguille du Midi. Enjoy an evening of warm alpine hospitality.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grand Hotel des Alpes, Chamonix Park Hotel Suisse & Spa, Chamonix

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3.5 hours/2.5 miles moderate hiking with 1,450' elevation gain and loss

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## DAY 03

### Tour du Mont Blanc Trail

Start the day in the charming mountain village of Les Praz de Chamonix, where a cable car will whisk you up to La Flegere ski resort (6,158'). From here you'll take the iconic Tour du Mont Blanc trail to Lac Blanc (7,716') and be wowed by magnificent views of the Mont Blanc range. Take the loop trail back to La Flegere passing Lac des Cheserys, lush pastures, and mountain chalets. Return to Les Praz by cable car.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grand Hotel des Alpes, Chamonix Park Hotel Suisse & Spa, Chamonix

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4.5 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,800' elevation gain and loss

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## DAY 04

### Journey from Chamonix to Zermatt

It's time to rest those legs with a leisurely drive to the Swiss Riviera! See the delightful towns of Vevey and Montreux on the east side of Lac Lemman (Lake Geneva), and experience the healing properties of Lavey thermal baths. Continue the day with a drive through Wallis (Valais) valley to Zermatt, a storybook mountain town at the base of the mighty Matterhorn. Check in for three nights.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt Hotel Bella Vista, Zermatt

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

## DAY 05

### Explore Matterhorn Trails in Zermatt

Discover Zermatt's spectacular surroundings as you explore trails at the foot of Switzerland's most famous mountain: the iconic Matterhorn. Hike to the renowned 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 for a well-deserved meal and rest.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt Hotel Bella Vista, Zermatt

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3-5 hours/1.5-3 miles hiking with 2,620' elevation gain and loss



## Ride the Cog Railway & Hike to Gornergrat

Experience the Monte Rosa side of Zermatt's mountains, starting with a ride on the famous Gornergrat cog railway up to 10,140 feet. At the top, soak up gorgeous views of the Monte Rosa massif and Dufourspitze, the second-highest peak in the Alps. From here, follow trails down the sunny, northwestern side of the mountains passing shimmering lakes, pretty hamlets, and alpine pastures all the way back to Zermatt. End your mountain adventure with a farewell dinner this evening.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt Hotel Bella Vista, Zermatt

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4.5 hours/4 miles hiking with 500' elevation gain and 4,900' loss

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## Depart from Geneva

Bid farewell to the Alps today and return to Geneva airport for your homeward-bound flight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.45-hour private van transfer





# Where You'll Stay

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

## **Grand Hotel des Alpes**

Located 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 but newly renovated, offers 30 handsome rooms with extensive amenities including concierge service and afternoon tea.

## **Park Hotel Suisse & Spa**

Enjoy upscale comforts and warm hospitality at the Park Hotel Suisse & Spa, perfectly located in the heart of Chamonix. In addition to well-appointed rooms, guests are treated to a spa area located on the hotel's roof top. This comes with a steam room, two saunas, a Jacuzzi and heated outdoor swimming pool, plus a panoramic terrace.

## **Chalet Hotel Le Prieure**

Experience classic Alpine hospitality in downtown Chamonix at one of the "Best Mont Blanc" unique mountain hotels. Completely renovated in 2015, chalet-style rooms feature en suite bathrooms, complimentary tea/coffee, free Wi-Fi, and mini-bar. Just a short walk to the Aiguille du Midi cable car!



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## **Christiania Hotels & Spa**

Christiania Hotels & Spa, is a lovely, family-run hotel and a guest favorite, complete with cultural Zermatt décor and friendly service. The hotel has amenities that include a spa, wellness services, fitness center, restaurant, and bar. All rooms have a panoramic view of the Matterhorn, free Wi-Fi, cable TV with radio, coffee machine and minibar.

## **The Backstage Hotel & Spa**

Perfectly located in the center of town, the Backstage is a modern urban base for exploring Zermatt and the surrounding Alps. Rooms feature artistic interiors, fireplaces, and balconies. Multiple dining options include Michelin-starred After Seven, as well as more casual options such as the cinema-themed Diner's Club. The hotel also features a unique Genesis-themed spa experience as well as a chandeliered movie-theater on site.

# Departure Dates

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 20-26, 2024

July 11-17, 2024

August 8-14, 2024

August 29-September 4, 2024

September 12-18, 2024

June 15-21, 2025

July 6-12, 2025

August 3-9, 2025

August 24-30, 2025

September 7-13, 2025

# 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
- A limited amount of wine with dinners selected by MT Sobek
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- 1 entry per person at Lavey Thermal Pools
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities at restaurants included in the tour
- 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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