## Alps Village to Village Hiking

#### The Eiger Trail, Iconic Matterhorn & Mont Blanc

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#### **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 Travel Company by Newsweek 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**

MT Sobek has been leading Alps adventures for over 50 years and we know the best village-tovillage routes in this magnificent mountain range.

#### **REASON 2**

This well-crafted itinerary covers the must-see Alps in only 10 days, including the iconic peaks of the Eiger, Matterhorn and Mont Blanc, with comfortable stays in three charming Alpine villages.

#### **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

Scenic gondola and train rides, hiking 3-7 hours per day through pristine alpine scenery, and leisure time in picturesque villages and towns.

#### LODGING

Pleasant 3-star accommodations in gorgeous surroundings, and lovely hotels complete with saunas, Jacuzzis, and swimming pools.

#### **CLIMATE**

The weather in the Alps is always unpredictable. We could encounter snow in the morning and sun in the afternoon.





**KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK** 

Please note that many hotels in this region do not have air conditioning. We recommend checking accommodations carefully to ensure they meet your comfort needs, especially during warmer months.

Single rooms on this trip come with single beds and are priced accordingly.



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#### The Eiger Trail, Iconic Matterhorn & Mont Blanc

Experience picturesque alpine hamlets and sweeping mountain vistas in Switzerland and France on this unforgettable hiking trilogy of the Alps. Follow ancient trails beneath the mighty Eiger, then hike quiet paths—guided by experts and accompanied only by the occasional ibex—to take in breathtaking views of the iconic Matterhorn. Conclude your journey in Chamonix, where the majestic Mont Blanc towers above the storybook town. From Grindelwald to Zermatt to Chamonix, this 10-day tour will inspire and challenge even the most seasoned hiker. Along the way, unwind in cozy village lodges and savor the flavors of hearty Alpine cuisine.

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### 10 Days

Start: Geneva, Switzerland
End: Geneva, Switzerland
Departing: June, July, August, September
Activities: Hiking & Trekking
Lodging: Comfortable Hotels
Group Size: 3-16 Guests
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Check <u>mtsobek.com</u> for date-specific pricing.

"This trip takes you to some of the most iconic hikes in the world. My only disappointment was that the trip was over! Great guides and wonderful hikes."

- David M.

# The Itinerary



#### Arrive in Geneva & Explore Grindelwald

After your arrival in Geneva, transfer by private van to the picturesque village of Grindelwald (3,392'). Located in Switzerland's Bernese Alps, this postcard-worthy alpine village is a popular outdoor enthusiast's destination year-round. Dominated by the north face of the Eiger looming in the background, Grindelwald is the perfect entree to the ultimate Alps adventure. Check into the hotel and enjoy some down time or explore the area before the welcome dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kirchbuehl, Grindelwald MEALS: Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer



#### Hike from Grosse Scheidegg to Bort

Start your trilogy adventure with a transfer by local bus to Grosse Scheidegg (6,437'), a mountain pass in the Bernese Alps where you hike a series of trails past verdant meadows and alpine lakes. Stop for lunch near the tranquil Bachsee Lake (7,470') before hiking down to Bort (5,180') with its striking views of the Eiger, where a gondola will whisk you back to Grindelwald.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kirchbuehl, Grindelwald MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 25-minute local bus ACTIVITY: 6 hours/9 miles hiking with 1,400' elevation gain & 2,300' elevation loss



#### **Follow Trails to Kleine Scheidegg**

Today a gondola takes you to Holenstein (5,340'). Follow an easy trail that leads to Kleine Scheidegg, a splendid mountain pass located in the Bernese Oberland region and the lookout point of the Eiger's impressive north face. Admire icefalls and epic peaks, following beneath the great north face before heading back to Grindelwald, for a great night's sleep after a full day's adventure. Tonight the dinner is on your own.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kirchbuehl, Grindelwald MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch TRANSPORTATION: 10-minute local bus transfer & scenic train ride ACTIVITY: 6 hours/8 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain & 1,500' elevation loss





#### Arrive in Zermatt, Gateway to the Matterhorn

This morning, take a private van transfer along the beautiful mountain road from Bernese Oberland to the Wallis region, and the renowned mountain resort of Zermatt (5,276'). On the way, stop in Kandersteg for a gondola ride and rigorous hike above Oeshinensee, a beautiful glacier lake surrounded by the Blumlisalp peaks. Arrive in Zermatt this afternoon, known as the gateway to the iconic Matterhorn. One of Switzerland's most vibrant mountain towns, it's packed with boutiques and restaurants. This evening, enjoy dinner in town at one of the many restaurants in Zermatt.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Bella Vista, Zermatt MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 3.5 hour private bus transfer & short taxi or train ride ACTIVITY: 4 hours/3 miles hiking with 1,200'elevation gain & loss



#### **Hike Alpine Pastures with Matterhorn Views**

Head to the village of Zmutt this morning on a light hike through lush alpine meadows. Stop for lunch in the charming village of Blatten for a taste of its famous rosti. Take a leisurely stroll back to Zermatt or venture back via the Gornerschlucht into the spectacular river "gorge" traveling on catwalks and ladders.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Bella Vista, Zermatt MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner ACTIVITY: 4 hours/3.5 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain & 1,000' elevation loss



#### Head to Gornergrat for an Unmissable Mountain Panorama

The Gornergrat (10,200') is one of the most beautiful mountain panoramas in the Alps. Here the glorious views of the Matterhorn and Monte Rosa are unforgettable. To get there, you will take the cogtrain to Rieffelalp (7,300') and hike up to the famous Rieffelsee (9,120'). On the way back, pass by famous Rieffelsee lake where lucky hikers can see the Matterhorn reflected in its surface! Return to Zermatt by train. The remainder of the afternoon is free to take advantage of the charms of the alpine village and have dinner on your own.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Bella Vista, Zermatt MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch TRANSPORTATION: 25-minute scenic train ride ACTIVITY: 5 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,600' elevation gain & loss



#### Arrive in Chamonix, the Cradle of Alpinism

This morning, transfer to Tasch and enjoy a private journey through the Valais region, known for its exceptional wines. Say goodbye to Switzerland and cross the border into Vallorcine, where you'll stop for a short, but spectacular, mountain hike. After lunch at a local inn, your hike continues into the Chamonix valley with Mont Blanc towering above. The day ends in Montroc, where you'll catch a local train back to the hotel. Enjoy a dinner in town tonight.

ACCOMMODATION: Chalet Hotel Le Prieuré, Chamonix MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 10-minute taxi, 1.5-hour private van transfer & short train ride ACTIVITY: 3 hours/4.5 miles hiking with 300' elevation gain & 300' elevation loss



#### Take in Views of the Mont Blanc Massif

This morning, set out to Les Houches, the entrance to Chamonix Valley. The hike today offers beautiful panoramas of the Mont Blanc massif and its glaciers. The alp of Chailloux, located above Les Houches on the southern slope, is accessible by various paths including the famous "Tour du Mont Blanc" and "GR 5". Dinner is on your own tonight.

ACCOMMODATION: Chalet Hotel Le Prieuré, Chamonix MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch TRANSPORTATION: 15-minute private bus transfer ACTIVITY: 5 hours/5 miles hiking with 2,000' elevation gain & 2,000' elevation loss



#### **Toast an Epic Adventure Trilogy**

Board the famous red cogwheel train for a morning ride through the steep slopes to Montenvers, a town situated above the Mer de Glace, "Sea of Ice" glacier. The trail winds up above the tree line a breathtaking view of the Chamonix Needles before ending in Plan de l'Aiguille. Take a sky tram down into town, a panoramic views of the French, Swiss and Italian Alps before ending the trip with a farewell dinner in Chamonix.

ACCOMMODATION: Chalet Hotel Le Prieuré, Chamonix MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner ACTIVITY: 3.5 hours/4 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain & 500' elevation loss



#### **Depart from Geneva**

After breakfast, transfer to Geneva airport for homeward-bound flights.

MEALS: Breakfast

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



# Where You'll Stay

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

#### **Hotel Kirchbuehl**

Situated in a calm setting amidst the towering Swiss Alps, this hotel offers very cozy chalet-style accommodations. Travelers can look out onto the UNESCO Heritage Jungfrau Aletsch, and enjoy delicious Bernese cuisine with high quality ingredients from the region. It was recently rated in the top 10 for "Best Family Hotels in Switzerland". The spa is impeccable with a Finnish sauna, steam bath, and bubble bath along with an indoor pool and fitness center. Hotel Kirchbuhl is a wonderful place to refresh the body and spirit!

#### **Hotel Butterfly**

A part of the Best Western Signature Collection, Hotel Butterfly occupies a quiet location in the center of Zermatt. Alpine-style rooms have en-suite bathrooms, and all come equipped with flat-screen TVs. Guests can unwind at the wellness area with a Finnish sauna, an infra-red cabin and a steam room, and enjoy the on-site restaurant and cocktail bar.

#### **Hotel Bella Vista**

The Hotel Bella Vista is a beautiful family owned and operated retreat with magnificent views of the Alps, including the Matterhorn. Rooms feature modern design and wellness amenities. The onsite spa includes saunas and a steam room, perfect for unwinding after a day of hiking through beautiful alpine scenery.

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#### Lykke Hotel and Spa Chamonix

Designed to wrap guests in a soothing slow travel experience, Lykke Hotel & Spa is a 4-star property nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Rooms are decorated to bring nature inside and feature balconies, most with a mountain view. The restaurant uses local and natural ingredients inspired by traditional Scandinavian style. An indoor pool, sauna, hammam, and herbal tea room invite further relaxation.

# **Departure Dates**

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

#### **Book early for a greater choice of available dates.** Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 20-29, 2025 July 4-13, 2025 July 18-27, 2025 August 1-10, 2025 August 15-24, 2025 August 29-September 7, 2025 September 12-21, 2025 June 12-21, 2026 June 19-28, 2026 July 3-12, 2026 July 17-26, 2026 July 31-August 9, 2026 August 14-23, 2026 August 28-September 6, 2026 September 11-20, 2026

# 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 porterage

#### 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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