

Alps Tour de Monte Rosa Trekking

Circle Europe's Second-Highest Peak

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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

MT Sobek is a trusted name in mountain exploration, and we have more than 40 years of experience trekking in the Alps.

REASON 2

In 9 well-paced and incredibly scenic days, you'll tour the second highest mountain in Western Europe, staying at charming Alpine properties along the way.

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

Days filled with challenging trekking in panoramic mountain scenery and warm hospitality.



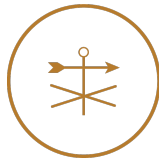
LODGING

Charming family-run inns and alpine hotels with well-appointed rooms, wellness amenities and regional cuisine.



CLIMATE

Mountain weather can quickly change from warm to cold and from wet to windy. Snow is possible at higher 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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Circle Europe's Second-Highest Peak

Monte Rosa, “the Pink Mountain,” is the second-highest peak in the Alps at 15,203 feet. Led by our expert hiking guides, you will conquer majestic alpine peaks and passes. Starting in the village of Saas-Fee and finishing in Zermatt, at the foot of the Matterhorn, hike almost the complete circuit of the massif. Beneath cascading glaciers, through ancient hamlets and wildflower fields, take in vistas of Monte Rosa, and learn about Walser culture and tradition. Travel through the Swiss canton of Valais to Italian Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta, soaking up heartfelt hospitality.

9 Days

Start: Geneva, Switzerland

End: Geneva, Switzerland

Departing:

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 4-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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“The trip affords challenging trails through some of the most beautiful countryside I've ever seen. All of the hotels were lovely. Transfers to trailheads were short which is good. Well planned. Great guides!”

- Linda C.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Geneva & Head to Saas-Almagell

Welcome to Switzerland! Arrive at Geneva International Airport, where you will be met by your MT Sobek guide for a transfer to the resort town of Saas-Almagell near Saas-Fee. Sitting at 6,004 feet, this pretty alpine town marvels at the magnificent amphitheater of peaks like Dom, Allalinhorn, Alpobel, and their glaciers. In late afternoon, gather with the group for an orientation followed by dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kristall Saphir, Saas-Almagell

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

DAY
02

Warm-Up Hikes Around Saas-Fee

Spend the day hiking the trails around Saas-Fee to help you to acclimatize to the altitude. Depending on the weather, enjoy a tram ride to take in the views of Passo del Moro (which you will conquer the next day) or hike the lower trail around Saas Valley and spot wildlife like deer and chamois. The trip participants who wish to take it easy for the day can unwind at the hotel or explore the enchanting Walser culture and architecture on their own.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kristall Saphir, Saas-Almagell

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

ACTIVITY: 3-5 miles/ 5-7 hours optional hiking (hikes vary on this day)

DAY
03

Soar to Monte Moro Pass & Discover Walser Culture

Along the shores of Stausee Mattmark Lake, walk to the Walser Trail that ascends over rocky outcrops to the highest point of the day, Monte Moro Pass, at 9,500 feet. Step into the Italian Piedmont and gape at the 16-foot golden statue of Mary of the Snow, and Monte Rosa's imposing 6,000-foot rock wall at the head of Valle Anzasca. After a light lunch at 9,173 feet, descend by tram to Staffa/Macugnaga and visit the Walser museum, dedicated to a culture known for its unique language and ingenious architecture.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Zumstein, Macugnaga

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5 miles/4.5 hours hiking with a maximum elevation gain of 2,294'



DAY 04

Hike the Scenic Passo del Turlo

After transferring to the trailhead in the town of Borca, hike up well-maintained mule paths to the Passo del Turlo at 8,981 feet. Along the way, pass the Fairies Lake, brooks and waterfalls like La Pissa, and keep an eye out for ibexes and marmots. Weather permitting, savor a picnic at the pass. Descend 5,000 feet into the village of Alagna Valsesia, taking in the views of the soaring summits of Corno Nero (14,392'), Punta Parrot (14,772'), and Punta Gnifetti (15,165') along the way.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Monterosa, Alagna Valsesia

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 15 miles/8.5-9 hours hiking with an elevation gain of 5,001' and loss of 5,078'

DAY 05

Tackle Colle d'Olen, the Highest Pass of the Trek

Hike through gorgeous wildflower fields and a string of charming hamlets - Follu, Scarpia, and Pianmisura. Skirt the Sasso del 'Diavolo' rock ('Devil's Stone'), then tackle a steep trail to Colle d'Olen pass, at 9,594 feet. The highest point of the tour showcases astounding views of ibexes grazing below the pass. After lunch, follow along a dirt road down to the delightful village of Gressoney-La-Trinité, where, if time permits, you can visit the Walser Cultural Center. Bid farewell to Piedmont and say hello to Valle D'Aosta.

ACCOMMODATION: Romantik Hotel Jolanda Sport, Gressoney La Trinité

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 12 miles/9 hours hiking an elevation gain of 5,822' and loss of 4,265'



Marvel at Mont Blanc from Colle del Pinter Pass

From the postcard-pretty Gressoney Valley over wildflower pastures dotted with farmhouses, venture to the Colle del Pinter pass at 9,247 feet. Savor a picnic on a backdrop of three glorious peaks: the Mont Blanc, the Grand Combin, and the Dent d'Hèren. As you descend into the Walser hamlet of Cuneaz, marvel at the Italian side of the Matterhorn, the Breithorn, and Monte Rosa massif. Relax overnight in the quaint Champoluc, a village where the Walser people have blended in harmoniously with the local culture.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Castor, Champoluc

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 12 miles/8 hours hiking with elevation gain of 4,585' and loss of 3,680'



Ascend to Col de Nana & See Cervino, the Italian Matterhorn

Transfer to the Alpe di Nana Alta trailhead and start hiking over dirt roads and alpine trails to the Col de Nana pass at 9,241 feet. Descend along the Colle di Croux route - an adventure filled with resplendent views of Cervino, the Italian side of the Matterhorn, and the stunning series of peaks beside it. Refresh with a beverage in the hamlet of Cheneil, then embark on the final but steep and forested descent to Valtournenche, one of the most popular resorts in the Val d'Aosta region.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Tourist, Valtournenche

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 11.5 miles/6.5 hours hiking with an elevation gain of 1,935' and loss of 4,243'



Savor Fantastic Vistas of Monte Rosa & Stay in Zermatt

Transfer to the popular ski resort of Breuil-Cervinia on the Italian side of the Matterhorn, and hop on a gondola up to the 11,588-foot Plateau Rosa panoramic point in the midst of the Monte Rosa glaciated peaks. Prepare for the grand finale, and cross the untouched Theodul Glacier to Trockner Stegg peak. Descend to Furi and take the tram into Zermatt. Spend the rest of the day exploring the idyllic car-free town of Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Butterfly, Zermatt

MEALS: Breakfast | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 2.5 miles/1.5 hours glacier crossing and 2 miles/1.5 hours hiking with an elevation loss of 5,381'



Depart from Geneva

After a transfer to Geneva International Airport, say goodbye to your trip leader and fellow travelers. Flights departing on this day should be scheduled after 1pm.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer



Where You'll Stay

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

Hotel Kristall Saphir Superior

The Hotel Kristall-Saphir is located in front of the village of Saas-Almagell. Renovated in 2021, this elegant hotel provides 53 rooms with awe-inspiring alpine views. The hotel's sauna and steam bath are a great place to warm up after a long day of hiking, and its new dining hall, Restaurant 1659, will enchant you with culinary experiences.

Hotel Zumstein

Built in the 1940s, Zumstein Hotel is a historic getaway at the foot of Monte Rosa. Surrounded by awe-inspiring scenery, its 40 rooms with a clean-lined, simple look all feature balconies. The hotel's sauna is a great place to warm up after a long day of hiking, and its garden is a lovely spot to soak up the grand surrounds of this classic mountain hotel.

Hotel Monterosa

Dating back to 1865, the historic Hotel Monterosa has seen the 19th-century Queen of Italy Margherita of Savoy come through its doors. Today, the renovated hotel offers ten comfortable rooms and three apartments for four to six people. The premises comprise a spacious lounge, sauna, a heated ski room, and a restaurant and bar that serve typical Piedmont dishes and wine.



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Romantik Hotel Jolanda Sport

With its genuine alpine vibe, Hotel Jolanda's rooms feature wooden interiors accentuated by refined fabrics and rugs. Spa and wellness experiences abound, from the swimming pool with Jacuzzi to several saunas and a variety of aromatic baths. At the rustic restaurant, guests can enjoy Gressoney's culinary traditions, paired with a wine list of over 100 Italian and French labels.

Hotel Castor

This family-run hotel in the historic heart of Val d'Ayas' Champoluc sits minutes away from the ski lifts. Its mountain-style, timber-paneled rooms feature fantastic views of the scenic surrounds, as do the garden and terrace. Savor the region's wines on a wine tasting and enjoy discounted access to Monterosa Spa with three swimming pools, three saunas, a Turkish bath, and a menu of massages.

Hotel Tourist

Run with warm hospitality by the experienced Herin family, Hotel Tourist has a charming, local vibe. Its 34 modern rooms come with en-suite bathrooms; most also have balconies. At the restaurant, guests can feast on Italian cuisine with an Aosta Valley twist. The hotel's serene garden is the perfect spot to soak up the mesmerizing beauty of the Alps.

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.

Departure Dates

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

July 20-28, 2024

August 24-September 1, 2024

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)
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