

Your schedule for the day: CHAMONIX

Non-contractual photos – For logistical reasons and depending on the dates of your stay, the incoming agency may have to change the activity and/or day schedule.

Important!

Opening and closing times for the sites vary depending on the time of the year. Please check with us beforehand.

Free coach parking at the bottom cable car station

Car capacity: 65 persons

Dress warmly and make sure you pack a windproof, gloves and sunglasses

Tour times are for information purposes only and may be modified depending on the number of visitors.

Based on where you are staying, an early morning start is highly advisable to ensure you make the most of your day.

WINTER VERSION: either the Aiguille du Midi OR Montenvers-Mer de Glace (glacier)



A – 9:00 am: Aiguille du Midi...

Enjoy an unforgettable, risk-free, effort-free outing into the high mountains, located right on your doorstep, accompanied by an experienced guide!

One of the world's highest cable cars will take you up to the Aiguille du Midi (3,842 metres) in just 20 minutes.

You'll be captivated by this outstanding site's 360° panoramic view over the Mont-Blanc massif and the great Swiss and Italian peaks.

During the tour, your guide will fill you in on the history of the valley and on the construction of the cable car, and will point out and describe the countless legendary peaks that you'll see from the different terraces.

You may even be fortunate enough to catch sight of a roped party of mountaineers climbing one of these prestigious summits!

And, while you're there, why not be daring, take the plunge and "Step into the Void ®", a glass skywalk suspended in mid air at a height of 1,000 m. (free access depending on number of visitors and opening dates)

The Aiguille du Midi cable car journey comprises two stages.

1st stage to the Plan de l'Aiguille at 2,317 metres (10 min)

2nd stage to the Aiguille du Midi at 3,777 metres (10 min)

12:30 pm: Upon return to the bottom cable car station, you can enjoy lunch in the centre of Chamonix



B – 10:00 am: Montenvers Mer de Glace (glacier)...

It only takes about twenty minutes to ascend the 1,000 m between Chamonix and Montenvers-Mer de Glace (glacier), travelling on the famous little red train on the rack and pinion railway. Here, time stands still... make the most of this adventure into days gone by. The railway hugs the mountain slopes, climbing through the forest, running through tunnels cut out of the rock and crossing several viaducts. The peaks are within sight, the train goes round the final bend and, as if by magic... you're there! Right at the foot of the world-famous Mer de Glace, at 1,913 m altitude, with a spectacular panorama of the Mer de Glace glacier, the Drus and the Grands Jorasses.

A visit to the Grotte de Glace (ice cave), deep in the heart of the glacier, is a must. The cave, dug out and re-sculpted every year, illustrates scenes from Alpine life at the beginning of the 19th century. You can access it on foot via a trail that takes around 20 minutes or by gondola lift (note! there are 440 steps between the gondola lift stop and the entrance to the cave)

And... make sure you visit the Glaciorium. The Montenvers site truly reflects the climate changes of our century and definitely deserves a space dedicated to glaciology! Take time to explore this interactive and educational installation and find out everything about the Mer de Glace, its formation, its history and how it is likely to evolve over time...

12:30 pm: at the end of your tour, enjoy lunch at the Montenvers Grand Hôtel restaurant (reopening in June 2017, following renovation). The hotel, built in 1880, buzzes with history and authenticity. As soon as summer comes around, it once again becomes a bubbling hub for mountaineers, travellers and adventurers!



A – B 2:30 pm: your guide will take you to explore the historic centre of this wonderful resort. An opportunity to discover its history and to find out all about the spectacular surrounding peaks.

4:30 pm: Free time for shopping or a stroll along the Arve River and... while you're browsing around down town, don't forget to look up: Mont Blanc and its 4,810 metres of rocks and snow, of ice and fantasy towers majestically above you.

5:45 pm: time to head back to where you are staying

SPRING-SUMMER-AUTUMN VERSION: Aiguille du Midi AND Montenvers-Mer de Glace (glacier)



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