

Your schedule: LAKE AND MOUNTAIN GOLF GETAWAY 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

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: appropriate dress required on all golf courses (no jeans, t-shirt or miniskirts) Players must be holders of the Green Card, at least, to access the 18 and 9-hole courses. Our golf getaway break can be tailored for beginners as an "initiation" package – please contact us.

For trips to Chamonix, dress warmly and make sure you pack a windproof, gloves and sunglasses.

SUMMARY

Day 1

Arrival in Chamonix
Schedule permitting: excursion to Montenvers
Overnight stay in Chamonix

Day 2

Chamonix Golf Club - Aiguille du Midi
Transfer to Evian
Overnight stay in Evian

Day 3

Evian Golf Club – Evian thermal spa
Transfer to Annecy
Overnight stay in Annecy

Day 4

Guided tour of Annecy – 1-hour cruise on the lake
Lac d'Annecy Golf Club
Overnight stay in Annecy

Day 5

Giez Golf Club
Tamié Abbey/Tamié Fort
Chocolaterie des Bauges (traditional chocolate-making)
Overnight stay in Aix les Bains

Day 6

Aix les Bains Golf Club – Hautecombe cruise
Overnight stay in Aix les Bains or departure

DETAILED PROGRAMM

Day 1

Arrival in Chamonix. Your transfer will be organized based on your arrival time/place (airport/station).

Visits to Montenvers-Mer de Glace (glacier) can be organized providing you arrive before 1 pm.



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...

Dinner and overnight stay in Chamonix

Day 2



8:00 am: Chamonix Golf Club...

Chamonix Golf Club, an incredible gem, nestles downtown, right in the centre of the world's mountaineering capital. Located at 1,000 metres altitude, its gentle gradients and its soft-sloping design contrast with the towering peaks of the surrounding mountains. Acclaimed by specialized guidebooks as one of the most exquisite courses in a mountain environment, here you will discover excellence in hues of green, white and blue.

18-hole course

Welcoming, friendly lunch in the clubhouse



3:00 pm: 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, 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)

6:00 pm: Transfer to Evian (110 km – 1h40)

Check-in at the hotel – Dinner and overnight stay

Day 3



8:00 am: Evian Resort Golf...

Every year in September, the Evian Resort Golf Club hosts the Evian Championship, the only Major tournament in continental Europe. The course is a theatrical stage that is in accord with this status and the talent of its women champions, yet is also tailored to amateur players, who are welcomed throughout the year to practise their game on the magical greens.

It is a spectacular course with pace that requires strategic play. It asserts its strong French identity and offers the legendary quality of a championship course set in stunning natural surroundings. Unrivalled viewpoints of Lake Geneva and the Alpine summits make it one of the most beautiful courses in Europe. It is also one of the oldest courses in France.

Lunch at the Chalet du Golf



Afternoon (schedule based on thermal spa availabilities): Evian thermal spa...

The Count of Laizer, a man of science, discovered the virtues of Evian® mineral water in 1789. Back then, the water was generally drunk, to help cure diuresis. For the European bourgeoisie, “taking the waters” in Evian-les-Bains became a highly-

fashionable pleasure.

Since then, Evian’s thermal spa has constantly pursued excellence in protocols for its thermal cures and treatments aimed at improving wellness. Evian’s thermal spa, which was totally renovated in 2012, offers everyone who wishes to sustainably and naturally ‘recharge their batteries’ and protect their health capital the opportunity to enjoy the therapeutic benefits, acknowledged by the French National Academy of Medicine, from the source itself, through a wide range of hydrotherapy, beauty and wellness treatments.

Your wellness programme includes a group swimming pool treatment, individual treatment (jet shower) and access to the sauna, hammam and relaxation areas. Other treatments are available (extra charge).

After your spa treatments, transfer to Annecy (86 km – 1h30)

Check-in at the hotel – Dinner and overnight stay

Day 4



9:00 am: Guided tour of Old Annecy...

Set off with your guide for a **2-hour** walking tour of the “Venice of the Alps”, the nickname given to Annecy because of the myriad of canals that criss-cross through its historic centre.

Old Annecy and its maze of cobblestoned pedestrian streets, its arcades and medieval doorways, the Palais de l’Île (better known as “Old Prisons”), one of the town’s iconic landmarks and one of the most photographed sites in France, and the Castle-Museum are all definite must-sees. But your guide will also be eager to show you some “curiosities” that very few people ever notice!



11:00 am: 1-hour commented cruise on Lake Annecy...

You will set sail from Annecy for a commented cruise. The perfect way to contemplate Europe’s purest lake and enjoy its majestic setting. You will discover the villages dotted around the lake, at the foot of the mountains: Veyrier du Lac, Menthon Saint Bernard, Talloires and its well-known bay, Saint-Jorioz, Sevrier. You will also get a chance to catch a glimpse

of some of the exquisite dwellings located along the lakeshore.

12:30 pm: Lunch in Annecy...

Why not treat yourself to some Savoyard specialities: tartiflette (made with locally-produced PDO cheese, Reblochon), crozets (traditional pasta), diots (local sausages), etc. or taste some of Lake Annecy's 'catch-of-the-day' (or from other Alpine lakes, depending on the season). And, it goes without saying... traditional French cuisine is also high on our list!



3:00 pm: Lac d'Annecy Golf Club – Talloires...

Lac d'Annecy Golf Club is set in an ideal location, at 10 km from Annecy, at the foot of the mountains... and, part of the course is actually integrated into the Roc de Chère Nature Reserve – exceptional! Golfers will enjoy the peacefulness and serenity of this magical environment that commands a breathtaking view over the magnificent mountain and lake backdrop.

Dinner and overnight stay in Annecy

Day 5



9:00 am: Giez Golf Club...

Located at the southern tip of Lake Annecy, Giez Golf Club commands an incredible panorama over the lake and Mont Blanc. This exceptional lake-meets-mountain landscape

gifts the course with one-of-a-kind contours. The club comprises 2 courses: an 18-hole one and a 9-hole one.

Lunch at La Terrasse, the clubhouse restaurant



3:00 pm: Tamié Abbey...

Tamié Abbey, founded in the 12th century, stands proudly in natural surroundings at the very heart of the Bauges massif. The abbey has always had a tradition as a hospice, a place

offering hospitality. Whether you are a one-hour visitor or a guest staying for several days, the community strives to provide a peaceful, contemplative environment as well as a listening ear.

The abbey itself is not open for visits as it is home for a community of monks who divide their time between prayer, study and manual work. 300 metres, however, just before you reach the monastery, the Centre d'Accueil Saint-Pierre de Tarentaise (Saint Peter of Tarentaise Reception Centre) offers you the opportunity to discover the life of the monks through an audiovisual tour and invites you to its boutique where you can purchase monastic products, including the famous Tamié cheese made on the site.

5:00 pm: Chocolaterie Artisanale des Bauges (traditional chocolate-making)...

Frédéric PELLIER-CUIT, master chocolate maker, and his team propose a myriad of chocolates, confectionery, macaroons, desserts, ice creams and sorbets created specifically from noble products from the Parc des Bauges area, such as organic plants and PDO milk, produced directly on the farm.

He will tell you all about chocolate, from the bean to the bar, then will invite you to taste his sweet delights.

Dinner and overnight stay in Aix Les Bains

Day 6

8:00 am: Aix les Bains Golf Club...

This golf course, created in 1904, offering an exquisite view over the Alps (each hole on the course bears the name of one of the mountains), is located on the edge of the eponymous town, a stone's throw from Lake Bourget, France's largest natural lake.

Lunch at the golf club restaurant



3:00 pm: Heritage cruise...

You will set sail from the main port of Aix les Bains, marvel at the sheer beauty of the natural lake and discover its wild side as you come face-to-face with Hautecombe Abbey, a Cistercian building, dating back to the 12th century, overlooking the lake and

considered as the most visited site in Savoie. Its royal facade can only be admired from the lake. So, a boat trip is a must! During the 1 and a half hour trip, you will discover this royal abbey, which houses the tombs of many illustrious Counts of Savoie and the last kings and queens of Italy. The audio-guided tour of the abbey gives you the chance to wonder at the incredible architecture in the unique Gothic-troubadour style with its remarkable features including: mural paintings, marble sculptures and cenotaphs.

5:30 pm: back to dry land...

End of your stay or an additional night in Aix les Bains (please contact us)