

CHAMONIX TRAILS – Daily walking in the Chamonix Valley, and the surrounding valleys of Italy and Switzerland.

The following day-walks should give you an idea about walking possibilities in the Chamonix valley. There are, of course, many more options. The trekking guide will decide together with the group, which walk to do when, depending on preferences, clients' abilities and weather conditions.

Day-Walk 1: Lac Blanc, Aiguilles Rouges Massif

Easy hike:

Walk from Chamonix to the Flegere lift station in Les Praz, take the cable-car up to the mid-station, then walk to Lac Blanc. Approx. time: 1,5 to 2 hours.

Have lunch at Lac Blanc, then walk back down to the mid-station, take the lift down. Van transfer back to Chamonix.

Total walking time: 3,4 to 4 hours max. Moderate walking, good trails

Longer hike:

Transfer from Chamonix to the Col des Montets, walk up to Lac Blanc, to meet the other group, lunch.

Then walk back to the mid-station, take the lift down, van transfer back to Chamonix.

Total walking time: 5-7 hours

Steep uphill at the beginning, traverse to Lac Blanc, including easy chains and ladders.

Day-Walk 2: Italy, Val Ferret

For both possibilities: Some sightseeing, stroll through Courmayeur.

Easy hike:

Walk from Courmayeur up to the Bertone refuge for a coffee, then take the traverse back to Planpincieux, transfer back to Courmayeur for some more free time, or directly back to Chamonix.

Total walking time: 4 hours, one steep up-hill at the beginning, the rest of the walk is a gentle downhill/traverse for long periods.

Longer hike:

Walk from Courmayeur up to the Bertone refuge for a coffee, then walk up the Mont de la Saxe ridge to the Bonatti hut, walk back down to La Vachey, transfer by van back to Chamonix.

Total walking time: 6-7 hours

One steep up-hill at the beginning, then ups and downs.

Day-Walk 3: Vallorcine, Loriaz

Easy hike:

Walk from Vallorcine up to Loriaz for lunch, then take another way back down, transfer from Vallorcine back to Chamonix.

Total walking time: approx. 5 hours, gentle terrain.

Long hike:

Walk from Vallorcine up to Loriaz, then carry on to the Col de la Terrasse, back down via Tres-les-Eaux.

This is a long day of 7-8 hours of walking, including some chains down a slab at the end. Absolutely stunning, but only for experienced walkers.

Total walking time: 6-8 hours, chains, steep ups and downs. Experienced walkers only.

Day-Walk 4:

Easy hike:

Transfer from Chamonix to the Col de Forclaz.

Walking along the Bovine trail to Champex, Switzerland. Relaxing at the lake, then transfer back by van to Chamonix.

Total walking time: 5 hours, more gentle terrain

Longer hike:

Transfer from Chamonix to the Col de Forclaz.

Walk up to the Fenetre d'Arpette, then back down to Champex, Switzerland.

Relaxing at the lake, then transfer back by van to Chamonix.

Total walking time: 7 hours, with steep ups and downs