

## **HAUTE ROUTE EXPRESS**

### **Detailed itinerary, 9-day trip:**

#### **Day 1: Arrival Day**

Transfer from Geneva airport to the Chamonix valley.  
Accommodation: Upscale Hotel\*\*/ Chalet in Chamonix

#### **Day 2: Argentière - Trient**

We start our first day in Argentière, from where we walk up to the Col de Balme, then down to the little Swiss village of Trient. A quick transfer will bring us to Finhaut for the night.

Walking time: 6 hours      Accommodation: Hotel \*\*

#### **Day 3: Trient – Champex-le-Lac**

We start walking from Trient we have two choices, depending on the weather and the capability of the group: The longer, higher and more demanding route over the Fenêtre d'Arpette with amazing views of the Trient glacier, or the more moderate Bovine route, which brings us to Champex-Le-Lac, for the night.

Walking time: 5-7 hours      Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\* in Champex-Le-Lac

#### **Day 4: Champex-le-Lac to Arolla**

A minibus transfer from Champex-le-Lac to the Barrage des Dix. From the Barrage des Dix to the Dix hut for some cake and coffee, before we carry on to the Col de Reidmatten and the Pas de Chèvre. From there, we descend to Arolla for the night.

Walking time: 6-7 hours      Accommodation: Hotel \*\*\* in Arolla

#### **Day 5: Arolla - Grimentz**

The minibus brings us to our starting point in the little village of Villaz, above Les Haudères. We climb up the Col du Torrent and descend down to the Lac de Moiry.

Walking time: 5 hours      Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\* in Grimentz

#### **Day 6: Grimentz-Gruben**

The minibus will bring us from Grimentz to St. Luc, from where we take the funicular for an easy start. Our high point for today is the Meidpass (2,790m - 9'153 ft), then we walk down to Gruben.

Walking time: 5 hours      Accommodation: Hotel in Gruben.

#### **Day 7: Gruben - Zermatt**

We are almost in Zermatt: Up the Augsbord Pass (2,788m - 9'147 ft), then down to Jungu by foot. A cable car brings us to St. Niklaus; where we take the train to Zermatt.

#### **Day 8: Zermatt day-walk**

This day is reserved for a day's hike in Zermatt, which will lead us on a balcony walk along the North Face of the Matterhorn.

#### **Day 9: Departure day from Zermatt**