

FRANCE – EXPLORE THE MAGNIFICENT FRENCH ALPS

8-day / 7-night one-hotel group guided walking tour based at Morzine



The French Alps are one of our most popular walking destinations, offering outstanding Alpine views, iconic peaks, a rich history and culture, and hearty mountain cuisine. On this holiday, we are based in the charming ski town of Morzine on the edges of the Portes du Soleil in the Chablais range. The region of Haute Savoie boasts postcard-pretty villages, world-famous ski resorts, pristine Lake Annecy, and of course Mont Blanc, Western Europe's highest mountain. Possible walks on this holiday include routes on the Super Morzine ridge, the Col de Joux Plane, and in peaceful La Manche valley.

Our one-hotel walking holidays offer a choice of two guided walks each day – usually an easier walk or a more challenging option. There is a free day midweek to relax or explore independently.

Cost from: \$4015 per person (twin share) Single room supplement from \$935 (limited availability)
*Supplement of \$165 applies to selected departures

Departs: 10, 17 June, 15* July, 9, 16 September, 2025

Includes: 7 nights in a comfortable 4-star hotel; 7 breakfasts, 7 evening meals; local transport to / from the walks; experienced walks leaders with a choice usually of two levels of walking on 5 days.

Not included: Meals & drinks not mentioned, personal expenses, transport and/or excursions on your free day. Transfers from/to Geneva airport at set times can be arranged at extra cost, please ask for details.

Accommodation: We stay at the **Hotel Névé**, a 3-star family-owned and run hotel with 37 recently renovated, comfortable guest rooms. The hotel's restaurant, Bertine, serves authentic, seasonal Savoyard and French cuisine. Facilities include an indoor pool, hot tub, and a spa with sauna, sensory showers and massage rooms. The hotel also has a games room, bar, and cosy lounge area with woodfire. *The hotel described is our usual choice of accommodation; on occasion alternatives of similar standard and location may be used.*



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Trip Grading: Moderate. Walks are on generally good paths with some sections over rough or steeper terrain; some walks may have occasional sections of scree and some sustained ascents/descents. Easier walks 8-10km each day with up to 800m of ascent/descent in a day; harder walks 10-14km with up to 1070m of ascent/descent.

Suggested itinerary: (Route selection each day will be made by your walking leaders)

Day 1: Arrival day.

Plan to arrive at the hotel in Morzine by mid-afternoon. Ask about the coach transfer at a set time from Geneva airport at extra cost. Meet your fellow walkers and walks leaders over dinner.

Day 2: Above Morzine

We leave directly from the hotel for a walk above town through forest and on the ski slopes. We visit picturesque Nyon waterfall and small hamlets such as Attray. The harder walk adds on the ascent to the top of Le Pleney and a ridge walk offering wide-ranging views of the Chablais mountains and the Mont Blanc range.

Day 3: La Manche Valley

We explore the wild areas at the foot of the Terres Maudites (Cursed Lands) ridge and the Tête de Bostan peak. The easier walk is a circuit taking in the Refuge de Chardonnière, a mountain hut set in beautiful meadows surrounded by jagged peaks, then walking part of the long-distance GR5 (which stretches from Geneva to the Mediterranean) to the lovely small lake of Chalet Les Mines d'Or. The harder walk heads to the chalets of Vigny then up to the Gôlese pass (1662m) for extensive views, then joins the route of the easier walk along the GR5.

Day 4: Col de Joux Plane

Col de Joux Plane may be better known as a stage in the Tour de France but our walks in this high mountain pass area reward us with breathtaking views of the Mont Blanc range throughout the day. Route choices are either an ascent of Chamoissière peak followed by a pleasant walk to La Combe and Le Grand Pré; or a climb of La Bourgeoise peak followed by a relatively technical ridge walk to Le Grand Pré.

Day 5: Free day

No walks are organised on this day. Perhaps make use of the hotel's facilities, or walk to the charming village of Montriond with its beautiful emerald-green lake.

Day 6: West of Les Gets

The area to the west of Les Gets is relatively undiscovered. We can either ascend Mont Chéry for views into the Taninges valley, or ascend the south face of Les Pré de l'Aulp to Golette, offering views into Switzerland.

Day 7: Super Morzine Ridge

After a short transfer to Avoriaz we walk the Montagne de Séraussaix. Heading up the Col de la Joux Verte on the Super Morzine ridge to the Zore viewpoint, we are rewarded with views of Morzine with Mont Blanc in the background. The harder walk also adds in a diversion to the Montriond viewpoint, offering superb lake views.

Day 8: Departure day.

Tour ends after breakfast. Ask about departure transfer to Geneva airport (at extra cost).



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