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Introductory

A fabulous three days of snowshoeing in the spectacular Chamonix valley, in France. This is the perfect introduction to winter walking on snowshoes. If you enjoy the outdoors and would like to experience the joy of wandering through the snowy forests and valleys in winter then this is the perfect weekend break.

- Mont Blanc views
- Glaciers and peaks
- Time to relax
- Superb accommodation
- Sauna & spa facilities
- Professional guide
- All equipment supplied

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We always aim to complete the itinerary as outlined below, however, the following itinerary will be followed only when conditions and weather make it appropriate, both in terms of safety and enjoyment. Your guide will make a decision on your route based on those conditions.

Day 1 Arrival - Chamonix, France

Your guide will meet you this evening in the beautiful alpine town of [Chamonix](#), France to answer any questions about your weekend of snowshoeing.

Day 2 Prarion Summit

Today we travel to Les Houches and take the ski lift into the mountains, a great way to save the legs! We are rewarded with excellent views of the entire Mont Blanc range. From here we wander up to the summit of Le Prarion which sits at 1969m. It offers a wonderful vista of the whole Chamonix Valley and your guide will be able to point out the major peaks which have for centuries attracted alpine climbers from around the world. Another option, depending on snow conditions, is that we may walk from your hotel door through the pine forests to Songenaz which offers wonderful views of the Bossons glacier. Either offer a lovely snowshoe hike. Ascent approx 250m. 4 - 5 hrs.

Day 3 Vallorcine - the Valley of the Bears

After a leisurely breakfast we will take the historic Mont Blanc Express train towards the Swiss frontier for a snowshoe walk in Vallorcine. This is the 'Valley of the Bears', so named due to the

high numbers of bears in the Middle Ages. It offers various options for an excellent day on snowshoes, and we will aim to do a loop which will take us past some gorgeous hidden chalets and hamlets. We may also explore the Berard Valley, walking beside the gorge and the waterfalls where the ice is frozen into fantastic shapes. Ascent approx 700m. 5-6 hrs.

Day 4 Chalets de Chailloux

Today we head to a high alpine 'alpage', this is a beautiful meadow where sheep graze in the summer months and which in our opinion offers some of the very best views of the mountains. After a steady climb through the forest we gain the vista for which this walk is famous. At the ancient farm of Chalets de Chailloux we have what is a fabulous vantage point giving superb views of the glaciers and peaks for which Chamonix Valley is world famous. Ascent 570m. 4-5 hrs.

Day 5 Departure

Today you leave having filled your lungs with pure mountain air, and hopefully with a healthy glow to your cheeks.

Accommodation



While in Chamonix we usually use the 3* [Hotel Aiguille du Midi](#) which is a lovely place to stay with excellent food and sauna/spa facilities. This trip will include Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and meals can be adapted to suit any dietary requirement. To ensure that we are able to booking the Hotel Aiguille du Midi we advise you to book early. If this hotel is not available then we will stay somewhere similar in Chamonix and always where possible we use family run hotels, with plenty of comfort and character!

Weather

In mountainous terrain the weather can vary considerably. In winter temperatures can range from +10 degrees Celsius, to -15 degrees Celsius. Even in winter it is often sunny with lovely blue sky days, but it can snow heavily and you would be prepared for any eventuality.

Price

Included: the services of a qualified International Mountain Leader and their expenses, 4 nights half board accommodation in a 2/3* hotel/chalet. Transport between the snowshoe venues as stated in the itinerary. All snowshoe equipment - each client is required to have snowshoes and poles, a snow shovel, probe and avalanche transceiver. The carrying of this equipment is normal practice and as we believe strongly in 'best practice' we would like to point out that it is compulsory to do so while on a Tracks and Trails trip.

Not included: flights, transfers, insurance, picnic lunches, and drinks.

Minimum Numbers

This trip will run once a minimum number of 4 clients have booked. We will take a maximum of 8 clients. We advise you not to make your travel arrangements until this trip is guaranteed to run.

Insurance

Please note that you must have the appropriate insurance for your chosen activity. You must be covered for helicopter rescue, repatriation and medical costs. With regard to this please be sure you have read the Insurance section in our Terms and Conditions.

Further Information

We can supply all specific snowshoe equipment required. Upon booking a full list of the necessary suitable clothing will be provided. Warm and waterproof walking boots are essential. They must be boots with ankle support and not low cut walking shoes or trainers.

Getting there

The Alps are easily reached from other European and worldwide destinations by road, rail, coach or plane. [For suggested travel links please refer to our Booking & Information](#) pages for further details. Geneva, Switzerland is the closest international airport with easy access to Chamonix. There are many companies who offer transfer

services between Geneva and Chamonix, this costs around 40 Euros each way, and takes approx. 1.15hrs. You can also take the [Eurostar](#) train from London to Chamonix. Please contact us if you need further advise on your specific travel requirements.

Please note that if you are booking onto a combined Italian Ski Break and Snowshoe Long Weekend then both your transfer to and from the airport will be included in the trip price.

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