



The Mont-Blanc via the Aiguilles Rouges

Departure Samoëns » Arrival Vallorcine - Hike from Samoëns to Vallorcine
3 Days | 2 nights | Difficulty *PP* | Max. difficulty *PPP*

A 3-day/2-nights tour on trails leading to the Chamonix valley. From the foot of the Fiz range to Vallorcine, walk through the extraordinary landscapes of the Aiguilles Rouges (Red Needles) massif on a balcony facing the Mont-Blanc range.

Period recommended : mid-June to mid-September

Public transport at departure

Bus connections from Cluses (route 94) and Annemasse (route 102) (2 or 3 per day - check services on week-ends)

www.cg74.fr/pages/fr/menu-secondaire/informations-transports-107.html

Public transport at arrival

Train and replacement bus (due to engineering work) to Saint-Gervais or Martigny (Switzerland) (hourly)

www.vallorcine.fr/Transports-

Lodgings at departure

- La Boule de Neige ~ +33 4 50 34 44 58 (hotelrestlabouledeneige@wanadoo.fr)

Useful topographic maps

| Ref. / Name | Publisher | Scale |
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| TOP25 3530ET | IGN | 1:25.000 |
| TOP25 3630OT | IGN | 1: 25'000 |

Day 1 : Samoëns - Chalets d'Anterne

Difficulty *PP* | Walking time 7h00 min | 1150 m | 300 m

Related stages :

[R110](#) [R111](#)

The trail runs alongside the Giffre stream and crosses the Tines gorges before opening onto the Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval plain. It follows it up to the collet d'Anterne pass to reach the mineral environment of the Anterne mountain, a listed nature reserve. The stage destination is the Anterne Alfred Wills hut.

Websites relative to natural and cultural heritage

- Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval tourist office : <http://www.sixtferacheval.com>

Lodgings

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| Refuge Alfred Wills | +33 6 70 63 12 45 | Email : bruno@refuge-wills.com | http://www.refuge-wills.com |
| Chalets de la Biaysse | +33 6 68 18 01 10 | Email : chaletsaccueildelabiaysse@gmail.com | chalets-biaysse.fr |
| Camping du Val d'Ambin | 04 79 05 03 05 06 16 51 90 91 | Email : campingbramans@gmail.com | www.camping-bramansvanoise.com |

Day 2 : Chalets d'Anterne - Refuge de Bel Lachat

Difficulty *PP* | Walking time 7h00 min | 1330 m | 980 m

Related stages :

[R111](#) [R112](#)

Still along the GR®5, the trail runs alongside the Anterne lake then climbs up the Anterne pass before descending to the Moède-Anterne hut, which offers a beautiful panorama on the Mont-Blanc massif. The stage then crosses the Aiguilles Rouges nature reserve to the Brévent pass, where it meets the Grand Balcon ("Great Balcony") trail taking you to the Bel Lachat hut.

Websites relative to natural and cultural heritage

- <http://www.chamonix.com/>

Lodgings

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| Refuge de Bel Lachat | +33 4 50 53 43 23 | Email : refuge.bellachat@gmail.com |
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Day 3 : Refuge de Bel Lachat - Vallorcine

Difficulty *PP* | Walking time 7h20 min | 1020 m | 1810 m

Related stages :

[R112](#)

After getting back to the Brévent pass on the same trail as the previous day, the stage descends on the Chamonix side towards the Planpraz chalets, then continues evenly facing the Mont-Blanc massif and at the foot of the Aiguilles Rouges range to the Montets pass, or slightly further the Buet station.

Websites relative to natural and cultural heritage

- <http://www.chamonix.com>

Lodgings

Gite Le Mermoud +33 4 50 54 60 03 +33 4 50 54 12 27 Email : chalet.mermoud@orange.fr <http://www.cvmontblanc.fr/fr/chalets/le-gite-mermoud>

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