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2 Summary of Russell Tours Hike Itinerary Counter-Clockwise Route
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4 The Itinerary below is in several sections. Hotels, Hikes and Activities like
5 Transportation, Locations and Notes.

- 6 1. Hike Summary
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13 Calendar: We use European Calendar Day/Month/Year
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16 Code: RT_Custom_singles
17 Russell Tours mailto:services@russelltours.com
18 Created: Saturday Jan 25, 2020
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21 Hike Days Summary:

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23 Counter Clockwise Itinerary PDF
24 Arrive: July 27, 2020
25 Depart: August 8, 2020
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27 Number of Days: 12
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- 29 Hike Days:Counterclockwise
- 30 Day 1 Arrive Geneva Airport Shuttle to Chamonix - Light Hike on Mont Blanc
 - 31 Day 2 Hike TMB La Flegere to Les Houches
 - 32 Day 3 Hike Les Houches to Les Contamines-Montjoie
 - 33 Day 4 Hike TMB Les Contamines to Refuge Col Croix du Bonhomme
 - 34 Day 5 Hike TMB Refuge Col Croix Bonhomme to Rifugio Elisabetta
 - 35 Day 6 Hike TMB Elisabetta to Courmayeur
 - 36 Day 7 Hike TMB Courmayeur village to Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge Courmayeur
 - 37 Day 8 Hike TMB Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge Courmayeur to La Fouly Switzerland
 - 38 Day 9 Hike TMB La Fouly to Champex
 - 39 Day 10 Hike TMB Champex to Trient
 - 40 Day 11 Hike TMB Trient to Argentiere
 - 41 Day 12 Hike TMB Argentiere to Chamonix

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46 HOTELS

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49 Hike Day 1
50 Date 27/07/2020
51 Day Activity Day 1 Arrive Geneva Airport Shuttle to Chamonix - Light Hike on Mont Blanc
52 Lodge Name HOTEL HELIOPIC
53 Hotel City Chamonix
54 Lodge Phone +33 (0)4 50 54 55 56
55 Lodge Email reservation@heliopic.com
56 Lodge Website http://www.heliopic-hotel-spa.com
57 Lodge Map https://goo.gl/9qaNfP
58 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
59 Lodge Reservation and Instructions Bring your swim suit. Full Spa available
60

61 Re: HOTEL HELIOPIC RESERVATION MR WHAM -ARRIVAL ON JULY 27TH 2020
62 RussellTours/Suppliers/Media
63

64 Reservation hotel Heliopic
65 Attachments
66 Fri, Oct 11, 2019, 5:00 PM
67

68 Dear Torrey,

69
70 We appreciate your confirmation and are looking forward to welcoming your client in our
hotel.
71 Please find attached the proforma invoice, net rates, in BED & BREAKFAST package, local
taxes (2.30€ per adult per day) included.
72
73 Hotel Booking reference : 192734
74 Name: WHAM
75 Check in date: JULY 27TH 2020
76 Check out date: JULY 29TH 2020
77 Nb/Type of room(s): 4 STANDARD TWIN ROOMS
78 Person(s): 8 ADULTS
79 ===== HOTEL =====
80 Hike Day 2
81 Date 28/07/2020
82 Day Activity Day 2 Hike TMB La Flegere to Les Houches
83 Lodge Name HOTEL HELIOPIC
84 Hotel City Chamonix
85 Lodge Phone +33 (0)4 50 54 55 56
86 Lodge Email reservation@heliopic.com
87 Lodge Website <http://www.heliopic-hotel-spa.com>
88 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/9qaNfP>
89 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
90 -----
91 See hotel reservation above
92 ===== HOTEL =====
93 Hike Day 3
94 Date 29/07/2020
95 Day Activity Day 3 Hike Les Houches to Les Contamines-Montjoie, France
96 Lodge Name Hôtel Le Christiania
97 Hotel City Les Contamines-Montjoie
98 Lodge Phone +33 4 50 47 02 72
99 Lodge Email contact@lechristiania-hotel.com
100 Lodge Website <http://www.lechristiania-hotel.com/>
101 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/eqVN7i>
102 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
103 Lodge Reservation and Instructions Bring Suit have a spa
104 -----
105 Re: Request Reservation for Russell Tours Client Last Name: Wham, Number in Group: 8
Arrive July, 29, 2020
106 LE CHRISTIANIA
107 593, route Notre Dame de la Gorge 74170 LES CONTAMINES
108 MONTJOIE
109 Tél : 04 50 47 02 72 Fax : 04 50 47 06 90 e-mail : :
110 12/09/2019
111 ATTN : Mr / Mrs RUSSELL TOURS
112
113 REF : Reservation n° 12305
114
115 Dear Sir, Dear Madam,
116 Referring to your kind request, we would like to thank you for your interest in our
property
117 and we are pleased to confirm you the above mentioned reservation as follows :
118 Room type : 1 Twin confort famille 1-4 ,
119 1 Twin confort 2-3 ,
120 1 Twin confort 2-3 ,
121 1 Twin standard 6 ,
122 Arrival date : 29/07/2020
123 Departure date : 30/07/2020
124 Hotel Convention : Demi pension
125 Option date before automatic release :
126 Check-in time: 1 pm
127
128 ===== HOTEL =====
129 Hike Day 4
130 Date 30/07/2020
131 Day Activity Day 4 Hike TMB Les Contamines to Refuge Col Croix du Bonhomme
132 Lodge Name Refuge de la Croix du Bonhomme
133 Hotel City Bourg-Saint-Maurice

134 Lodge Phone 33 4 79 07 05 28
135 Lodge Email refuge.bonhomme@free.fr
136 Lodge Website http://www.refuges.info
137 Lodge Map http://lerefugedubonhomme.free.fr/tmb.php?l=en_US
138 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
139 _____
140 Autorisation de débit acceptée, votre paiement est en cours de traitement
141
142 Suite à votre réservation, vous allez recevoir un mail récapitulatif de votre
143 commande, si ce n'est pas le cas, merci de contacter notre support réserva-
144 tion.
145 Merci de l'imprimer et de venir avec au refuge.
146 Commande : 202002102007_AI45LSOB0UQF
147 Date : lundi 10/02/2020
148 Limite annulation pour remboursement :26/07/2020 23:59
149 REFUGE DE LA CROIX DU BONHOMME (FFCAM)
150 Total estimation séjour selon vos informations 422.40 €
151 Total des arrhes à verser 80.00 €
152 Le jeudi 30/07/2020 Quantité Prix TTC
153 Nuitée(s) 8 198.40 €
154 Repas + petit-déjeuner 8
155 Repas + petit-déjeuner 8
156
157 _____
158 Note:This high altitude mountain hut is only serviced by helicopter meaning that they
fly everything in. Water is expensive. This is a dorm style accommodation at high
altitude - 7874 feet. The food is hearty but plain. Shower can have long lines. Limited
facility for power, recharging or other amenities. The view is amazing. Does have
clothesline for hanging out wet stuff.
159 ===== HOTEL =====
160 Hike Day 5
161 Date 31/07/2020
162 Day Activity Day 5 Hike TMB Refuge Col Croix Bonhomme to Rifugio Elisabetta
163 Lodge Name Elisabetta Refugio
164 Hotel City On Trail
165 Lodge Phone +393472574536
166 Lodge Email info@rifugioelisabetta.com
167 Lodge Website http://www.rifugioelisabetta.com/
168 Lodge Map https://goo.gl/ZtLmuK
169 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
170 _____
171 Re: Please confirm reservations for 2020 Russell Tours
172 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles/
173
174 RIFUGIO ELISABETTA
175 Dec 28, 2019, 11:44 PM
176
177 Hi,OK,perfect!
178 Greetings
179 David
180
181 El sáb., 28 dic. 2019 a las 21:34, Torrey Russell () escribió:
182 Ok please reserve these rooms
183
184 On Sat, Dec 28, 2019, 10:28 PM RIFUGIO ELISABETTA wrote:
185 Hi Torrey,Happy New Year too..!!
186 Concerning your request I can offer you:
187
188 July 31 Wham: 2 beds in a room for 5 + 6 people room
189
190 ===== HOTEL =====
191 Hike Day 6
192 Date 01/08/2020
193 Day Activity Day 6 Hike TMB Elisabetta to Courmayeur
194 Lodge Name Walser Hotel
195 Hotel City Courmayeur
196 Lodge Phone +39 0165 844824
197 Lodge Email info@walserhotel.com
198 Lodge Website http://www.walserhotel.com

199 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/1FZ7Lk>
200 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
201 _____
202 Re: Request Reservation for Russell Tours Client Last Name: Wham, Number in Group: 8
Arrive August, 1, 2020
203 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles
204
205 Hotel Walser
206 Thu, Sep 12, 2019, 10:27 AM
207
208 Dear Torrey,
209 We are pleased to confirm you 4 double room (with separated bed) in half board
accomodation , for night for period 01/08/20 check in -02/08/20 check out.
210 At your disposal for any further information, we remain
211 Best regards
212 Sanja
213 WALSER HOTEL
214
215 ===== HOTEL =====
216 Hike Day 7
217 Date 02/08/2020
218 Day Activity Day 7 Hike TMB Courmayeur village to Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge
Courmayeur
219 Lodge Name Refuge Walter-Bonatti
220 Hotel City On Trail
221 Lodge Phone 390 335 684 8578
222 Lodge Email rifugiobonatti@gmail.com
223 Lodge Website <https://rifugiobonatti.it/?lang=en>
224 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/2iZdSr>
225 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
226 _____
227 On Mon, Nov 18, 2019 at 4:58 PM Rifugio Alpino Walter Bonatti
228 Good morning,
229
230 CONFIRM FROM YOU before 2 July with exact number
231
232 We confirm you your reservation as
233 M. Torrey Russell
234 Sunday 02 August (1 night)
235 16 people
236 Half board (shower and visitor tax included) € 55 per person
237 Dormitory
238 (personal sleeping liner mandatory or possible to rent,in cotton, a € 3)
239 (towel possible to rent, a € 3)
240
241 Timetable:
242 Check in: after 3.30 PM
243 Dinner: 6.45 PM
244 Silence: 10.00 PM
245 Breakfast: 6.15 AM > 7.45 AM
246
247 Many thanks
248 Best regards,
249
250 L'équipe del Rifugio Alpino Walter Bonatti
251 Rifugio Alpino Walter Bonatti
252 Val Ferret - 11013 - Courmayeur (AO)
253 +39 335 6848578
254 www.rifugiobonatti.it
255 rifugiobonatti@gmail.com
256
257 ===== HOTEL =====
258 Hike Day 8
259 Date 03/08/2020
260 Day Activity Day 8 Hike TMB Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge Courmayeur to La Fouly
Switzerland
261 Lodge Name Edelweiss Hotel - La Fouly
262 Hotel City La Fouly
263 Lodge Phone +41 27 783 26 21

264 Lodge Email info@fouly.ch
265 Lodge Website <http://www.ledelweiss.ch/Lafouly/index.php>
266 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/dgNdCa>
267 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
268 _____
269 RE: Request Reservation for Russell Tours Client Last Name: Wham, Number in Group: 8
Arrive August, 3, 2020
270 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles
271
272 Hotel Edelweiss
273 Attachments
274 Thu, Sep 12, 2019, 6:04 PM
275
276 Hello
277 Thank you for your message
278 We confirm the reservation of 4 en suite twins on August 3rd 2020 for Mr Wham
279 Kind regards
280 Christophe
281
282 Hôtel Edelweiss
283 Marielle et Christophe Lonfat
284 Route de Ferret 44
285 CH-1944 la Fouly
286 Tél 0041 (0)27 783 26 21
287 Fax 0041 (0)27 783 28 20
288 info@fouly.ch
289 ===== HOTEL =====
290 Hike Day 9
291 Date 04/08/2020
292 Day Activity Day 9 Hike TMB La Fouly to Champex
293 Lodge Name Splendide Hotel
294 Hotel City Orsières
295 Lodge Phone +41797201392
296 Lodge Email hotel-splendide@blueemail.ch
297 Lodge Website <http://hotel-splendide.ch/>
298 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/VbHY5n>
299 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
300 _____
301 Re: Request Reservation for Russell Tours Client Last Name: Demaret, Number in Group: 8
Arrive July, 31, 2020
302 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles
303
304 hotel-splendide@blueemail.ch
305 Thu, Oct 17, 2019, 1:47 PM
306
307 Bonjour Torrey,
308 Thank you for your request.
309 Ok for me. I booked 4 twin rooms for the night of 31 July.
310 Best regards
311 Fanny
312
313 ===== HOTEL =====
314 Hike Day 10
315 Date 05/08/2020
316 Day Activity Day 10 Hike TMB Champex to Trient
317 Lodge Name Auberge du Mont Blanc
318 Hotel City Trient
319 Lodge Phone +41 27 767 15 05
320 Lodge Email info@aubergemontblanc.com
321 Lodge Website <http://www.aubergemontblanc.com/>
322 Lodge Map <https://goo.gl/F1WVQT>
323 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
324 _____
325 RE: Request Reservation for Russell Tours Client Last Name: Wham, Number in Group: 8
Arrive August, 5, 2020
326 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles
327
328 Auberge du Mont-Blanc - Baptiste
329 Wed, Sep 11, 2019, 10:34 PM

330
331 Bonsoir Torrey,
332 Confirmé dans 4 chambres doubles. Merci.
333 Meilleures salutations.
334 Baptiste Nicollier
335
336 ===== HOTEL =====
337 Hike Day 11
338 Date 06/08/2020
339 Day Activity Day 11 Hike TMB Trient to Argentiere
340 Lodge Name HOTEL SPA LE MONTANA
341 Hotel City Argentiere
342 Lodge Phone +33 4 50 54 14 99
343 Lodge Email info@hotel-montana.fr
344 Lodge Website https://www.hotel-montana.fr/en/
345 Lodge Map https://is.gd/qaOz7C
346 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
347 -----
348 Re: Request Reservation for Russell Tours Client Last Name: Wham, Number in Group: 8
349 Arrive August, 6, 2020
350 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles
351
352 Hotel Montana
353 Wed, Sep 11, 2019, 7:13 PM
354
355 hi
356 i confirm it's possible
357 best regards
358 céline
359 -
360 Hôtel Le Montana
361 24 clos du Montana
362 74400 Chamonix Argentière
363 Tél: +33 4 50 54 14 99, Fax: +33 4 50 54 03 40
364 www.hotel-montana.fr
365 email:info@hotel-montana.fr
366
367 ===== HOTEL =====
368 Hike Day 12
369 Date 07/08/2020
370 Day Activity Day 12 Hike TMB Argentiere to Chamonix
371 Lodge Name HOTEL HELIOPIC
372 Hotel City Chamonix
373 Lodge Phone +33 (0)4 50 54 55 56
374 Lodge Email reservation@heliopic.com
375 Lodge Website http://www.heliopic-hotel-spa.com
376 Lodge Map https://goo.gl/9qaNfP
377 ***** -> Room plus 1/2 board (breakfast and dinner) prepaid by Russell Tours.
378 -----
379 HOTEL HELIOPIC . RESERVATION WHAM - ARRIVAL ON AUGUST 7TH 2020
380 RussellTours/CI/Clients/Singles
381
382 Reservation hotel Heliopic
383 Attachments
384 Oct 11, 2019, 5:13 PM
385
386 Dear Torrey,
387 We appreciate your confirmation and are looking forward to welcoming your client in our
388 hotel.
389 Please find attached the proforma invoice, net rates, in BED & BREAKFAST package, local
390 taxes (2.30€ per adult per day) included.
391
392 Hotel Booking reference : 192738
393 Name: WHAM
394 Check in date: AUGUST 7TH 2020
395 Check out date: AUGUST 8TH 2020
396 Nb/Type of room(s): 4 STANDARD TWIN ROOMS
397 Person(s): 8 ADULTS
398 -----
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400 HIKES
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402 =====
403 Day 1
404 Hike Date July 27, 2020
405 Hike Day Day 1 Arrive Geneva Airport Shuttle to Chamonix - Light Hike on Mont Blanc
406 Hike Name Hike Chamonix to Buvette De Mottes
407 Hike Link
<https://pt.wikiloc.com/trilhas-back-country-ski/les-rochers-des-mottets-desde-planards-chamonix-mont-blanc-21660828>
408 Hike Description Climb up to the Buvette De Mottes. Have lunch. Walk back down.
409
410 View the Drus Needle
411 Distance: 5,75 mi (Roundtrip)
412 Up 2.257 f
413 Down 2.257 f
414 High 5.331 f
415 Low 3.411 f
416 Difficulty Moderate
417 Time 2 Hours 36 Minutes
418
419 Hike Instructions This is a stretch your legs and get used to the altitude day. Low impact hike. Couple of hours. If you are feeling up to it there is plenty more trail up the mountain from lunch spot.
420
421 Blogs About Trail <https://www.chamonix.com/balade-des-mottets,48-623932,en.html>
422
423 ===== HIKE =====
424 Day 2
425 Hike Date July 28, 2020
426 Hike Day Day 2 Hike TMB La Flegere to Les Houches
427 Hike Name Hike TMB La Flegere to Les Houches
428 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/9-9-tour-du-mont-blanc-refuge-de-la-flegere-les-houches-19241247>
429 Hike Description Distance: 10.86 mi
430 Up: 2,795 f
431 High:8,172 f
432 Down: 5,692 f
433 Low:3,213 f
434 Difficulty: Moderate
435 Time 7 hours
436
437 See options below to shorten this hike.
438 Hike Instructions Staying at the Heliopic Hotel another night but taking the trail for the TMB along the West ridge of town and at end of day taking the local shuttle back to your hotel.
439
440 Starting at La Flegere Cable Car and then heading southwest along the ridge overlooking Chamonix.
441
442 This trail is part of the Tour du Mont Blanc and is optional to do.
443
444 You can shorten your time by starting at the Brevnet Cable Car from Chamonix and taking that up to the trail and then down to Les Houches.
445 <https://www.wikiloc.com/trail-running-trails/plan-pratz-brevent-les-houches-26824281>
446 Distance: 7.83 mi
447 Up: 2,152 f
448 Down: 5,541 f
449 High: 8,260 f
450 Low: 3,233 f
451 Difficulty: Moderate
452 4 hours.
453
454 Hike down to Les Houches and take the Marie Bus Stop back to the Hotel in Chamonix

(Hotel Heliopic)
455 http://www.leshouches.fr/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/plan_general_reseaudebuspdf.pdf
456
457 Or take the day off and enjoy Chamonix
458
459
460 Blogs About Trail
<https://www.thefamilyfreestylers.com/day-2-hiking-tour-du-mont-blanc-stage-11-la-flegere-to-les-houches/>
461
462 ===== HIKE =====
463 Day 3
464 Hike Date July 29, 2020
465 Hike Day Day 3 Hike Les Houches to Les Contamines-Montjoie, France
466 Hike Name Hike TMB Les Houches to Contamines
467 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/les-houches-les-contamines-montjoie-19250942>
468 Hike Description Hike from hotel or take bus Start the TMB in Les Houches (Bus stop Mairie - Les Houches) located 7 kms from Chamonix., Instructions
469 Distance:10.25 mi
470 Up:3,156 f
471 Down:2,579 f
472 High:5,495 f
473 Low:3,278 f
474 Difficulty: Moderate
475 Time:5 hours
476
477 See other options below to reduce hiking time and distance.
478 Hike Instructions Hike from hotel or take bus Start the TMB in Les Houches (Bus stop Mairie - Les Houches) located 7 kms from Chamonix.
479
480 See bus from Hotel Heliopic to Start of trail in Bus Stop Marie.
http://www.leshouches.fr/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/plan_general_reseaudebuspdf.pdf
481
482 Map of trams and trails
483
484 <https://www.chamonix.com/img/sitra/fiche/179584-plan-houches.jpg>
485
486 Want to cut the trail shorter.
487
488 Take the cable car from Les Houches up the Bellevue Telepherique at the Bellevue Bus Stop.
489 Cuts 1 1/2 hours off trip and 2.5 miles.
490 <https://www.chamonix.com/telepherique-de-bellevue,231,fr.html>
491
492 Not feeling like hiking today. Take the day off and take the bus from Chamonix to Contamines
493 <https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Les-Houches/Les-Contamines-Montjoie#r/Train-bus>
494
495 See red line for TMB trail
496 https://umap.openstreetmap.fr/fr/map/tour-du-mont-blanc-ccpmb-_206457#16/45.8904/6.7909
497
498 ===== HIKE =====
499 Day 4
500 Hike Date July 30, 2020
501 Hike Day Day 4 Hike TMB Les Contamines to Refuge Col Croix du Bonhomme
502 Hike Name Hike TMB Les Contamines to Refuge Col Croix du Bonhomme
503 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-02-les-contamines-refuge-col-croix-du-bonhomme-11051167>
504 Hike Description
505 Distance: 8.59 mi
506 Up:4,409 f
507 Low: 3,774 f
508 High: 8,158 f
509 Down: 233 f
510 Difficulty: Moderate
511 Time: 6 hours
512

513 Hike Instructions Crossing includes a pass that could be snow. This high altitude
mountain hut is only serviced by helicopter meaning that they fly everything in. Water
is expensive. This is a dorm style accommodation at high altitude - 7874 feet. The food
is hearty but plain. Shower can have long lines. Limited facility for power, recharging
or other amenities. The view is amazing. Does have clothesline for hanging out wet stuff.

514 Blogs About Trail
<https://www.lifetimetrails.com/tmb-day-2-les-contamines-to-refuge-de-la-croix-du-bonhomme/>

515
516 ===== HIKE =====

517 Day 5

518 Hike Date July 31, 2020

519 Hike Day Day 5 Hike TMB Refuge Col Croix Bonhomme to Rifugio Elisabetta

520 Hike Name Hike TMB Refuge Col Croix Bonhomme to Rifugio Elisabetta

521 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-refuge-col-croix-bonhomme-rifugio-elisabetta-alpes-francia-italia-1919779>

522 Hike Description

523 Distance:10.38 mi

524 Up:3,707 f

525 High: 9,060 f

526 Down: 4,488 f

527 Low: 5,826 f

528 Difficulty: Moderate

529 Time 8 hours

530

531 Hike Instructions: Short Cuts

532

533 It's possible to cut around 1.5 hours off the trail today by taking a shuttle bus from
Les Chapieux to either La Ville des Glaciers or Les Mottets parking.

534

535 I would highly recommend saving your legs by taking this as the trail either walks
along a tarmac road (or near to it) so you're not missing any dramatic scenery.

536

537 Cut time off the trail but hiking down to

538 Hike down to Les Chapieux

539

540 <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/gr-tmb-tour-du-mont-blanc-dia-3-refuge-du-col-de-la-croix-du-bonhomme-les-chapieux-18987035>

541 3 1/2 miles

542 Take the bus from Les Chapieux to Ville de Glacier-REFUGE DES MOTTETS

543 <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/03-tmb-refuge-des-mottets-col-de-la-seigne-rf-elisabetta-26869691>

544 Distance: 5.17 mi

545 Up:2,162 f

546 High:8,198 f

547 Down: 1,171 f

548 Low:6,184 f

549 Difficulty: Moderate

550 Time: 2 1/2 hours

551

552 <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-tour-du-mont-blanc-day-4-2009-07-31-496244>

553

554 Blogs About Trail
<https://www.lifetimetrails.com/tmb-day-3-refuge-de-la-croix-du-bonhomme-to-rifugio-elisabetta-soldini/>

555
556 ===== HIKE =====

557 Day 6

558 Hike Date August 1, 2020

559 Hike Day Day 6 Hike TMB Elisabetta to Courmayeur

560 Hike Name Hike TMB Elisabetta to Courmayeur

561 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-rifugio-elisabetta-courmayeur-alpes-italia-1919798>

562 Hike Description

563 Distance: 9.26 mi

564 Up:1,772 f

565 Low: 3,867 f

566 High: 8,016 f
567 Down: 4,898 f
568 Difficulty: Easy

569
570 Hike Instructions After an easy 1 hours walk from Refuge Elisabetta along an ancient, arrow straight Roman road, the trail climbs up the side of the V shaped, moat like Val Veni to the highest point of the day, the Mont Favre spur (2430m). With every step along the high balcony path, the sheer southern flanks of the imposing Mont Blanc Massif range rising on the opposite side, take your breath away.

571
572 Short cuts

573
574 It's possible to slash this day into a couple of hours if time is limited or if the trail has overwhelmed you. Merely walk the 1 hour easy hike from Rifugio Elisabetta along the Roman road to Pont Lac Combal to where the real road starts and continue along for a further 50 minutes onto the village of La Visaille. From here there's a regular bus service straight to Courmayeur. We met one family on the trail who had limited time and so had chosen this option.

575
576 However, with shockingly jaw dropping views from the high balcony trail continuing on the traditional TMB route along the far side of the Val Veni, it would be a shame to miss this section. The incredible vistas this section allows, of the ice tongues of Glacier de Bruillard and Glacier de Fréney and the ragged, rocky snow covered peaks of the Mont Blanc massif are mesmerising and it really is one of the most scenic, dramatic stages of the entire Tour du Mont Blanc trail.

577
578 We hiked the majority of this leg, hiking along the high balcony path to drink in the enchanting scenery, and shortened the day by catching the chairlift and cable car down from Col Chécrouit to Dolonne (a village near Courmayeur) instead of hiking the descent.

579
580 Blogs About Trail
<https://www.thefamilyfreestylers.com/day-6-tour-du-mont-blanc-trek-elisabetta-courmayeur/>

581
582 ===== HIKE =====

583 Day 7
584 Hike Date August 2, 2020
585 Hike Day Day 7 Hike TMB Courmayeur village to Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge Courmayeur

586 Hike Name Hike TMB Courmayeur to Rifugio Bonatti
587 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-courmayeur-rifugio-w-bonatti-alpes-italia-1919816>

588 Hike Description
589 Distance: 7.37 mi
590 Up: 3,622 f
591 High: 6,726 f
592 Down: 922 f
593 Low: 3,941 f
594 Difficulty: Easy
595 Time: 4.5 hours

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597 Hike Instructions Mont Blanc Tour, between the town of Courmayeur and the Walter Bonatti Refuge (Alps, Italy).

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599 From Courmayeur ascend to the Refugio G. Bertone, continue to the hillside, and after passing through Arpe Milk and Arpe Secheron, arrive at the Refugio W. Bonatti.

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601 This hike can be cut down to less than an hour but taking the bus just outside the hotel in Courmayeur to Lavachey and walk up the trail to the lodge.

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603 Map: <https://is.gd/I4EVv4>

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605 ===== HIKE =====

606 Day 8
607 Hike Date August 3, 2020
608 Hike Day Day 8 Hike TMB Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge Courmayeur to La Fouly Switzerland
609 Hike Name Hike TMB Mountain Lodge Walter Bonatti Refuge Courmayeur to La Fouly Switzerland

610 Hike Link <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/6-tmb-bonatti-la-fouly-4859575>
611 Hike Description
612 Distance: 12.84 mi
613 Up: 3,087 f
614 High: 8,327 f
615 Down: 4,406 f
616 Low: 5,220 f
617 Difficulty: Moderate
618 Time 8 hours
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620 Hike Instructions Cut time from this hike by walking down to the road at Lavachey,
11013 Aosta Valley, Italy bus stop (45 minute walk)
621 <https://is.gd/Fa8k0j>
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623 Then taking the bus to the end of the valley at Rifugio Elena.
624 <https://is.gd/7WxCbj>
625 And rejoin the trail to walk to La Fouly
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627 Saves about 5 miles of walking
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629 ===== HIKE =====
630 Day 9
631 Hike Date August 4, 2020
632 Hike Day Day 9 Hike TMB La Fouly to Champex
633 Hike Name Hike TMB La Fouly to Champex
634 Hike Link <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/la-fouly-champex-lac-25984076>
635 Hike Description
636 Distance: 7.94 mi
637 Up 1,138 f
638 High: 5,510 f
639 Down: 1,657 f
640 Low: 3,590 f
641 Difficulty: Moderate
642 Time: 4-5 hours depending on stops
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644 ===== HIKE =====
645 Day 10
646 Hike Date August 5, 2020
647 Hike Day Day 10 Hike TMB Champex to Trient
648 Hike Name Hike TMB Champex to Trient
649 Hike Link
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/08b-champex-to-trient-via-fenetre-darpette-24909186>
650 Hike Description
<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/08b-champex-to-trient-via-fenetre-darpette-24909186>
651 Distance: 9.34 mi
652 Up: 4,022 f
653 Low: 4,619 f
654 High: 8,751 f
655 Down: 4,201 f
656 Difficulty: Moderate
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658 Hike Instructions There are several variations of this trail
659 This alternative route via Fenetre d'Arpette is spectacular, yet much more demanding
and should not be attempted in poor weather conditions. For an easier route, please see
seperate entry 'Champex to Trient via Alp Bovine
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661 Up and over:
662 <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/champex-trient-26556610>
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664 Or along the Glacier.
665 Champex to Trient via Fenêtre d'Arpette
666 <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/08b-champex-to-trient-via-fenetre-darpette-24909186>
667 A steeper climb but worth the views of it.
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669 Description:
670 Starting from the Relais d'Arpette
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672 (1) Relais d'Arpette.
673 take the path on the right-hand side. Go past Arpette village (after the bridge) then

leave the large path taking the trail heading to the right. Go along a small stream in a rural setting, leaving it behind a bit further along.

674 The track gradually rises, you'll get to a ledge after having crossed the stream. You'll reach Arpette's scree (approximately 2000 m). Follow the waymarks. The track keeps rising until the path divides in two, take a right, following the direction indicated on the rock.

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676 (2) Fenêtre d'Arpette.

677 The slope gets slightly steeper, but without difficulty along the mountainside. You then reach a huge scree. There's no particular issue with orientation, just keep following the paint markings on the rocks. However, put your hiking pole aside, you're better off using your hands at this point. Cross over the firn reaching the final climb: you're facing a vertical grassed over wall, you get to the top using the trail/trails that wind along the wall. That's when you reach Fenêtre d'Arpette

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679 (3) At Fenêtre d'Arpette

680 Once you're at Fenêtre d'Arpette, you'll be overlooking Trient glacier and its superb view. Start a long trip downhill taking the path to the right, a rocky path at first. Not a dangerous track but challenging due to its length, the fairly steep slope goes down towards Trient stream which you can spot a bit further down.

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682 Pass by Vésevey

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684 (4) The descent (a building undergoing restoration in 2011).

685 The descent finally comes to an end when you reach the stream, following it on the right bank. You then go through a coniferous forest leading to the Prise de Bisse building

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687 (5) Prise de Bisse building (refreshment bar).

688 From there, follow the track along the irrigation canal (bisse) that remains at the same altitude (don't cross the Trient stream), stay on this track (ignore the trails that head down to the valley). After an hour or so, you'll reach Trient

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690 There are no short cuts, a car can drive around for several hundred dollars or take a bus and train and bus which can take all day.

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692 Blogs About Trail <https://trailtopeak.com/2014/08/02/tmb-day-7-champex-to-trient/>

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694 ===== HIKE =====

695 Day 11

696 Hike Date August 6, 2020

697 Hike Day Day 11 Hike TMB Trient to Argentiere

698 Hike Name Hike TMB Trient to Argentiere

699 Hike Link <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-8-10-trient-argentiere-28013387>

700 Hike Description

701 Distance: 9.94 mi

702 Up: 3,675 f

703 High: 7,240 f

704 Down: 3,747 f

705 Low: 4,178 f

706 Difficulty: Moderate

707 time: 5 hours

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709 Hike Instructions: Ways to cut the hiking time.

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711 Climb up the hill of Col de Balme out of the village of Trient to the top and take the Col de Balme chairlift to the bottom cutting 2 1/2 hours walking.

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714 Take the train.

715 <https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Trient-Switzerland/Argenti%C3%A8re#r/Line-213-bus-train>

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717 <https://followingthearrows.com/2018/09/10/tmb-day-9-argentiere-to-trient/>

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719 ===== HIKE =====

720 Day 12

721 Hike Date August 7, 2020

722 Hike Day Day 12 Hike TMB Argentiere to Chamonix

723 Hike Name Hike TMB Argentiere to Chamonix

724 Hike Link <https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/tmb-8-argentiere-la-flegere-3168370>

725 Hike Description
726 Distance: 5.82 mi
727 Up: 3,852 f
728 High: 7,613 f
729 Low: 1,834 f
730 Down:3,883 f
731 Difficulty: Moderate
732 Time: 5 hours
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734 Hike Instructions: There are a number of trails along this ridge. At the end take the
Le Flegere cable car down to town.
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736 There are a number of trails along this ridge. Le Flegere or Brevnet another few miles
along - take the cable car down to town.
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738 <https://www.chamonix.com/telepherique-de-la-flegere,48-156960,en.html>
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740 or Brevnet
741 <https://www.chamonix.com/telepherique-du-brevent,48-156996,en.html>
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748 ACTIVITY - TRANSPORTATION
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750 =====
751 The shuttle provided for our group will be leaving the Geneva Airport at 9:30am on
Monday July 27,2020.
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753 Please let me know if that doesn't work for you. As we discussed before if you are
leaving west of the Mississippi you will probably have to fly in the day before and
spend a night in Geneva.
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755 ===== Transportation =====
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757 Activity Name Custom Travel Itinerary
758 Activity Date July 27, 2020
759 Activity Phone 234-567-9006
760 Activity Email hiking@russelltours.com
761 Activity Description Russell Tours Shuttle leaves from Geneva Airport at 9:30 am
762 Activity Instructions A person will be holding a sign saying Russell Tours will be at
the "Yellow" information desk in the terminal and direct you to our shuttle.
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764 Private Transfer (#transfers_798520)
765 from Geneva airport :
766 July 27, 2020, flight TBC arriving at TBC, pick up 11:30am
767 group Wham, 24 pax in 3 mini-vans
768 to Chamonix: Hotel Heliopic
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770 Transfer Company:
771 Reference Transfer
772 Liana Deciu
773 +33 679 212 332
774 contact@referencetransfer.com
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779 Hotel Heliopic Chamonix to Walser Hotel Courmayeur
780 9:00 am Pickup
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782 Mont Blanc Transfers
783 e-mail: office@mont-blanc-transfers.com
784 phone: (+33) 681 77 99 14
785 Contact: Dimitri
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794 e-mail: office@mont-blanc-transfers.com
795 phone: (+33) 681 77 99 14
796 Contact: Dimitri
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799 Activity Name Custom Travel Itinerary
800 Activity Date August 8, 2020
801 Activity Description Russell Tours Shuttle to Geneva Airport leaves at 8:00am
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803 Private Transfer (#transfers 798520)
804 from Chamonix :
805 August 8, 2020, pick up at TBC from Hotel Heliopic
806 group Wham, 23 pax in 3 mini-vans
807 to Geneva airport:for flight TBC
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819 Alerts and Notes:
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823 ISSUE: Weather Alert!
824 We just had a group come back (3 women who were 70+ yrs old) who warned me that the river crossings can be very harrowing. In particular any valley you are walking down where there is a glacier/snow field above. The issue is flash rain/floods you don't know are happening above you... upstream/valley. PLEASE talk to your lodge manager (also known as the "Commander") before heading out each day to be sure you know the weather. This is another reason to have a cell phone so you can look at a weather map. Flash snow, hail and torrential rain are not uncommon and can come on quickly.
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826 just some thoughts before you go.
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828 This itinerary uses International date formats Day/Month/Year
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830 Reservations:
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832 NOTES:
833 The day before you arrive at each new lodge, know that we are sending each inn/refugio an email with your confirmation information and your name so they know you are coming the next day. Also know that we have already done a triple confirmation with each hotel over the last few months regarding your reservations... doesn't mean they won't screw it up. Most of these people are small in-keepers that milk cows on the side. Be gentle with them.
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835 Maps-Apps
836 We will send a complete set of maps to the tour leader. The maps are more accurate than the open source hike links we use below so be sure to refer to your maps.
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838 There are good smartphone Apps you can download (The reviews are pretty good.) and in some it requires you to buy maps for your area and some are free:
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840 The open source app called <https://WikiLoc.com> is great.
841 Another one is <https://www.hikingproject.com/>
842 A third system is <https://www.alltrails.com/>.
843 If you do this bring a backup battery for your phone. They all have off-line map modes

that you can use so that way you don't have to have a cell connection.

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Thoughts about travel:

Cell Phones. Please read this <https://russelltours.com/hikingwithyourcellphone/>
So please send me your cell phone you plan to use or the local number if you are going to just have a local (French recommended) SIM card and that number.
Also this: <https://russelltours.com/readingtopomaps/>

Check List:

<https://russelltours.com/packing-list/>

Bring:

Sleeping Bag Liners. <https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/sleeping-bag-liners.html>
Which also make great light cover while waiting in cold airports or on your flight.
Small towel
In house slippers or water-shoes for the shower
If you plan to use your smartphone a lot please buy a back up power supply to ensure you have enough power.

LASTLY:

Pictures... Please also include @russelltours or @russelltourshikes when sharing your photos...In October we are going to pick the best picture from our hikers... get dinner for 2 at your local favorite restaurant if you do.

Good Luck,

Remember this is a vacation not a forced march. If you are out for a day, just not feeling it, we can arraign for a car to pick you up and move you to the next point for a hundred bucks or so.

We are available 24/7 while you are on your hike.
Let us know if you need anything else.

Have fun!
Best,

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<https://RussellTours.com>

Schedule a call with me anytime and for any reason:
https://calendly.com/torreyrussell/schedule_call
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