

Walking in Chamonix guide



As a gateway to Europe's highest mountain, Chamonix is the perfect spot to base yourself for a walking holiday. There are self-guided walks that cover every level and difficulty.

Explore its village or hike high up in the peaks. Well sign-posted trails make it easy to find your way around.

Our Favourite Walks in Chamonix

Lac des Gaillands

Lac des Gaillands is a perfect, easy, and family-friendly stroll around the lake. It's just two kilometres long, so you're looking at about a half-hour walk.

It's a fantastic way to familiarise yourself with the area at the beginning of your holiday. Les Praz to Lac Blanc This scenic walk is a gem, not too tough, and is a part of the famous Tour de Mont Blanc trail.

The whole walk is about 6.1 kilometres long, and you'll probably need around three hours to enjoy it properly. The views? They're something else. You'll get to see the stunning Chamonix Aiguilles, Les Drus, and La Verte along the way.

Start your adventure with the Flégère cable car, which lifts you up towards the Lac Blanc. And there's even a cosy mountain refuge on the way where you can grab a drink or a bite to eat.

Once you reach Lac Blanc, make sure to take a little walk around. The views of the Mont Blanc Massif from here are absolutely breath-taking. It's a spot you won't want to rush leaving.

Petit Balcon Nord - Argentiere to Les Bois

Easy to moderate walk

12 kilometres

Expect to take around four hours

This is a fantastic walk for the mornings. Head off after breakfast and be back in time for lunch. Walk through forests and flower-filled fields and look out for cows and goats as you go along. The walk is relatively flat with a few gentle inclines and some downhill sections.

Lac des Gaillands

Easy, family-friendly walk

Two kilometres long

Expect to take around half an hour

This walk is a great way to warm up your legs at the beginning of the holiday. It's a flat walk around the lake so it's nothing too strenuous for after you've been travelling. This is a great opportunity to get to know the area at the start of the holiday and a chance to think about what your next adventure will be.

Cascade du Dard

Moderate hike

Circular trail of 4.7 kilometres

Expect to take around two and a half hours

This hike is brilliant if you want something slightly more challenging. You'll pass through a forest and end up with fantastic views of the 20 metre high waterfall, Cascade du Dard. There's also a nice café near the waterfall. The walk starts with a steep ascent and some of the paths have quite a loose surface so make sure you have shoes with a good grip on.

Les Praz to Lac Blanc

Moderate hike

Part of the tour de Mont Blanc

6.1 kilometres long

Expect to take around three hours

You'll find incredible views over the Chamonix Aiguilles, Les Drus and La Verte. Take the Flégère cable car and begin your climb up to the Lac Blanc. There's a mountain refuge on route where you can stop for refreshments. Once you get to the Lac Blanc, walk around for gorgeous views of the Mont Blanc Massif.

Grand Balcon Nord, Plan de l'Aiguille to Montenvers

Moderate hike

High altitude

Approx. 15 kilometres

If you're heading up in the Aiguille du Midi cable car then this is the perfect walk to make the most of those high altitudes. On the cable car journey back from the summit you can get off at the mid-station and this is where the walk begins. You're heading for Montenvers where you'll find the famous Mer de Glace and the Montenvers train which you can take to get back down to Chamonix, the Mont Blanc is behind you on this walk so make sure to stop and look back to take in those breath-taking views. Please note that during parts of the summer season some areas of this route can be covered in snow which can be dangerous, always check conditions prior to walking.

Guided Walks in France

Enjoy up to two guided walks as part of your holiday in Chamonix and Morzine. Led by a professional guide, you'll have the choice each week between an easy-to-moderate option and a more challenging adventure.

It's a fun way to get some fresh air, maybe meet some new friends, and discover hidden gems you wouldn't find on your own. Your knowledgeable local guide will be there to answer any questions and ensure a fantastic experience.

Chamonix Guided Walks

Join us for a full-day guided walk every Monday and Friday. Whether you prefer a leisurely stroll or a heart-pumping hike, Chamonix is an outdoor lover's paradise. Many of our walks take us to high altitudes, so you might even find patches of snow in the middle of summer.

Choose from one easy-to-moderate walk and one more challenging option each week - or take on both! Starting and ending in your resort, there's no need for heavy packs or overnight stays, and you'll be back in time for dinner.

With limited spaces, we recommend reserving your spot when you book, or add one onto your holiday.

- ✓ Up to two walks per week with a professional walking guide
- ✓ Expert advice and recommended walks from your Destination Expert
- ✓ Professional recommendations on things to do in resort



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