

TOUR DE MONTE ROSA ITINERARY

Day 01: ARRIVAL DAY

Arrival in Saas-Fee, briefing and welcome dinner.



Hotel in Saas Fee

Dinner included

Day 02: SAAS FEE - MACUGNAGA

We begin our trip with a short ride on the post bus to our starting point at Mattmark. An easy stroll along the lakeside before beginning our first climb to the pass at Monte Moro 2868m where the statue of the Madonna of the Snows waits for us on the summit. Here we hope to see our first glimpse of Monte Rosa and its impressive east face – the longest ski descents in the Alps.

We descend through rocky ground and pine woods until we reach a well-traveled path which takes us to the charming village of Macugnaga.



Hotel in Macugnaga

Breakfast, Dinner included

Luggage delivered

Distance: 23km (14.2m), 8 hours, up 1380m (4567ft), down 1753m (5785ft)

Day 03: MACUGNAGA - ALAGNA

Today we climb to the lake at Quarazza, past some ruins along the river through spruce forest to the pastures at Alpe Piana where cows may ask for some of your picnic! Next, it's on to the military road which takes us to the Colle del Turlo at 2738m. The 'road' is a wonder of engineering and craftsmanship built by the Italian military prior to WWI. This is a long day, but thankfully the trail is well graded and continues down the other side where it meanders past ancient settlements to Alagna.



Hotel in Alagna



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage delivered



Distance: 26km (16m), 8 hours, up 1613m (5323ft), down 1753m (5785ft)

Day 04: ALAGNA – GRESSONEY-LA-TRINITE

Another climb to start our day by heading up into the Valle d'Otro, again passing some ancient shepherd's huts surrounded by high meadows before beginning our climb proper to the Passo Foric at 2432m.

Once at the pass, we will be able to see the south side of the Monte Rosa Range, before descending to the green waters of Lago Gabiet and the charming village of Gressoney La Trinité.

We also have the option of shortening the descent by taking a cable care from Gabiet down to Stafal.



Hotel in Gressoney



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage delivered



Distance: 18.5km (11.5m), 8 hours, up 1456m (4806ft), down 1245m (4108ft)

Day 05: GRESSONEY-LA-TRINITE - CHAMPOLUC

A short transfer to Biela marks the beginning of this day.

After a few steep switchbacks in the trees, we enter a steep valley, where several stone buildings remain. Cresting the Pentecoll at 2770m, we have sweeping views of Lyskam and Pollux and the ski resort of Champoluc.

A beautiful descent past some high mountain lakes takes us down to our quiet village for the evening.



Hotel in Champoluc



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage transfer



Distance: 14.5km (9m), 7 - 8 hours, up 835m (2756ft), down 1350m (4450ft)

Day 06: CHAMPOLUC – BREUIL/CERVINIA

We are heading off towards Alpe Varda and Alpe Mase and views of the glaciated slopes of the Breithorn.

After climbing through larch woods and high meadows, where the cattle and sheep graze, we climb above the turquoise waters of the Gran Lago to the Colle Superieur delle Cime Bianche at 2982m.

Here we expect our first views of the Matterhorn, before heading down past the Lago Breuil and our accommodation for the night.



Hotel in Cervinia



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage transfer



Distance: 15km (9.5m) , 8 hours, up 1412m (4630ft), down 932m (3060ft)

Day 07: BREUIL/CERIVINIA - ZERMATT

We have an easy morning taking the cable car to Plan Maison and Testa Grigia. This is a hut situated 200m higher than the Teodulo Refuge.

It provides views of the Breithorn and lies just below the Kleine Matterhorn. We meet our IFMGA high mountain guide here for the glacier crossing.

A quick descent brings us to the Theodulpass and the border with Switzerland, and then further down to Zermatt. Lift for part of the descent is optional but recommended as the trail down is tedious.



Hotel in Zermatt



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage included



Distance: 17km (10.5m), 6 hours, mainly cable cars, down by cable car 1900m (6270ft)

Day 08: DEPARTURE DAY

Our trip finishes after breakfast. If you need logistical support for your onward journey, please contact us.



Breakfast included
