



2024  
Around Mont Blanc





Long before welcoming skiers from all over the world to its resorts, the Tarentaise valley and its alpine passes were frequented by men and their various goods from the Neolithic, and perhaps by Hannibal during his passage from the Alps in 218 av. AD, with his elephants.

Strategic for the Roman Empire which from the conquest of Gaul built a path to connect Mediolanum (Milan) to Vindobonna (Vienna), spine of the illustrious Savoy house, which from dukes in 1416, became princes of Piedmont, kings Sicily (1713) and Sardinia (1720) and will give Italy its first king, the Tarentaise valley is today the setting for the Vanoise National Park, and numerous peaks over 3000 m.

We will walk in the footsteps of the Celts who from the Antiquity exploited the precious minerals of the mountains, the illustrious Romans, the builders and artists of the counter reform who tell their faith in the baroque chapels ...

At the foot of Mont Blanc, we will meet the initiators of modern alpinism.

But the main thing is elsewhere.

On our horses, we will experience that we are part of the vibrant living of the mountains, and observe how the rocks, ice, forests, plants, eagles, gyapetes, ibex, marmots ... form here a nature a nature of intense and overwhelming nature.

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Owner of Cheval & Montagnes





## 7 or 8 days around Mont Blanc

### **Day 1**

Arrival at airport of Geneva or at SNCF station of Landry, transfer at hotel de la Vanoise \*\*\* in Peisey Nancroix.

### **Day 2 : La Chenarie - alpages de Rossaix**

#### ***AM - about 2 hours on horseback***

Start of the ride from la Chenarie by the forest path forestier of Carroz blanc, from where we have a sublime view of the Bellecôte massif, then on the paths of the open landscape of the Rossaix pastures.

Discovery of the wonderful little Tarine cows. Visit a Beaufort-made alpine pasture.

Lunch on site.

#### ***PM - about 2 hours on horseback***

Return by the Carroz Blanc forest path.

Dinner and overnight at the Vanoise hotel.

### **Day 3 : La Chenarie - Les Vernettes - Nancroix - Landry**

#### ***AM - about 2 hours on horseback***

Savoy baroque art is at the heart of the reconquest of souls during the counter reform. A true social project, the church reflects life in the mountains; it honors the saints invoked against the disease of men and cattle, accidents, avalanches, climatic hazards. Visiting these sites then becomes an exciting story, suitable for both the believer and laymen.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, the faith of the inhabitants and the talent of local, Piedmontese or French artists populated the valleys with masterpieces. Start of the Chenarie ride to Parcompuet, to the Baroque chapel of Vernettes.

Visit the Chapel, then we descend into the valley to Nancroix.

Lunch in a local restaurant.





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### ***PM - about 3 hours on horseback***

We start again the ride along the Ponthurin to the village of Moulin then Peisey Nancroix, which we cross on horseback, then descend into the Tarentaise valley to the Baroque church of Landry, located at the foot of the Roman road. Guided visit of Landry church.

Then short ride to the horse meadow for the night in Landry.

Dinner and overnight at the Vanoise hotel.

### **Day 4 : Landry - Seez**

#### ***AM - about 4 hours on horseback***

Start of the ride in the Tarentaise Valley, along the Isère river. As we are in a flat valley, we have the opportunities of trots and canters. From the valley, we have a look on the local life and villages. Arrival at the meadow of the horses.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

### ***PM -***

Transfert to Sainte Foy Tarentaise, pretty village further up the valley, with a tradition of passages leading to Italy, and the neighbouring valley of Haute Maurienne.

Guided tour of the charming hamlets of Le Miroir and La Mazure, where the architecture tells about the story of the tradition of the passed.

Shoping in a charming local shop.

Aperitif, dinner and night in the famous Hotel Le Monal

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### Day 5 : St germain - col du Petit saint Bernard

#### *AM - about 4 hours on horseback*

The frequentation of alpine passes by men and their various goods goes back to a very ancient time (3000 to 2500 BC). In the bronze age there were already important trade flows. Some invaders from Italy crossed the Alps before the Gallo-Roman period, the Gauls of Bellovese around 309 BC, the Carthaginians with Hannibal in 218 BC, Hasdrubal around 207, Cimbres in 101 BC

The construction of the road that passes through the Petit Saint Bernard pass - (In Alpe Graia) - probably dates back to the period of Julius Caesar around 45 BC, its completion is around the year 2 or 3 AD

It was the main road that linked Milan to Vienna, in the Rhône valley. Around the year 18 AD the Greek geographer Strabo indicates that it was passable by horse carriage for most of its route.

From Seez, we will find the Roman road to Saint Germain, which we will follow to the pass. it is well marked at the border near the "Cromlech" and the Colonne Joux (Columna Jovis). Lunch and visit to the Petit Saint Bernard hospice museum.

#### *PM -*

Visit of the museum of Petit Saint Bernard pass and discover the Roman ruins.

Transfer by minibus to the Pré Saint Didier thermal baths from where we have a sublime view of the Mont Blanc chain. Then transfert at medieval charming Hotel Dolonne at Courmayeur \*\*\*.

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### Day 6 : Minibus excursion in Valle d'Aosta

#### *AM - Visit of Aosta (Italy).*

The new colony of Augusta Praetoria Salassorum (Aosta) was founded in 25 BC. J.-C., at the very place of the headquarters (praetorium) of the old fortified camp, at the crossroads between the road of Grand-Saint-Bernard (Mons Jovis or Mont Joux), and that of Petit-Saint-Bernard (Columna Jovis or "Colonne de Joux", or Alpis Graia).

At the end of the Roman Empire, the strategic position of Valle d'Aosta was the object of much lust. Successively conquered by many peoples: Burgondes, Ostrogoths, then occupied by the Lombards. In 575 peace between the Merovingian king of Burgundy and Orleans, and the Lombards was proclaimed. The Aosta Valley is incorporated into the kingdom of the Franks, who reserve control of the Alpine passes. The border between the kingdom of Burgondes and Lombardy is fixed at Pont-Saint-Martin. This change of orientation towards Lyon and Vienne fixes the toponymy, where we often meet Martin de Tours, as well as Denis de Paris (Saint-Denis) and Remi de Reims (Saint-Rhémy-en-Bosses). The feudal nobility has long had a preponderant weight in political and social history. The castles and forts of military function that they built, were political, economic and cultural centers.

The first viscount known to this day Boson I in 1100. One of his successors, Ebal I of Challant renounces this title in 1295 in favor of the House of Savoy. We visit the Arc de Triomphe, the numerous Roman remains of Aosta, as well as its medieval buildings.

We have then a fine typical Italian lunch in trattoria Al Dente.

PM - We visit medieval and renaissance castle of Fenis, and will discover its magnificent frescoes.

Dinner and night at hotel Dolonne in Courmayeur.

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### Day 7 : Departure

Free breakfast and departure  
free visit and shopping in Courmayeur

**or Day 7 - option - Easy hike with a high mountain guide on Brevent glacier, at the foot of mont Blanc**

### Option : AM - about 2 hours walk.

We start the day by taking the Cable car climb to Pointe Helbronner where a dazzling spectacle awaits us upon exiting on Brenva glacier. Aiguille Noire de Peuterey, Aiguille Blanche de Peuterey, Mont Blanc du Tacul, Mont Maudit, Mont Blanc ... Dent du Géant, Mer de Glace ... At 3462 m of altitude, our high mountain guide acclimate us very gradually to this high altitude, showing and telling us about the routes, and exploits of mountaineers in the highest and most prestigious alpine chain. Equipped with crampons and roped, we move together easily in complete safety in a fairy tale setting wich nature raised 30 millions ago to its highest point at 4808 meters. A truly unforgettable experience of a life time !

Then filled with wonders, we have lunch among the mountaineers at the Torino refuge.

### PM

Descent into the valley, visit of high mountain guides of Courmayeur, and shopping in town. Dinner and night at hotel Dolonne in Courmayeur.

### Day 8 : Departure

Free breakfast and departure.  
Possible transfers to Geneva airport.



# Accommodations and meals



In a **\*\*\*** or **\*\*\*\*** hotel, your accommodation is always located in the heart of the mountain. Facing the Bellecôte chain, Mont Pourri, or Mont Blanc chain ... you will enjoy an unforgettable view from your room that combines charm with comfort.

You enjoy the magic of old stones, the Savoyard tradition, the authenticity of the owners' welcome.

The double rooms with bathroom combine comfort and refinement. A heated pool or spa often offers relaxation and fun after the hike.

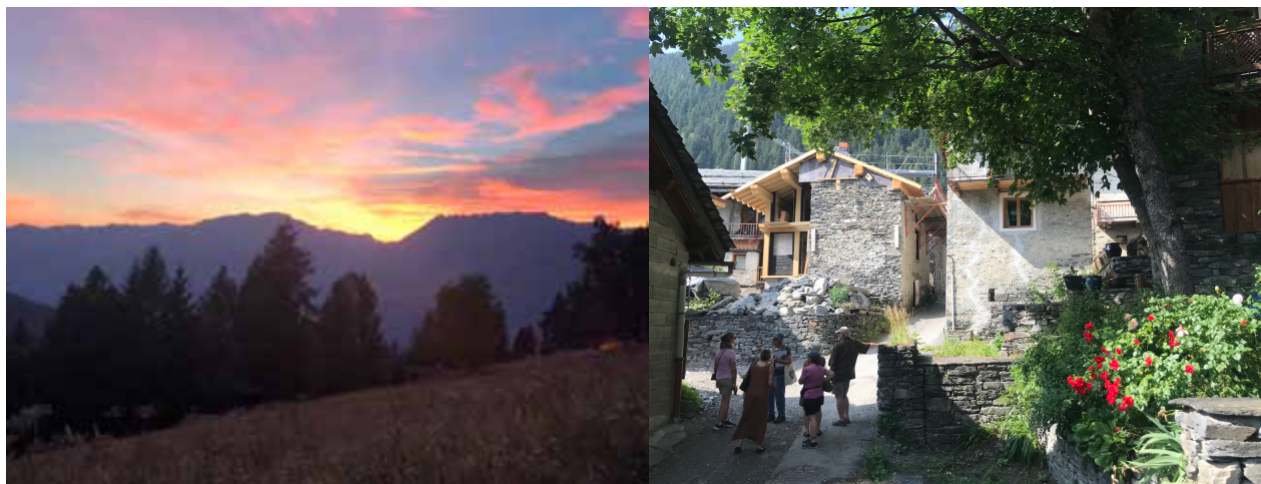
Local gastronomy, convivial dinner ... Everything is done so that you fully experience the mountains.



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# Dates and rates



## 2024 rates :

- rate 7 days – 6 nights tour Around Mont Blanc : **3030 euros TTC**
- extra single room 6 nights tour around Mont Blanc : **625 euros TTC**
- option day with a minimum of 2 personnes booked : **475 euros TTC**

## 2024 dates :

. june 23 – 29  
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The packages include :

- all nights in double room B&B or hotel **\*\*\*** ou **\*\*\*\***, and breakfasts.
- all meals and gastronomic dinners, include 2 glass of wine per meal,
- 5 full days of visit and excursion on horseback, horses and saddles rental,
- professional guiding by certificated staff, visits and shows.
- people and horses transportation during the stay.

does not include :

- . extra charge for a single room,
- . extras such as aperitifs, extra drinks...,
- . transfers from and to stations, airports ...

## Groups :

From 4 to 10 people maximum.

Levels requested :

- Intermediate, strong intermediate or experienced for itinerary Around mont Blanc.
- Strong intermediate or experienced for itinerary Best of Transylvania.

A precise description of these levels is given to you when you are filling the rider information document.

\* TTC : inclusive of taxes



# Philosophy



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Cheval & Montagnes offers a wonderful experience in complicity with your horse. The different tours of Cheval & Montagnes are tailor made, programs which are unforgettable, sporty and enjoyable way to discover mountain way of life and their history.

Each tour is unique and requires a positive and receptive attitude that is necessary to the harmony and success of the project.

## Horses

The choice of the horses has been motivated above all, by the strong desire to make you enjoy your trip in total safety.

The horses are quiet and generous. Your trek companion is chosen for you according to your level, height and weight.

For this ride, horses are Henson breed, experienced and trained for the trail riding in mountains.

## Coaching :

Excursions are coached by fully qualified state certificated staff.

An assessment of your level and, if necessary, a quick test of your knowledge is organized on the first day.

## Clothes

**riding clothes** : comfortable trousers, riding boots, waterproof and warm jacket, riding helmet, gloves, sun glasses and sun cream .

**evening clothes** : the dress you feel fine to have dinner at a gourmet table, and casual table.

## Some advice:

**Before you leave** : If possible, prior to your trip try to ride a horse 3 or 4 times to train your muscles for a long time on horseback.

**During the ride** : Pay attention to the given instructions, respect the schedule and keep reasonable distances from other riding, and enjoy yourself !



# Information



## **insurance**

We inform our customers that the private limited company Cheval & Châteaux is insured against the financial consequences of its professional civil liability in accordance with the Law N°92-645, July,13th 1992.

This insurance covers the damages caused to our contractors and customers resulting from faults, factual errors, errors in law, negligence or omission arising out of the offer, the organization or the sale of our services and due to us or to our officials, salaried or no.

Moreover, we invite you to check the insurance and attendance benefits that you can claim in case of accident, particularly as far as Horseback riding is concerned.

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