LES CONTAMINES-MONTJOIE: A WHITE PARADISE AND A LEISURELY SNOWSHOEING EXPERIENCE

Val Montjoie, a winter wonderland at the foot of Mont Blanc

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DURATION	TRAVEL STYLE	LUGGAGE
6 days	**Accompanied / guided**	**With luggage transfer**

ACCOMMODATION	LEVEL	FROM
Comfort (room)	**2/4 ★★☆☆**	**890 €**

Les Contamines-Montjoie, a village nestled at the far end of the Val Montjoie, where snow settles every winter, much to the delight of walkers.
On the programme: accessible snowshoe loops and exceptional panoramic views for a memorable winter getaway.
You'll be staying at La Gélinotte, a chalet-hotel situated in a quiet area offering breathtaking views of the Dômes de Miage, where you can recharge your batteries whilst taking in the serenity of the peaks and the surrounding countryside. A warm and welcoming atmosphere, a genuine smile and the cosiness of a real mountain home are the hallmarks of this family hotel.

You will love

- Snowshoe outings accessible to as many people as possible in a variety of mountain ranges
- Exceptional views of Mont Blanc
- The family-friendly atmosphere of Les Contamines-Montjoie and Saint-Gervais-les-Bains, and the chance to enjoy their thermal baths
- A local guide to share all his mountain and heritage knowledge with you

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Meet at 18.00 am at your accommodation for a presentation of the trip and the arva/shovel/probe safety equipment by the guide.

Our walks are chosen to be accessible without any danger for most of the winter. However, the guide may have to modify the programme according to the weather or an exceptional avalanche risk, in order to offer you the best choice for the day (forest outing in the snow, panoramic outing in fine weather, etc.) in complete safety. Walking times and gradients are given as a guide only, and may vary depending on the quality of the snow.

Overnight stay at your hotel, La Gélinotte.

DAY 2

MOUNTAIN PASTURES OF COLOMBAZ

A gentle first day's walk from the charming hamlet of Le Baptieu (5 minutes from your hotel) to the snow-covered mountain pastures of Colombaz and Les Bécus. At an altitude of 1,600 metres, the view across the entire Mont Blanc massif is breathtaking, with the summit visible between the Dômes de Miage and the Aiguille de Bionnassay. A short descent and a crossing of the Nant Rouge take you to the Chalets de l'Etape, where you can take the cable car back down. Overnight stay at your hotel, La Gélinotte.

4 hour walk / Elevation : +550 m / -250 m

DAY 3

THE HAMLET OF BIONNASSAY AND VOZA PASS

A short 15-minute transfer takes you to the remote hamlet of Bionnassay, bringing you as close as possible to the Mont Blanc massif. Situated at an altitude of between 1,300 and 1,400 metres, it has a year-round population of just around thirty. With snowshoes on, the aim for the day is first to reach the Col de Voza (1,650 m) and then to explore the alpine area around Les Houches. From the former Hôtel de Bellevue (1,780 m), the 360° view is breathtaking! A unique panorama of the Chamonix valley, the Mont Blanc massif and the Aiguille de Bionnassay. Overnight stay at your hotel, La Gélinotte.

5 hour walk / Elevation : +/-600 m

DAY 4

JOLY PASS (1989 m) A VIEW OF THE BEAUFORTAIN

A short transfer to the Gorge cable car (5 mins) and a cable car ride up to Le Signal (1,865 m). From the upper reaches of the Les Contamines-Montjoie ski area, a gentle 2 km walk takes you to the Col du Joly. From here, the hike continues with the Aiguille de Roselette looming overhead, whilst the snow-covered mountain pastures of Le Bolchu provide a purely white playground. Descend via the cable cars in the afternoon and take a stroll to the Notre Dame de la Gorge Chapel to round off the day. Overnight stay at your hotel, La Gélinotte.

6 hour walk / Elevation : +/-500 m

DAY 5

MOUNTAIN PASTURES OF PORCHEREY

A short 20-minute transfer to Saint-Nicolas de Véroce and the Plan de la Croix (1,450 m). A final loop through coniferous forests and snow-covered clearings to reach the small mountain pasture of Porcherey at an altitude of 1,715 m. The panorama opens up one last time onto the Mont Blanc massif and its peaks rising to over 4,000 m. After the hike, enjoy a self-guided tour of the Baroque church of Saint-Nicolas, recognised as one of the most beautiful churches in Haute-Savoie. Overnight stay at your hotel, La Gélinotte.

4 hour walk / Elevation : +/-300 m

DAY 6

FREE TIME IN SAINT GERVAIS LES BAINS, THERMAL PARK AND END OF THE TRIP

After breakfast, please check out of your room. You are free to explore at your leisure; we recommend a stroll through the village of Saint-Gervais-les-Bains and/or a visit to the thermal baths at Saint-Gervais Mont Blanc (bookings can be made as optional extra).

End of stay at around 10.00 am at the accommodation

Dates and prices

PERIOD	AVAILABILITY	PRICE
14/03/2027 - 19/03/2027	Open departure	**890 €**
21/03/2027 - 26/03/2027	Open departure	**890 €**

THE PRICE

PACK MOBILITE EXTRA : Daily transfers with Altitude Mont Blanc bus from the hotel to the hikinhg departure point. (+ €60 per person).

Option Thermes St-Gervais: "*The Mont Blanc Thermal Spa offers you an extraordinary wellness experience! Between indoor and outdoor spaces, the Bonnant Gorge becomes the setting for an elegant stroll in the heart of a breathtaking environment* '" **+65€ per person (access to Mont Blanc baths / Classic 3-hour thermal spa entry)**

Includes :

- Organisation and booking fees;
- Guiding by a qualified and insured mountain leader;
- Snowshoes (or mini crampons), poles and avalanche equipment;
- Nights accommodation in a hotel on half board-basis in rooms for 2 (3 people if there are an odd number of guests) from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 6;
- Picnic lunches on days 2, 3, 4 and 5;
- The ski lifts required for the implementation of the program;
- Minibus transfers at the start of the hikes if you have chosen the **MOBILITY PACK option**;
- You will be picked up on the first day from the St-Gervais Le Fayet train station, and dropped back off at the same station on the final day, provided you have selected the **MOBILITY PACK option**.

Does not includes :

- Cancellation insurance ;
- Personnal expenses (drinks, etc...) ;
- Touristic visits ;
- Other exclusions clearly described within the corresponding technical sheet.

The price is all inclusive from departure to end point.
Single supplement on request and subject to availability.

The journey

LEVEL**

Elevation: +/- 400 to 650m approximately per day.
Walking time: 4 to 5 hours per day depending on the group.
Type of trek: this tour is not technically difficult and is open to all, no prior experience of snowshoeing necessary.
Same hotel all week that permits a rest day at any point.

THE SNOW

With climate change, we can no longer be sure of the presence and quality of snow in the mountains, even in the Northern Alps. However, the mountains in winter, even without snowshoes, are still a treasure trove to be discovered. When snowshoes can't be used due to lack of snow, mini-crampons are available to ensure that you can practise in complete safety.

GUIDING

Number in a group between 6 and 12 people supervised by a qualified professional winter mountain leader, specialist in snow and avalanches.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at LA GELINOTTE HOSTEL**, the ideal place to explore this unique destination nestling at the foot of Mont Blanc. **Rooms for 2 people with private bathroom** (3 if an odd number). Single room supplement on request..

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are served at the hotel. For lunch, we set off with a packed lunch consisting of hot soup and local specialities.

MAPS

IGN Top 25 - 3531 ET Saint-Gervais-les-Bains et 3531 OT Megève

Practical information

ACCESS TO DEPARTURE POINT

Meet sunday at 6pm with your guide at the accommodation.

BY TRAIN

Outward journey : Departure from Gare de Lyon (Paris), arrival at Gare du Fayet (Saint-Gervais-les-Bains).
Return journey : Departure from Gare du Fayet (Saint-Gervais-les-Bains), arrival at Gare de Lyon (Paris). Please check your journey with the SNCF.

BY CAR

Take the A40 motorway to Sallanches/Passy, then take exit 21 towards Saint-Gervais-les-Bains and then Les Contamines-Montjoie. The hotel is situated to the north-west of the village of Les Contamines-Montjoie (74)

The tour ends on friday around 10am at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION BEFORE AND AFTER

Extra night before or after your stay (based on a 2-person room) : €100 in half-board (subject to availability)

CONTACT US

If you are late please contact the agency as soon as possible : **+33 (0)4 50 79 09 16 or +33 (0)6 42 49 76 07**

Equipment and luggage

EQUIPMENT LIST

Material for snowshoeing (snowshoes and poles) is provided. However, if you have your own equipment and would like to use it you are free to do so. Avalanche safety equipment is also provided (transceiver, shovel and probe).

Clothing

- Waterproof ski or winter walking trousers
- Wind stopper or Goretex jacket
- Breathable or merino wool t-shirts
- Fleece or jumper
- Insulating down jacket
- 2 pairs of ski gloves and a warm hat
- Walking socks (1 pair per day)
- Sturdy waterproof walking boots

Other Equipment

- Rucksack minimum 35 litre capacity
- Sunglasses and ski mask
- Sun cream
- Water bottle and Camelback (1.5 litre minimum)
- Knife and spoon
- Cup(s) for soup and coffee
- Small First Aid kit (antihistamine, ibuprofen, Compeed type blister pads...)
- Survival blanket
- Identity card or passport
- Swimming costume, clean flip-flops suitable for aquatic areas and towel (for your shower before leaving the spa)

BACPACK

Bring a comfortable backpack of 35 to 40 litres for your avalanche safety equipment (transceiver, shovel and probe), personal belongings for the day (warm clothes, water, cup and cutlery for your picnic, sunscreen and your identity papers) and please keep a little room to carry a picnic and snacks.

Postal booking form

Complete this form and return it with your deposit.

Last name	
First name	
Birth date	
Address	
Phone	
Mobile phone	
Email	
Requested trip	**LES CONTAMINES-MONTJOIE: A WHITE PARADISE AND A LEISURELY SNOWSHOEING EXPERIENCE**
Number of days	**6**
Insurance	
Trip price	**890 €**
Estimated deposit (30%)	**267 €**
Signed in	
Date	
Signature	

Return with your deposit to

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