

# MOUNTAIN



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## ITALY: MONT BLANC



- Day 01** Depart US for an overnight flight to Geneva, Switzerland.
- Day 02** Arrive at the Geneva Airport where you will be met outside customs by a Mountain Link representative. We take private ground transportation to a beautiful mountain town, Courmayeur, nestled in the Italian Alps. Overnight at the hotel. (D)
- Day 03** After breakfast we take an acclimatization hike around the foothills of the Mont Blanc. The afternoon is spent checking equipment and discussing route options. (B, L, D)
- Day 04** We leave Courmayeur to begin our ascent of Mont Blanc. Our objective for the day is to hike and climb up to the Gonella Hut (10, 000'). The hut is perched on a rock ridge with outstanding views of the route (The Pope Route) and the mountain. The evening is spent relaxing and enjoying the unique mountain scenery.
- Day 05** Today is spent training and acclimatizing.
- Day 06** We awake early, around midnight for our summit attempt of Mont Blanc. The unique aspect of this climb is that we traverse the mountain. We ascend the Italian side of the mountain and descend into the Gouter Hut (12,000') located in France. (B, L, D)
- Day 07** After breakfast we descend to the Chamonix Valley via foot and train to our hotel, where we clean up after some long days of climbing to enjoy a wonderful meal. (B, L, D)
- Day 08** Today is spent as you wish. You may go sightseeing in Chamonix or we can take you hiking to Lac Blanc for breathtaking views of the Mont Blanc Massif. (Meals not provided this day since people may want to do different things.)
- Day 09** Transportation to Geneva for departing flights home.

*\*Itinerary subject to change.*

*\*\*B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner: Initials note where meals are included. Lunches on the mountain are snack lunches, they are not a prepared meal.*