

CHAMONIX



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TRIP OVERVIEW

Take a trek through the old world on Europe's finest alpine adventure. This Chamonix trip takes you to from the glacier carved valleys and spectacular peaks of the Alps, to the cirques, waterfalls and jagged spires of the Pyrenees.

You'll trek the famous Tour Du Mont Blanc, spanning three countries through the Alps, and then you'll traverse the historic Pyrenees mountain range. You'll train hop to the coast of Spain and experience the Mediterranean Sea from a kayak. You'll even get to explore the magical twinkling lights of Paris. This European leadership trip is for those who are looking to combine international travel with a true wilderness challenge.



EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Backpack the Alps on the Tour Du Mont Blanc
Sea kayak the Mediterranean waters of Costa Brava, Spain
Trek from hut to hut in the remote and rugged Pyrenees
Navigate the museums, monuments, and metros of Paris

DAY 1-2

Land in Paris, France with your group, and travel by train to the picturesque mountain town of Chamonix, France. Explore the streets and cafes of Chamonix as you gaze up at the glacier capped mountains you'll be hiking into. Getting to know your group, you'll prepare for your first backpacking section in the Alps.

DAY 3-8

Explore the mountain town of Chamonix and prepare for your first trekking section. Begin hiking the Tour Du Mont Blanc, Europe's most iconic alpine trek. You'll walk through glacier carved valleys up stunning ridge lines in the shadow of Europe's most spectacular peaks. Nestled deep in the Alps, you'll descend into remote mountain villages of Switzerland, Italy and France and stay in the hostels of these old alpine towns. Each day will offer another incredible hike through rugged and stunning terrain, and each night will have you landing in a cozy hostel with a hot meal and a bunk. There is no better way to experience the Alps. On your last day in the Alps, you'll descend back to Chamonix and relax.

DAY 9-12

Hop on a train with your team and navigate true European travel from France to Spain. Arrive in the Mediterranean coastal town of Costa Brava. Here you'll spend three days exploring the rocky shoreline and coastal caves in a sea kayak. With professional guides you'll get to tackle the most remote paths of the turquoise blue waters. Soak up the sun and the Spanish vibes of the Mediterranean as you learn to paddle the tides and currents of this stunning coast.

**Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*





DAY 13-20

Get back on the train and travel to the holy city of Lourdes, France. This will be your gateway into the Pyrenees, the spectacular mountains dividing France and Spain. This trek will immerse you for the next week in the deep and rugged terrain of this stunning trail. Trek from remote alpine hut to hut, accessible only by foot. You'll cross through the gorgeous Ordesa canyon, and the Cirque Du Gavarnie, where you'll witness le Grande Cascade, one of Europe's most iconic waterfalls. Finish this epic hike in Lourdes, France, where you'll get a shower, a gelato, and prepare for your travels to Paris.

DAY 21-22

Take the train to the city of lights with your team. Spend a day exploring the museums, metros and monuments of Paris. Sit beneath the Eiffel Tower with your group as you relive and recount the adventures you've had together. Celebrate all you've accomplished with a Parisian banquet dinner.

DAY 23

Grab a croissant and cafe au lait as you head to the Paris airport and fly back to the United States.





“This trip absolutely exceeded my expectations. I loved the trekking because I was able to push myself physically and mentally each day. Everyday was different, which added more excitement to the trip.”

» AUSTYN BARNES, MONTGOMERY, AL





TRIP DETAILS

LENGTH	23 Days
GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR	10th-12th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Challenging
BEGINS/ENDS	Paris (CDG) <i>Group flight details provided upon acceptance</i>
GROUP SIZE	12 Students
AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST	\$1,800

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two Dynamic Trip Leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
 - Trekking
 - Sea kayaking
- Lodging
 - Mountain Huts/ Refugios
 - Hostels
- Private Ground Transportation + EuroRail passes
- All Meals
- Photos taken during your trip

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from Paris (CDG)
- Baggage fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
 - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$250 recommended)
- Trip Insurance (Highly Recommended)

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