

## Tour Du Mont Blanc

After 40+ years of writing about Europe, Rick Steves has gathered 100 of his favorite memories together into one inspiring collection: *For the Love of Europe: My Favorite Places, People, and Stories*. Join Rick as he's swept away by a fado singer in Lisbon, learns the dangers of falling in love with a gondolier in Venice, and savors a cheese course in the Loire Valley. Contemplate the mysteries of centuries-old stone circles in England, dangle from a cliff in the Swiss Alps, and hear a French farmer's defense of foie gras. With a brand-new, original introduction from Rick reflecting on his decades of travel, *For the Love of Europe* features 100 of the best stories published throughout his career. Covering his adventures through England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and more, these are stories only Rick Steves could tell. Wry, personal, and full of Rick's signature humor, *For the Love of Europe* is a fond and inspirational look at a lifetime of travel.

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Comprehensive coverage for planning a multi-week trip to France  
Rick's strategic advice on how to get the most out of your time and money, with rankings of his must-see favorites  
Top sights and hidden gems, from the Louvre and the Palace of Versailles to neighborhood cafés and delicate macarons  
How to connect with local culture: Stroll through open-air markets in Paris, bike through rustic villages, and taste wines in Burgundy and Bordeaux  
Beat the crowds, skip the lines, and avoid tourist traps with Rick's candid, humorous insight  
The best places to eat, sleep, and relax with a glass of vin rouge  
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Vital trip-planning tools, like how to link destinations, build your itinerary, and get from place to place  
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Useful resources including a packing list, French phrase book, historical overview, and recommended reading  
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Over 1,000 bible-thin pages include everything worth seeing without weighing you down  
Coverage of Paris, Chartres, Normandy, Mont St-Michel, Brittany, The Loire, Dordogne, Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence, The French Riviera, Nice, Monaco, The French Alps, Burgundy, Lyon, Alsace, Reims, Verdun, and much more  
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The most epic walks in the Chamonix Valley, France. No 'fillers'! To make planning easy for you, only the unmissable walks made the cut. We have 'sifted the wheat from the chaff' so that you do not have to. Chamonix is the most famous mountain town in the world. It is where mountaineering began and its incredible hiking trails are on the 'bucket list' of most hikers. Its peerless

reputation owes everything to the mighty Mont Blanc, the highest peak in Western Europe: our hikes will take you to the finest viewpoints of the mountain and its glaciers. Our walks have been carefully selected to enable easy access by public transport, including the Chamonix Valley's incredible cable car network. Also includes: -Numbered waypoints linking the Real Maps to our clear descriptions -Graded routes to suit all abilities -Everything the hiker needs to know: route descriptions, difficulty, weather, how to get there, and more -Detailed information on cable cars and public transport -Information on Wildlife and Plants Beautiful hiking diary with pages to fill This Book comes with Personal emergency information information about your hotel (address, phone number etc) packing lists Checklists Area for emergency contacts, friends and family Information about your trip This book is for Wanderer Trekking Holiday Camper Backpacker Friends of Nature Globetrotter You can use this book as: notebook Diary travel diary Hiking Diary Pilgrim Diary Photo Album holiday memories Or simply as a beautiful book for everyday use Further information on the book: 120 pages 6x9 inches Mattes Softcover (fits comfortably in the hand) cream-colored paper Do you know a vacationers and hikers who soon begins his next trip? Then this book is perfect as a small gift. Whether as a parting gift, a birthday, Christmas or just because. any outdoor enthusiast about this book is pleased Until now, home cooking has remained stubbornly out of touch with technological development but Heston Blumenthal, champion of the scientific kitchen, changes all that with this radical book. With meticulous precision, he explains what the most effective techniques are and why they work. Heston's instructions are precise and easy to follow, with lots of helpful tips, and each chapter is introduced with an explanation of Heston's approach to 1) Stocks 2) Soups 3) Starters 4) Salads 5) Meat 6) Fish 7) Sous-vide 8) Pasta and grains 9) Cheese 10) Sides and condiments 11) Ices 12) Desserts and sweets 13) Biscuits, snacks and drinks. Recipes include Green bean and radish salad; Prawn cocktail; Roast chicken; Shepherd's pie; Sea bass with vanilla butter; Liquorice poached salmon; Carbonara; The ultimate cheese toastie; Strawberry sundae; Liquid centre chocolate pudding and Raspberry sherbert. And, of course, Heston's famous Triple-cooked chips. Heston Blumenthal at Home will change the way you think about cooking forever - prepare for a culinary revolution!

The complete guidebook for the Tour of the Ecrins National Park (GR54) in the French Alps. The only guidebook with Real 1:25,000 Maps: proper mapping included for each stage. This makes navigation easy and saves you money: no need to buy additional maps. Also includes: -Unique Itinerary Planner: plan a bespoke itinerary to match your ability and vacation schedule. All difficult calculations of time, distance and altitude gain are done for you -4 Proposed Itineraries of between 9 and 12 days -Everything the trekker needs to know to plan the route: route descriptions, costs, budget, difficulty, weather, how to get there, and more -Full accommodation listings: spectacularly situated mountain huts, villages, hamlets and campsites -Information for both self-guided and

guided trekkers -Edge to edge colour: the most beautiful trekking guidebooks in the world The Tour of the Ecrins National Park (GR54) is arguably the finest trek in the Alps. It is an epic journey around the unforgettable Écrins which has the highest mountains in the French Alps outside of the Mont Blanc Massif. This is one of France's 'crown jewels' and yet is hardly known to the English speaking world. -193km -9-12 days -12,000m of altitude gain -14 mountain passes Unspoilt and remote high mountain terrain: snow frosted summits, beautiful valleys and pastures, sparkling azure lakes, carpets of wild flowers, the soothing sound of cow bells and easy to follow paths. This trek should be on your hiking bucket list. 2018 Chanticleer I & I Grand Prize Book Award Winner Move over traditional sightseeing, throngs of visitors, and tourist traps! Explore Europe on Foot gives travelers an alternative way to discover Europe. A hiking vacation offers countless rewards: the time to admire the tidiness of a village farm, soak in the rugged alpine view from a rocky perch, and absorb a country through the smells of its landscape and encounters with locals. Explore Europe on Foot is a complete guide to conceptualizing, planning, and executing the slow-travel hike (or hikes!) of a lifetime. Author Cassandra Overby tells you how you can spend all, or even just part, of your vacation enjoying scenery, small towns, and cultural experiences most travelers miss—all without carrying a big backpack. This guide offers all the nuts and bolts you need: how to choose a route that is right for you, how to plan, what to pack, what to expect, how to find accommodations and food, how to deal with challenges along the way, and so much more. These aren't wilderness backpacking trips, but rather a wide range of town-to-town walks that offer the opportunity to have an authentic, affordable, restorative vacation. Travelers will also appreciate overviews of fifteen long-distance trails in Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Great Britain, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey, with itineraries that range from one to fifteen days. For those unwilling to go all-in, Cassandra also offers tips on incorporating day-hike outings into a more traditional vacation. The focus is on how to craft that more immersive vacation so users of the guide will be able to apply what they learn to their own dream destinations. 15 Handpicked Walks include: Rota Vicentina, Portugal English Way, Spain Mont Saint-Michel, France Alsace Wine Route, France Tour du Mont Blanc, France and Italy Cinque Terre 2.0, Italy Lycian Way, Turkey Alpine Pass Route, Switzerland King Ludwig's Way, Germany The Moselle, Germany The Ardennes, Luxembourg and Belgium The Lake District, England, UK West Highland Way, Scotland, UK Laugavegur Trek, Iceland The Sahara Desert, Morocco

The 54 walks in this guidebook explore the popular region around Mont Blanc. These routes showcase the best mountain walking to be found on both the French and the Italian sides of the Mont Blanc massif. The 50 contrasting day walks (3-20km) range from high-level walks to easy summits, mountain huts, viewpoints and mountain lakes, as well as less strenuous valley walks. Also included are four multi-day treks: Vallorcine to Plaine Joux, Vallorcine to Servoz,

the Tour of the Aiguilles Rouges and a circuit of the Italian Val Ferret. Walks are organised according to the nearest town base: St Gervais les Bains and Les Contamines, Servoz and Plateau D'Assy, Les Houches, Chamonix, Argentiere, Vallorcine and Courmayeur. Walks are Graded 1 to 3: grade 1 walks are manageable by any reasonably fit person on good, usually waymarked paths, while grade 3 routes are long, tough routes, often without waymarking, making navigation difficult: there could also be some scrambling. Additionally there is often a valley walk that can be done whatever the weather, or on rest days, with children, by bike, or as a run. All routes feature a detailed route description and mapping.

Practical, all-in-one guide to walking the Mont Blanc trail with trail maps, where to stay and eat, and public transport information. At 4810m (15,781ft), Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in western Europe, and one of the most famous mountains in the world. The trail (105 miles, 168km) that circumnavigates the massif, passing through France, .....

An adventure this great deserves this large format book: September 2012, eight days on trails around the Mont Blanc massif. A taste of France, Italy, and Switzerland. Wonderful guides! Great group of hikers! Perfect hiking (and photography) weather and outstanding scenery every day. This book gives you everything but the exercise and the fine food.

As well as being the home of mountaineering, Chamonix also boasts a vast walking and trekking potential. With lifts (strictly optional) to take out the first and hardest 1000metres, it is possible to walk at high level all day, amidst glorious views of Mont Blanc, the famous Chamonix Aiguilles, the Verte and many other superb peaks, as well as being amongst the more accessible, walker-friendly Aiguilles Rouges, high above the valley. The system of alpine huts provides refreshments during the day and if needed, accommodation at the end of the day. This updated guide explores the best walking in the valley, including around Vallorcine, Argentiere, Servoz and the Les Contamines valley as well as Chamonix itself. Complete and up to date details of the facilities, accommodation, and lifts are given, together with a full introduction for planning both trips and routes. There are 36 routes and many variants.

The only guidebook for the Walker's Haute Route with Real Maps:

1:25,000/1:50,000 mapping included for each stage. This makes navigation easy and saves you money: no need to buy additional maps. Also includes:\* Unique Itinerary Planner: plan a bespoke itinerary to match your ability and vacation schedule. All difficult calculations of time, distance and altitude gain are done for you\* 6 Proposed Itineraries of between 10 and 14 days\* Everything the trekker needs to know to plan the route: route descriptions, costs, budget, difficulty, weather, how to get there, and more\* Full accommodation listings: spectacularly situated mountain huts, villages and hamlets\* Complete list of every camping location, including free campsites\* Section on Zermatt day walks\* 13 exciting variants to the main route\* Information for both self-guided and guided trekkers\*

Edge to edge colour: the most modern and beautiful TMB guidebook  
The Walker's Haute Route is an incredible trek between the two most famous mountain towns in the Alps. Travelling from Chamonix in France to Zermatt in Switzerland, you will start at Mont Blanc and finish at the Matterhorn. On the way, pass the largest collection of snowy 4000m summits in the Alps: Mont Blanc, Grand Combin, the Weisshorn, the Zinalrothorn, the Dom, the Täschhorn, the Breithorn and the Matterhorn, to name a few. The sister trek to the Tour du Mont Blanc crosses unspoilt and remote mountain terrain: amazing glaciers, snow frosted summits, beautiful valleys and pastures, shimmering lakes, carpets of wild flowers and the soothing sound of cow bells. This trek should be on your hiking bucket list.\* 206km \* 10-14 days\* 14,000m of altitude gain \* 12 mountain passes \* 2 countries, France and Switzerland

Comprehensive and informative, this traces each trek, starting with invaluable data on travel preparations and emergencies. A well-planned out day-to-day itinerary along with suggested short walks and restful campsites is complemented by a map outlining the trail and earmarking rest houses and night halts.

This guidebook shows the vast range of activities available in the mountains surrounding Chamonix. With routes for several different pursuits including walking, trail running, mountain biking, road cycling, via ferratas, rock climbing, mountaineering and bouldering, it is a comprehensive collection of everything this popular region has to offer. All the routes and activities range in difficulty, from easy strolls for all abilities to moderate rock climbs and glacier hikes, which require either technical skills or a professional guide. Families, groups of friends and mountaineers looking for a 'rest day' or a change to what they're used to will all find something to whet their appetites here. Chamonix has long been a dream destination for mountain adventures and its environment is ideal for such a varied list of activities. This guide allows you to enjoy its spectacular views and renowned summits in many different ways or by mixing and matching your favourites.

From Pulitzer Prize finalist Ben Montgomery, the story of a Texas man who, during the Great Depression, walked around the world -- backwards. Like most Americans at the time, Plennie Wingo was hit hard by the effects of the Great Depression. When the bank foreclosed on his small restaurant in Abilene, he found himself suddenly penniless with nowhere left to turn. After months of struggling to feed his family on wages he earned digging ditches in the Texas sun, Plennie decided it was time to do something extraordinary -- something to resurrect the spirit of adventure and optimism he felt he'd lost. He decided to walk around the world -- backwards. In *The Man Who Walked Backward*, Pulitzer Prize finalist Ben Montgomery charts Plennie's backwards trek across the America that gave rise to Woody Guthrie, John Steinbeck, and the New Deal. With the Dust Bowl and Great Depression as a backdrop, Montgomery follows Plennie across the Atlantic through Germany, Turkey, and beyond, and details

the daring physical feats, grueling hardships, comical misadventures, and hostile foreign police he encountered along the way. A remarkable and quirky slice of Americana, *The Man Who Walked Backward* paints a rich and vibrant portrait of a jaw-dropping period of history.

An inspirational larger format guidebook to 20 summer treks in the Alps across Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France and Slovenia, including the classics such as the Tour of Mont Blanc and lesser-known routes like the Traverse of the Slovenian Alps. Perfect for planning, the treks included are: Tour of Mont Blanc, Tour of the Matterhorn, Tour of Monte Rosa, Walker's Haute Route, Tour of the Jungfrau Region, Tour of the Vanoise and Dolomites AV 1 & 2; (longer trans-Alpine routes) GR5 (Lake Geneva to Nice), Eastern Alps E5, Italian Alps GTA and the Traverse of the Slovenian Alps; and (for the Alpine adventurer) Alpine Pass Route, Tour of the Oisans, Tour of the Queyras, Tour of Mont Ruan, Stubai High Route, Zillertal High Route, Gran Paradiso AV2 and the Ratikon Hoehenweg. Outline schedules for each trek allow you compare the routes and become inspired to take up the challenge. Basic day-by-day route descriptions for each route are illustrated with maps and profiles, helping you choose the best routes to walk.

The 134km Tour of Monte Rosa is a challenging and very varied trek that takes a high route around the massif, in a circuit that begins and ends in Zermatt. The trek is described in eight stages, but these are not necessarily one-day stages, and some will be more comfortably achieved over two days or more. Realistically you should allow 9-10 days to complete the route. The Tour of Monte Rosa covers a variety of terrain, ranging from major forest tracks to narrow single-track footpaths to scree slopes to glacier, and offers a great introduction to high mountain walking. Along the way, this Alpine trail takes in spectacular views of the Monte Rosa massif, including ten 4000m summits, as well as breaks in mountain huts and the towns of Resy, Saas Fee, Macugnaga and Cervinia among others. The guidebook also provides a wealth of practical information to help you prepare for the trek.

When R.A. Dalkey travels cheap, he thinks bigger than hostel dorms, overnight trains and pasta with tomato sauce for every meal. He'll roll out his sleeping bag in Madrid's red light district, nap on the streets of Monaco and furtively string up his hammock on Swiss farms. He'll spontaneously teach English in Laos in exchange for rice. He'll thumb rides anywhere from Timor to the Orange Free State. He'll try smiling a lot, and see where it takes him. Most of the time it's somewhere good. As this collection of stories will reveal, it doesn't always go smoothly. Indonesian bush-fires chase him from his campsite. His shoes freeze solid in Siberia. He gets head-butted by an Albanian villager. He's shaken by earthquakes and terrified by witching-hour excavations in Andorran valleys. And, incompetent as ever with ropes, his hammock has a habit of falling down in the middle of the night - with him in it. Yet he wouldn't have it any other way: travelling Dalkey-style delivers the richest of experiences. And as he shares the adventures few of us would brave, you'll pick up gems about this crazy planet. Do you know which head of state was an Olympic bobsleigh competitor? Or how long your unattended bag will go untouched in Japan? Who's eating all the ice cream in Pyongyang? And how do cats jump in Swedish? Like that uncle with the rose-tinted

specs and a grumpy anarchist student rolled into one, Dalkey turns his nose up at travel insurance and shows that there's more than one way to see a world that always steers us to play it safe...

Tour du Mont Blanc is the definitive guidebook for one of the most famous long-distance treks in the world. This trek circles the entire Mont Blanc massif, passing through spectacular scenery in France, Italy and Switzerland. You'll traverse high mountain passes, see stunning glaciers, pass azure lakes, wander through tranquil green valleys and alpine pastures, with snow-capped peaks visible above. Written by Tour du Mont Blanc expert Kingsley Jones, this guidebook includes unique customised timings to enable accurate itinerary planning for walkers, trekkers, fastpackers and trail runners, allowing you to plan your Tour du Mont Blanc at a pace to suit you. You'll find everything that you need to plan and undertake your Tour du Mont Blanc, including travel information, navigation, accommodation options, equipment and safety, food and drink, as well as useful extra information such as wild swimming locations and trekking tips. Together with amazing photography, the route includes clear and comprehensive directions, refreshments stops, accommodation and local points of interest, and is accompanied by bespoke 1:40,000-scale maps. Route variations are also included. Change the world one trip at a time. In this illuminating collection of stories and lessons from the road, acclaimed travel writer Rick Steves shares a powerful message that resonates now more than ever. With the world facing divisive and often frightening events, from Trump, Brexit, and Erdogan, to climate change, nativism, and populism, there's never been a more important time to travel. Rick believes the risks of travel are widely exaggerated, and that fear is for people who don't get out much. After years of living out of a suitcase, he still marvels at how different cultures find different truths to be self-evident. By sharing his experiences from Europe, Central America, Asia, and the Middle East, Rick shows how we can learn more about our own country by viewing it from afar. With gripping stories from Rick's decades of exploration, this fully revised edition of *Travel as a Political Act* is an antidote to the current climate of xenophobia. When we travel thoughtfully, we bring back the most beautiful souvenir of all: a broader perspective on the world that we all call home. All royalties from the sale of *Travel as a Political Act* are donated to support the work of Bread for the World, a non-partisan organization working to end hunger at home and abroad.

Activity guide to over 100 destinations for mountain biking in Europe

The tour of Mont Blanc is one of Europe's most popular walks encircling the highest mountain in the Alps. This guide contains plans, summaries of each stage of the 106 mile route, where to find refreshments on the way and is made from waterproof paper. WALKING, HIKING, TREKKING. The Alps offer almost unlimited adventure, and the Walkers' Haute Route is probably the single finest way of getting deep into these mountains. Trekking the Walkers' Haute Route, from Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn, from Chamonix to Zermatt, you'll traverse one of the finest stretches of the Pennine Alps - the mountain range in the western Alps that stretches between Valais in Switzerland and Piedmont and the Aosta Valley in Italy. A 13-day walk over 11 ridges in 113 miles (180kms), it isn't technically demanding and the rewards are immense. 60 maps - 13 town/village plans and 47 large-scale trail maps including 8 day-walk maps (1: 25,000) showing times, gradients, where to stay, interesting features Practical information for all budgets - Chamonix through to Zermatt: where to stay, where to eat,

what to see. Detailed background information.

Travel Holiday.

Iconic peaks reflected in tranquil mountain lakes, sweeping hillsides blanketed in wild flowers and dramatic, sprawling glaciers characterize the Alps. Discover why this mighty range, the birthplace of modern mountain walking has enthralled walkers for centuries. Detailed descriptions of 47 walks in the Austrian, French, German, Italian, Slovenian and Swiss Alps. Feature coverage of multicountry megawalks, Tour du Mont Blanc and Walkers' Haute Route. Two-color maps for every walk. Step-by-step introduction to walk-climb hybrid via ferrata Inside information on walkers' accommodation, transport, gear and safety. Language section for French, German, Italian and Slovene.

Every year thousands of walkers embark on the Tour of Mont Blanc, a 170km route that is recognised as one of the world's classic walks. This guidebook contains in-depth route description for both the classic 11 day anti-clockwise circuit and an alternative 10 day clockwise trip. The guidebook is packaged with a map booklet containing official 1:25,000 IGN mapping that covers the entire TMB route, and urban maps for the major centres of Chamonix, Courmayeur, Les Contamines and Champex. Complete with a French-English glossary, comprehensive notes about accommodation options and transport details, this guide provides all the information needed for planning and completing a trip around the spectacular Mont Blanc massif.

The Tour of Mont Blanc is one of the best - if not the best - of the world's classic hikes. It circumnavigates the Mont Blanc massif in about eleven days. This new edition incorporates details of the new routes on the Italian section, as well as all other recent route changes and variants. The walk has all the excitement of the high mountains yet none of the worry of altitude sickness. It crosses numerous cols with stunning views of spectacular snow and rock peaks. Accommodation along the route is plentiful. The 'official' Tour du Mont Blanc follows an established route around the main block of mountains containing not only Mont Blanc but its principal allied summits. The author describes the tour both in the traditional 'anti-clockwise' direction and the 'clockwise' direction. There are several alternative routes that subsequently link, and these are also described. The routes, along with suggestions for alternative exploration, give what the author thinks is the very best perspective and appreciation of the whole region.

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You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling through Europe, including how to: Plan your itinerary and maximize your time Pack light-and right Find

good-value hotels and restaurants Travel smoothly by train, bus, car, and plane Avoid crowds and tourist scams Hurdle the language barrier Understand cultural differences and connect with locals Save money while enjoying the trip of a lifetime After 30 years of exploring Europe, Rick considers this travel skills handbook his life's work. He shares his favorite off-the-beaten-path towns, trails, and natural wonders. With this guidebook, you'll experience the culture like a local, spend less money, and have more fun.

This book is a celebration of mountain huts, showcasing the the sheer variety and sometimes quirky nature of these buildings that allow walkers, trekkers and climbers to access remote corners of the mountains. Packed with entertaining stories that bring the places and people to life, it contains descriptions of the author's favourite huts in the Alps, along with suggestions for hut-to-hut tours of 3-13 days duration, including the Tour of Mont Blanc. It also traces the history of huts and how they have evolved from the most primitive of shelters to the often purpose-built, eco-friendly buildings of today. For the uninitiated, it unravels some of the mystery of huts and explains how to use them and what facilities to expect. Above all, it illustrates the way in which mountain huts can be truly sociable places, where like-minded people can spend a night or two in the most magical of locations and share a love of wild places.

“Olmsted opens a window into a psychologically compelling world of passion and purpose.”  
—Harvey Araton, author of *Our Last Season: A Writer, a Fan, a Friendship* Larry Olmsted's writing and research have been called “eye-opening” (People), “impressive” (Publishers Weekly, starred review), and “enlightening” (Kirkus Reviews). Now, the New York Times and Washington Post bestselling author turns his expertise to a subject that has never been fully explored, delivering a highly entertaining game changer that uses brand-new research to show us why being a sports fan is good for us individually and is a force for positive change in society. Fans is a passionate reminder of how games, teams, and the communities dedicated to them are vital to our lives. Citing fascinating new studies on sports fandom, Larry Olmsted makes the case that the more you identify with a sports team, the better your social, psychological, and physical health is; the more meaningful your relationships are; and the more connected and happier you are. Fans maintain better cognitive processing as their gray matter ages; they have better language skills; and college students who follow sports have higher GPAs, better graduation rates, and higher incomes after graduating. And there's more: On a societal level, sports help us heal after tragedies, providing community and hope when we need it most. Fans is the perfect gift for anyone who loves sports or anyone who loves someone who loves sports.

A guidebook to the classic Chamonix to Zermatt trek from Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn. The 225km Walker's Haute Route through the French and Swiss Alps crosses 11 passes, gains more than 14,000m in height and is a strong contender for the title of Most Beautiful Walk in Europe. The high-level route is described in 14 day stages, with optional variants, and is suitable for walkers with a good level of fitness and some previous alpine trekking experience. The final approach to Zermatt adopts the dramatic Europaweg, a high-level traverse of the east wall of the Mattertal, crossing the 500-metre suspension bridge above Randa. An alternative valley route to Zermatt can be taken if this does not appeal. Alongside clear route descriptions and mapping for each stage of the trek, there is essential practical information on travel to Chamonix and return from Zermatt, as well as advice on accommodation in alpine villages and mountain refuges, trekking safety, equipment, itinerary planning and preparation. Taking 2 weeks to complete, this challenging but rewarding trek encompasses views of the greatest collection of 4000 metre peaks in the Alps - Mont Blanc, the Grand Combin, Dent Blanche, Weisshorn and the Matterhorn - and visits some of the most spectacular valleys, including the Val d'Hérens, Val d'Annivers and the Mattertal.

This guidebook describes a 111km circuit amid some of the most spectacular mountain

scenery in all the Swiss Alps. The Tour of the Jungfrau Region is described as a clockwise hut-to-hut circuit, beginning at Schynige Platte and ending at Wilderswil, broken into 10 stages (with a number of high and low-level alternatives offered). The route is suitable for hikers with some alpine experience. The 111km trek takes you in a horseshoe loop through the Bernese Oberland's most spectacular mountain scenery, in the shadow of such iconic peaks as Wetterhorn, Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau. In a journey of 9 to 10 days the Tour visits pastures, ridges, summits and passes, skirts exquisite mountain lakes and gazes on waterfalls, gorges and glaciers. The guide contains all the information needed, including a trek planner, maps and profiles. On practically every stage modestly priced dormitories are available and, as meals are provided everywhere, walkers can trek unencumbered by heavy rucksacks.

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