

# 7-Day Haute Savoie and the French Alps

## Highlights

**Haute Savoie and the French Alps are ready to take your breath away with soaring mountains, crystal clear lakes, picturesque towns with cobbled streets and Medieval castles full of fascinating stories to tell.**

During this week long itinerary you will get a real feel for the area from unmissable highlights such as the Aiguille du Midi to the delectable with local cheese and wine tastings.

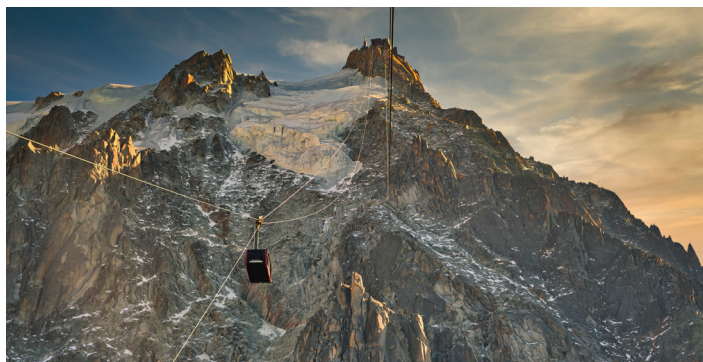
## Inclusions

- 6 nights in a 3\* hotel in Annecy city centre
- 6 days full guiding and coach for transfers
- Cheese tasting in Annecy
- Boat tour on Lake Annecy
- Aiguille du midi entrance
- Gorges du fier entrance
- Montrottier castle entrance
- Jardins secrets entrance
- Boat tour on Lake Bourget and entrance to Abbaye d'Hautecombe
- Wine tasting in Chautagne
- Lunch in a traditional restaurant

## Itinerary

**Day 1:** Arrival in Geneva airport. If time allows, transfer with your guide to Geneva city centre to explore the Lake Lemman, the biggest in Western Europe. You will see the water jet, the icon of the city. Head off to the old town for a walking tour of the medieval city, with fine watchmaking and spectacular chocolate. Hit the 157 steps to reach the Cathedrale St Pierre where you will have a panoramic view of the city, breathtaking! Continue to Annecy and check in to your hotel.

**Day 2:** Today you will explore Annecy and the lake with the backdrop of the mountains. It is a multi-faceted region offering unforgettable experiences. Take a boat tour in the morning and visit the old town the afternoon. With it's cobbled streets, colourful and emblematic buildings, the Venice of the Alps is



a city rich in heritage. As you stroll along the canals, let the riches of the past be told to you. Finish your day by experiencing a cheese tasting at one of the best fromagerie!

**Day 3:** Today get ready to feel the adrenaline as your head up into the mountains! Transfer to Chamonix where you will spend the day and experience the Aiguille du Midi, the highest cable car in France. Visit Chamonix Mont-Blanc Valley, take a walk around the town and look up to admire the façades, trying to guess in which era each building was constructed.

**Day 4:** Today take an unforgettable trip into nature and visit the Gorges du Fier. Come and see this stunning canyon where you walk along a footbridge fixed into the rock 25m above the river. You will then visit the Montrottier Castle an impressive medieval château dating back to the 13th century. To finish the day, visit a true delight, the Jardin Secrets where at the end of the visit you will enjoy a freshly made beignet alongside a refreshing mint tea.

**Day 5:** Today you will cross over to the Savoie region and visit Aix-les-Bains. Take a stop at the Chambotte Belvedere. This is one of the most beautiful lookouts from which to admire the Lac du Bourget (the largest natural lake in France), in its entirety, as well as the Abbaye d'Hautecombe. This lookout has been visited since 1882, including by Queen Victoria in 1887. Continue to Aix les Bains Port where you will embark for an heritage cruise and visit the Hautecombe Abbey, a 12th century Cistercian building overlooking the lake. On the way back to your hotel stop in Chautagne area where you will do a wine tasting in the cellar.

**Day 6:** Today you will visit Chambéry, the Savoie's secret capital with it's exciting secret "traboules" alleyways, surprising trompe-l'œil illusions and sunny colours in the old town. An air of mystery blows through this town of Art and History that you'll love exploring! Enjoy lunch at a traditional Savoyard restaurant followed by free time in the afternoon in Chambéry or Annecy.

**Day 7:** Departure to Geneva airport.