



Vallorcine - Chamonix

September, 06th – 13th, 2025

The RHM is not profit-orientated and does not offer guided tours. Each participant is responsible for herself, especially for the routes she chooses.

Anyone who can climb independently is welcome. A minimum climbing grade is not required, but a good knowledge of belaying techniques and, if necessary, of setting up a belay.

→ note the respective [links](#)

Accommodation

The house [Les Edelweiss](#) is a very simple accommodation with 13 shared rooms (5-8 beds), bathrooms (incl. showers), kitchen, dining room, lounge. There is space for a maximum of 60 people.

The kitchen is fully equipped, i.e. there is enough crockery, glasses, cutlery, as well as 2 fridges, oven, dishwasher, cooker. You should bring your own camping stove and pots, as the kitchen only has giant pots for at least 10-20 people. There is an area where you can use your stoves in the kitchen (or otherwise outside).

The beds are equipped with mattresses, pillows and blankets, please bring your own bed linen/towels.

If there are not enough beds, there is a [campsite](#) about a 20' walk away, which you will have to book yourself. Or you find your own [alternativ accommodation](#). For campervans there is a small, simple [pitch](#) 3' away (for a fee).

Costs

We assume that **everyone** wants to use the amenities of the house such as the lounge, showers and kitchen (especially in bad weather 😊). Therefore, the registration is only valid with a deposit of 50,00 €, regardless of length of stay and use.

The final amount per person will be calculated at the beginning of the meeting when the number of participants is known. Estimated costs for the week (accommodation, tourist tax) are approx. 70-95 € (including the 50 € deposit) and additionally the contribution to the RHM of 25,00 €.

Activities

Vallorcine is the perfect starting point for a wide range of activities. Whether climbing, mountaineering, [mountain biking](#), [hiking](#), relaxing,... There are crags with bolts, multi-pitch plaisir routes ranging from 2-15 pitches, alpine classics with bolts that need to be supplemented or pure trad routes. The altitude ranges from 1100m - 4000m, with approaches from 15' to 2-3 hours.

The requirements vary a lot depending on the type of route.

- Craggs: 50m single rope, approx. 12 quickdraws
- Multipitch Plaisir: 60m double rope (for abseiling), 14 quickdraws, possibly 2-3 small cams. Sturdy approach shoes or light hiking boots are usually sufficient for the descent.
- Alpine classics: 50m single or double rope, 12 quickdraws, 1-2 complete sets of trad gear
- Alpine tours: from easy to very difficult, often poor conditions in September (bare ice...)

Climbing partner

You do not need to come with a climbing partner. You can either find someone yourself every day or we can help you to find a partner. In general, it is a good idea to climb with different women so that you get to know as many participants as possible.

Guide books

There are various books for the area. The following selection should be sufficient for the time available.

- Chamonix – Rockfax (2022, Charlie Boscoe)
Selection guide, entire area, climbing + alpine tours
- Plaisir West Band 2 (2019, Filidor)
Selection guide, Valley of Chamonix + Aig.Rouges, Plaisir only
- Aiguilles Rouges (2 volumes): 1[2008] +2[2012], Michel Piola
complete guide books for climbing (plaisir + trad), only Aiguille Rouges



Maps

IGN: 3630 Chamonix 1:25'000

Swisstopo: 5003 Mont Blanc – Grand Combin 1:50'000

Apps: Swisstopo [Android](#) / [Apple](#)
IGN Frankreich [Android](#) / [Apple](#)

Weather forecast

[Meteo Chamonix](#)

[Meteo Schweiz](#)

Arrival

The house is about 2' from the railway station.

Train Bern (CH) → Martigny (CH) → Vallorcine → SBB [timetable from Martigny](#)
Genf (CH) → Martigny (CH) → Vallorcine → SBB [from Geneva airport](#)

Car: → Martigny (CH) → Col de la Forclaz → Vallorcine (F)
→ Chamonix (F) → Vallorcine (F)

Registration

only with **registration form** and simultaneous deposit

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