

Chamonix To Zermatt The Classic Walkers Haute Route Cicerone Trekking Guides

The classic walk from Chamonix to Zermatt is in the shadow of great peaks from Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn. The route also known as the walker's Haute Route skirts the northern slopes of the Pennine Alps. Described in 14 stages (180km, 11 passes and 12,000m of ascent and descent), this is one of the most beautiful treks in Europe.

Snow sports are usually the first step to learning about snow country wildlife, which is only as safe as knowledgeable people want it to be. Unfortunately knowledge is too often lacking, and skiing is perceived as detrimental to wildlife. Reality is that skiing in all its many forms, from ski lift resorts to far flung Scandinavian style ski touring, holds the keys to wildlife conservation and restoration. No amount of litigation can change this basic fact of life, although the Mineral King Case (from the Supreme Court of the United States) certainly changed the legal landscape for all environmental litigation. Mineral King's near miss at becoming another ski lift avalanche disaster area preceded Early Winters, another almost ski lift area which shares the honor of being a Supreme Court case, and is the last chapter of this book. Olympic National Park is the other ski history explored, so that the National Parks are given equal emphasis with America's National Forests and Canada's Crown Lands. An extensive bibliography also includes many electronically available sources. The language is not technical and no prior experience with either skiing or wildlife is presumed. The book is primarily written for both skiing and wildlife enthusiasts, who may not know much about each other. It is intended as a peace offering to hopefully prevent future ski wars and unnecessary trips through the legal system. That effort could be better spent restoring wildlife and the life support system of our circumpolar boreal forest.

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An inspirational guidebook to 20 classic treks in the Alps. As well as introducing new hiking areas in the Alps, classics such as the Tour of Mont Blanc, and Chamonix to Zermatt are included. Trekking in the Alps is immensely satisfying, and this book celebrates the rich and scenic diversity for which this great mountain range is renowned.

Guidebook describing 50 varied walks in the Valais region in the heart of the Swiss Alps. The graded day walks based around the popular resort towns of Zermatt and Saas-Fee explore the Mattertal and Saastal valleys and the surrounding mountains. Ranging from 4 to 18km, the easily accessible routes make use of the area's extensive network of well-made mountain paths and its lift system. There are walks here to suit all tastes, from low-level lake walks or easy strolls up to mountain restaurants, through to serious mountain outings on steep and rocky trails. Distance, walking time and difficulty are shown for each route, and the detailed route description is accompanied by clear mapping. Dominated by 4000m the giants, the Matterhorn and Monte Rosa, this is a land of contrasts, with snow-capped mountains and glaciers above and meadows and vineyards fringing the valleys below. Good transport infrastructure and plentiful accommodation make it a superb area for a walking holiday.

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.

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.

A guide to the classic Chamonix to Zermatt trek, from Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn, in the northern slopes of the Pennines Alps, described in 14 stages. In two weeks of mountain travel you will see the greatest collection of 4000 metre peaks in the Alps and visit some of the most spectacular valleys. You will discover delightful villages and remote hamlets, wander flower meadows and forests, skirt exquisite tarns that turn mountains on their heads, and clamber beside glaciers. The way intrudes on lonely stone-filled corries, with marmots along the boulders and ibex on the heights, and provides a surprise around every corner. The route crosses 11 passes, gains more than 12,000 metres in height and is a strong contender for the title of Most Beautiful Walk in Europe. This new edition has been thoroughly updated, and now includes the exciting two-day Europaweg - a true high-level path that carries the Haute Route way above the Mattertal and into Zermatt - a worthy conclusion to a great trek.

Sixty-five contributions discuss historical and contemporary nature writing--nonfiction, fiction, and poetry--in the US and Canada; Europe; Asia and the Pacific; Africa and Arab nations; and

Latin America. An additional section considers the literature thematically and cross-culturally. Sample topics include the mountain in 20th-century French literature, woman and the land in the Romanian agrarian novel, war and environment in African literature, and science fiction as environmental literature. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

This guidebook describes the classic GR20 trek, the north to south traverse of the rugged mountains of Corsica. Starting in Corscia's north-west, in picturesque Calenzana, the route winds south-east, through the heart of Corsica, finishing on the eastern side of the island, just north of Porto Vecchio in the township of Conca. Described in 16 stages with high level/low level alternatives for relevant stages, the route is roughly 200km in length and takes approximately two weeks to complete. The GR20 climbs high into the mountains. It is demanding trek and only suitable for experienced walkers. Step-by-step descriptions of each stage are accompanied by 1:50,000 mapping, together with information on ascent/descent, terrain, and food, water and shelter en route. Also included is invaluable information such as path conditions, what to take, and getting to/from and around Corsica. This comprehensive guide also includes information on the history and geology of Corsica, together with notes on the local plants and wildlife. An island of surreal beauty, Corsica showcases dramatic mountains, enchanting coastline and ethereal vistas. Bare rock and sheer cliff contrasts with black sand beaches, alpine pastures and pockets of forest. Mediterranean flair abounds, history lingers and culture is celebrated, making it the perfect destination for a trek bursting with adventure.

Walking in Kent describes 40 circular day walks in the Garden of England. This guidebook includes routes ranging from 5 to 9 miles in west Kent and The Weald and north and east Kent. Encompassing woodland walks, clifftop paths and riverside rambles, there is something for everyone. The guide includes easy-to-follow route descriptions, 1:50K OS map extracts, background information and a route summary table. It also gives outlines of 11 longer walks in the Kent area, including the Darent Valley Way, the Saxon Shore Way and the North Downs Way National Trail. Kent is a wonderfully diverse county and these walks explore every corner, from the estuaries of the Medway and to the vast sweep of the Weald with its historic villages, orchards, hop gardens and vineyards. But best of all, there is the surprise of long unhindered views and big skies over Kent, where Britain begins.

This guidebook presents the stunning Alpine Pass Route, now fully waymarked as Via Alpina 1. The 360km trail traverses Switzerland from east to west, from Sargans near the Liechtenstein border to Montreux on Lac Lemman (Lake Geneva). Crossing sixteen Alpine passes, it showcases some of the country's most breathtaking mountain landscapes, boasting views of iconic peaks such as the Wetterhorn, Eiger, Jungfrau and Les Diablerets. The route is suitable for those with some experience of Alpine trekking: it amasses over 20,000m of ascent and involves some steep sections. It can be completed in 2-3 weeks, although it is also possible to walk shorter sections; alternatively postbus, cable-car and rail connections could be used to allow for a tighter schedule. The route is presented in 18 stages, each featuring step-by-step route description accompanied by 1:100,000 mapping, route profiles and notes on transport, accommodation and facilities. In addition, a 26km prologue in Liechtenstein and an alternative finish following the old course of the Alpine Pass Route via Gsteig are also described. Accommodation options range from mountain huts to hotels and inns, with camping available at a number of licensed sites along the route.

Ski mountaineering guidebook to the Western Alps including the classic Haute Route, Chamonix to Zermatt, tours in the Ecrins, Vanoise, Haute Maurienne, Gran Paradiso, Mont Blanc, Valais and Urner Alps. The European Alps offer some of the finest and most accessible ski mountaineering in the world. A combination of magnificent and varied terrain, an enviable snow record, excellent public transport, unrivalled hut system and long ski season make them a focus for mountaineers and skiers throughout the world. Volume 2 of this Alpine Ski Mountaineering series covers the Central and Eastern Alps. The routes described will provide a lifetime's ski mountaineering for the average skier, with rewards and challenges for all levels of ability.

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.

Chamonix to Zermatt The classic Walker's Haute Route Cicerone Press Limited

This guidebook explores 20 sportive cycling routes in the best cycling areas of south west England. Ideal for training, the rides range between 59 and 119km (36 to 74 miles) in length, and offer a full range of challenges; from long, fast flat routes, perfect for pacing, to tough hill climbs on the Downs and Moors of the south west. The 20 sportive routes are found in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, as far north and east as the Wye Valley and Swindon. The range ensures that there is plenty of riding to be found, throughout the region, not to mention the companion Sportives guidebook to routes in England's south east. From the Cotswolds, to Dartmoor, Exmoor, Bodmin Moor, into Wales and the south coast, there are miles of cycle-friendly roads suitable for sportive training. All 20 routes are graded for difficulty and include timings, ascent, food-stops and access information, as well as annotated route maps and clear route descriptions. Sportive cycling is a growing sport, and this guide provides routes for experienced riders and those new to this sport. Useful information on bike maintenance and equipment, to travelling around the areas with your bike and advice on accommodation is also included. The result is a sportive guidebook that will prepare you for the challenges ahead, and allow you to explore the best cycling the south-west has to offer.

This comprehensive book is an excellent planning resource for those who wish to venture into the Swiss Alps. Whether you are planning a walk, scramble, climb or ski tour this larger format guide describes each mountain area throughout Switzerland - the peaks, passes, valleys and bases - to help readers identify the best destinations for their chosen mountain activity. Dozens of individual valleys are described, together with the mountains that wall them, with recommendations given for their finest walks, treks and climbs. Working eastwards across the country, this guide is divided into seven chapters: Chablais Alps, Pennine Alp, Lepontine and Adula Alps, Bernina, Bregaglia and Albula Alps, Bernese Alps, Central Swiss Alps and the Silvretta and Ratikon Alps, each devoted to a specific range or group of connecting ranges. However, this is not a route guide and

detailed descriptions are not provided. The aim of the book is to inspire as well as inform; to show first-time visitors just what the Swiss Alps have to offer and provide a new perspective for those who have been before.

This book is a celebration of mountain huts, showcasing 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.

This guide presents Switzerland's Jura Crest Trail or Crêtes du Jura (also known as the Jura High Route and Swiss national route 5. This 310km long-distance route traverses the sub-alpine mountains of the Swiss Jura from Dielsdorf near Zurich to Nyon on the shores of Lac Léman (Lake Geneva), running roughly parallel to the Swiss-French border. With over 13,500m of ascent, the trail demands a moderate level of fitness and can be comfortably completed in around a fortnight. The Jura Crest Trail is easily accessed from Zurich and Geneva. The region boasts excellent walking infrastructure and facilities, and although the trail crosses the mountains, you are seldom too far from civilisation. The guide contains all the information you need to plan and walk the route. You'll find advice on transport and comprehensive details of accommodation and refreshments. The trek itself is presented from east to west in 14 stages of 12-32km, with step-by-step route description accompanied by clear mapping and notes on local points of interest. The Jura Crest Trail boasts far-reaching views of the Bernese Oberland, the Haute Savoie and the Rhine and Rhone Valleys, and is rich in geological, natural and historical interest. Passing through woodland and alpine meadows and crossing rolling limestone plateaux, highlights include the spectacular amphitheatre of the Creux du Van, the medieval towns of Baden and Brugg, and Lac de Joux, the largest lake in the Jura mountains.

This pocket field guide to identifying 230 common Alpine flowers is packed with all the information you need to recognise your favourites while out in the mountains. Designed for the non-specialist, this little handbook is arranged by colour and also includes a glossary of flower parts and an introduction which describes the amazing lengths that these tiny gems go to to survive at altitude. Alpine expert author Gillian Price says: 'It never ceases to amaze me that such tiny plants can spend months on end buried under metres of snow and ice - weathering temperatures as low as minus 25°C - then sprout back to life when things thaw out and warm up. In springtime you can spot the fragile purple petals of the Alpine Snowbell pushing their way through snow - they contain an anti-freeze that enables them to melt it. Masters of adaptation and survival, alpine flowers can trap insects, store precious water, expel excess minerals and fool insects.' Each flower entry includes a clear photograph and essential description along with its name in English, Latin, German, French and Italian and interesting information about the origins of some of the more curious flower names. Each one is also indexed by its English and its Latin name so you can follow up a hunch about a name or find out more about a flower.

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.

An essential guidebook for walking the GR5, one of the world's most spectacular long-distance trails. The GR5 makes its way through the Alps from the shores of Lac Léman at Geneva to the Mediterranean at Nice. A route of 674km (420 miles), it can be trekked in a month, or split over a series of summer trips. The GR5 is well within the reach of fit and moderately experienced walkers and backpackers. There is good signposting and waymarking, and accommodation, food and drink are all available at regular intervals. The paths and tracks are generally well graded, while steep climbs are tackled on zigzag paths, so the overall gradient is not so severe. Every summer, thousands of walkers embark on this trek. This guidebook also describes some scenic variant routes, including the stunning GR55 through the Vanoise National Park and the delightful GR52 that crosses the Mercantour National Park. Full descriptions and maps are provided for these alternatives. The book includes daily stages, timings, ascents and descents, full-colour mapping and gradient profiles, alongside information about facilities and services along the route. The result is an ideal companion to planning and completing your trek. Two further Cicerone guidebooks cover the remaining sections of the GR5; 'The GR5 Trail - Vosges and Jura', and 'The GR5 Trail - Benelux and Lorraine' which together cover the route from Lac Léman to the Hoek Van Holland.

Fifty Classic Ski Descents of North America is a large-format compilation of iconic and aesthetic ski descents from Alaska to Mount Washington. Created by ski mountaineers Chris Davenport, Art Burrows and Penn Newhard, Fifty Classic Ski Descents taps into the local knowledge of contributors such as Andrew McLean, Glen Plake, Lowell Skoog, Chic Scott and Ptor Spriceniaks with first person descriptions of their favorite ski descents and insightful perspectives on ski mountaineering past, present and future. The book features 208 pages of gorgeous action and mountain images from many of North America's top photographers. Whether you are planning an expedition to Baffin Island's Polar Star Couloir or heading out for dawn patrol on Mount Superior, Fifty Classic Ski Descents is a visual and inspirational feast of ski mountaineering in North America.

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.

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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

Alps Mountain Biking is a guide to the western Alps. It reveals epic rocky descents, high-altitude blasts and hidden Alpine singletrack, all set against a backdrop of snowy peaks, pine forests and clear blue skies. This is some of the greatest singletrack, enduro and downhill riding the mountains have to offer. Featuring the Alpine hot spots alongside the best lesser-known areas, you can ride the main lines of Morzine and Chamonix, and then escape the crowds and head to La Plagne, Martigny or Sauze d'Oulx. Using lifts, buses and good old pedal power, you can really exploit the massive vertical gains each area has to offer and enjoy trails that cater for every taste and ability. Alps Mountain Biking has everything you need to get out of the concrete resorts and plan a great riding trip. Written by Samoëns-based guide Steve Mallett, it gives you the local riders' inside knowledge on trails, and information on accommodation, lifts and travel. Packed with fantastic photography, it is guaranteed to inspire you to get out and explore this huge mountain bike playground.

Over 100 walking routes in the Bernese Oberland are described in this guidebook, suitable for all abilities from short flat walks to adventurous treks. Routes range from 2 to 24km in a region that boasts famous peaks such as the Eiger, Monch and the Jungfrau. But there are lesser-known mountains, too, that are just as scenically dramatic. Add to that the romantic valleys, lakes, flower-filled meadows and a network of mountain huts and rustic inns and you'll understand why the Bernese Alps seduce the hiker back year after year. The guide is divided into nine chapters: Haslital, Lutschental, Lauterbrunnental, Kiental, Kandertal, Engstligental, Ober Simmental, Lauenental and Saanental, with a regional focus around Grindelwald, Lauterbrunnen, Gsteig and Meiringen, Kandersteg, Griesalp and others. The layout of this guide follows an east-west convention, beginning with the Haslital and working west from valley to valley as far as Col du Pillon below Les Diablerets. Additionally, the guidebook includes useful practical information on getting to and around the region, where to stay and how to prepare for a trip into the Bernese Alps.

An inspirational larger format book describing 20 memorable treks in the Himalaya. They include such well-known classics as the treks to Everest, K2 and Kangchenjunga base camps, and the Annapurna and Manaslu Circuits. The ultra-long Lunana Snowman Trek and a kora around sacred Mount Kailash in Tibet are also included. There are epic glacier treks like that to Pakistan's Snow Lake; following in the footsteps of Shipton and Tilman towards Nanda Devi, and the approach to Gangkar Punsum - the world's highest unclimbed peak located in remote Bhutan. This inspirational guide was edited by trekking specialist Kev Reynolds, and written by a team of eight experienced authors, writers and guides. A compilation of the best walking in the Himalaya, it looks at each trek in turn, and discovers what makes the trek special, and entices with vivid accounts and breathtaking photography.

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.

The Rough Guide to Switzerland is the ultimate guide to the country where tourism as we know it first took off. The Alpine landscape that so entranced Thomas Cook's pioneering group of package tourists in 1863 still draws tourists in their millions. Whether you're looking to check out the 365 days-per-year snowboarding scene in Zermatt, wander the medieval streets of exceptionally preserved Bern or sleep on the straw in a Valais farm, you'll find plenty of insight and advice from our team of expert authors. Beyond the hinterlands, we uncover the surprisingly dynamic alternative scene in Switzerland's cities, its cutting-edge contemporary galleries and myriad film, music and design festivals, not to mention the scientists at CERN attempting to discover the neutron-sized building-blocks of our universe in the world's biggest experiment. Make the most of your trip with The Rough Guide to Switzerland.

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off the beaten path. This travel guide includes: •ULTIMATE EXPERIENCES GUIDE contains a brief introduction and spectacular color photos that capture the ultimate experiences and attractions throughout Switzerland •UP-TO-DATE COVERAGE: Fodor's Switzerland covers new restaurants and hotels around the country with a special focus on Zurich, and new scenic train routes. Extended features on Swiss food and Christmas markets, along with new listings for ski resorts and lakes, help travelers make the most of their time in the country. •ILLUSTRATED FEATURES: "Scenic Train Rides and Drives" helps travelers choose the best trip through the mountainous countryside, while "Wintertime in the Alps" explores the wide range of winter sports options in the birthplace of skiing. Features on Swiss wineries and the Bernese Alps guide travelers to the best lakeside vineyards and mountaintop views. Shorter spotlight features highlight the country's top lakes and culinary flavors. •INDISPENSABLE TRIP PLANNING TOOLS: Each chapter in the guide has a planning section to help travelers plan their time and get around easily. Train travel times provide an overview of how long it takes to get from point to point in Switzerland. Neighborhood comparison charts for Zurich and Geneva help travelers choose the best places to stay and eat for every budget and taste. •DISCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS: Fodor's Switzerland offers savvy advice and recommendations from expert and local writers to help travelers make the most of their time. Fodor's Choice designates our best picks, from hotels to nightlife. •COVERS: Zurich, Geneva, Bern, Basel, the Berner Oberland, Lausanne, Fribourg, Ticino, Liechtenstein, Luzern, Zermatt, and more.

A stunning photographic journey to the world's most iconic walking destinations. Discover the epic drama of mountain trails, windswept coastal paths, dense forest walks and the immense canyons, glaciers and ocean vistas only your feet can take you to. Vivid essays introduce the world's best trekking regions – from the Himalayas to the Andes, the wilds of the Scottish Highlands to the dusty Australian Outback – exploring the challenges of walking these paths, the history of their formation and the sense of exploration and wonder to be found along these distinctive routes. Each route is accompanied by stunning photography, showcasing the variety of terrains and their magnificent vistas.

A guide to the superb 145km trek around the Matterhorn, walking anti-clockwise from Zermatt, with a huge variety of scenery and culture. As the Matterhorn straddles the Swiss / Italian frontier, the trek visits both Switzerland and Italy, each with its own unique traditions, way of life and scenery. The Tour goes over high passes via Zinal, Arolla and Breuil, visiting charming alpine villages where life has hardly changed for centuries, providing a precious insight into local life. Not only is the Matterhorn seen from all sides, but there are also superb vantage points for views of many of the other high summits of the region. The Tour of the Matterhorn has been documented only in the last few years but the paths it uses are often ancient ways over passes leading from one valley to another. The tour includes two glacier crossings and usually takes about eight to ten days to complete. This guide includes suggestions for shorter variants as well as information for the ascent of peaks along the way.

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.

The classic Haute Route, the ski mountaineering traverse through the Alps between Chamonix and Zermatt, is described in this guidebook, which also brings together a selection of the finest high-level ski tours in the Western Alps in areas as diverse as the Ecrins, Vanoise, Haute Maurienne, Gran Paradiso, Mont Blanc, Valais and Urner Alps.

This guidebook contains in-depth route description and mapping for both the classic 11 day anti-clockwise circuit and an alternative 10 day clockwise TMB circuit. This well-signed but demanding 170km route, starting from Les Houches or Champex, is suitable for fit walkers. The guidebook comes with a map booklet containing official 1:25,000 IGN mapping for the TMB route, and urban maps for the major centres of Chamonix, Courmayeur, Les Contamines, Les Houches and Champex. Complete with a French-English glossary, comprehensive notes about accommodation, facilities and transport, this guide provides all the information needed for planning and completing your trek. The Tour of Mont Blanc is one of the world's classic treks. Visiting France, Italy and Switzerland, the TMB passes through some of Europe's most spectacular mountain scenery, with views of the peaks and glaciers of the magnificent Mont Blanc massif.

Ed Rattray began climbing in the Cairngorms in the 1940s and first donned skis in 1950, long before modern equipment was available and when mountain clothing and skis were all ex-War Department kit. He graduated into the Etchacan and Cairngorm Mountaineering Clubs and became a founder member of the Aberdeen Ski Club in 1956. Later, he was active in helping to set up the Scottish National Ski Council in 1963 (now known as Snowsport Scotland). The skiing movement in Scotland burst into life as soon as the first major ski tows and lifts were built in 1961. He was just one of tens of thousands of skiers swept along by the euphoria of the time and it was the beginning of what he calls the skiing revolution. Throughout the 1960s, when Scotland went skiing, more than a hundred clubs were formed while schools, youth organisations, and thousands of other individuals, discovered the winter mountains. From that movement, young Scottish athletes emerged and began to dominate in the sport to become British Alpine Skiing Champions and GB Olympic Team members. His involvement at club and national level over many years meant he amassed a large archive of information and pictures, which he uses to illustrate this, his historical interpretation of the last half of the last century: Scottish Skiing – The Golden Years. Part history, part memoir and part anecdote, this book will appeal to those with a keen interest in skiing.

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