



THE MATTERHORN CLIMB

Zermatt, Switzerland

ITINERARY

Day 1

Travel to Zermatt. The closest airports are Zurich and Geneva, Switzerland. Travel by train from the airport terminal to Zermatt is easy and efficient. We meet in the evening at our hotel in Zermatt.

Day 2

A day of rock climbing on the Riffelhorn near the famous Gornergrat. Perfect training for the Matterhorn and the views are amazing! Overnight in Zermatt.

Day 3

Travel up in elevation to the Fluealp mountain hotel, our base for the Rimpfischorn, a 4,000 meter peak near Zermatt. There will be more time for some rock top rope climbing in the afternoon. Overnight in hotel rooms at the Fluealp hotel.

Day 4

After an early alpine start, the ascent of the Rimpfischorn involves moderate glacier travel and some short sections of technical alpine rock climbing...more great training and acclimating for the Matterhorn. This is a long day with spectacular views of the Monte Rosa Massif and the Matterhorn. Descend all the way back to Zermatt for the night.

Day 5

An ascent out of the Zermatt area, possibly the classic half-traverse of the Breithorn (4,000 meters) involving some rock climbing in mountain boots. Overnight back in Zermatt.

Day 6

Morning rest and then hike to the Hornli hut in the afternoon to prepare for our ascent of the Matterhorn.

Day 7

Game day. After a pre-dawn wake up, we begin summit day on the Matterhorn's Hornli Ridge via headlamp. It is a non-stop day of scrambling, high-stepping and rock climbing in a wildly exposed setting. The summit is appropriately small and the views expansive. The descent back to the hut takes just as long. After a brief stop at the hut, we descend back to the gondola station and Zermatt. Overnight in a hotel in Zermatt.

Itinerary subject to change