

# Summer Hike with Ed to the Aletsch Glacier

## Every Thursday from June to the end of October

The view of the ice giant is fantastic. We will explore the glacier edge with deep ice crevasses and ice breaks. Currently the ice is melting heavily and it is impossible to predict how the glacier margin will change from week to week. What we might do will be assessed on site. With a high residual risk, we do not enter caves, but photograph them from the outside.

The glacier tongue has retreated strongly in recent years so we cannot cross the slope. However, after years, on the edge of the landslide area and the Aletsch forest (with chamois), there is an alternative.

The new ascent from "Alter Stafel" to the ridge is very varied, slightly longer but less steep. Then we hike directly from the ridge flats to the idyllic Blausee for the best views of the highest mountains in the Valais.

For Bettmeralp guests, the return journey from Blausee is shorter. They say goodbye beforehand. For the rest, depending on their physical condition, they can walk back from Blausee to Riederalp at about 4.30, or take the cable car from Blausee back to Riederalp.

### Itinerary

The pure hiking times are 1 ¼ hours downhill (from 2'330m to 1'900m), approximately 1¾ hours uphill to the ridge (1'900m to 2'235m) and approximately ¾ hour walking downhill to Bettmeralp or Riederalp (1900 m above sea level). During the period I will take a few breaks and give the guests detailed information about the country and its people, especially about the glaciers.

### Meeting Point and Time:

For the guests from Mörel or other places:

Take the 09.03 cable car (Riederalp-Mitte line) from Mörel to Riederalp, arriving at 09.15, where we meet on the left side of the station, by the tourist office.

Then we walked to the Gletscherbahn Moosfluo gondola station, arriving at around 9.30.

For the guests from Riederalp and Bettmeralp:

Join us at the Gletscherbahn Moosfluo gondola station for a ride to Moosfluo (2333m) at 09.30 and then descend (with breaks halfway) to the glacier (1900m).

*\* You may take SBB to Mörel and then take the cable car (Riederalp-Mitte Line) to the meeting point. If you have a SBB GA or a day-pass, it is free to take this cable car.*

*\* You may buy a one-way ticket for the gondola up to the Moosfluo at Mörel or later.*

*\*With a SBB GA, Halbtax or guest card, you can get discounts on gondola tickets to Moosfluo. Groups of 10 or more can purchase group tickets.*

### What to bring:

Regular hiking equipment and sturdy sports shoes will suffice, if the participants (e.g., teenagers) have a secure footing. Pack some snacks and enough drinks in your backpack. Don't forget your camera.

Hiking poles, raincoat and a sweater are recommended.

### Fee:

CHF 40 per adult

CHF 20 per child (6-16 years old);

CHF 100 for a family (with children aged 6-16 years old).

*\*All the above fees excluding cable car ticket.*

*\* Minimum 6 people*

*The hikes are suitable for individuals, families, groups etc.*

Information can be found at [www.wandersport.ch](http://www.wandersport.ch) > Summer, pictures in the gallery.

I will be happy to answer any further questions you may have. Welcome to the Aletsch Arena.

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