

The Great Balcony of the Matterhorn (Trail 107)

This fascinating itinerary winds through Valtournenche taking the Matterhorn as point of reference, the majestic bulk of which will accompany and guide the traveller along the entire route.

The Great Balcony, trail 107, is a journey through the culture and traditions of the Aosta Valley, providing direct contact with the mountain flora and fauna, merging the magic of the mountain with recreational and educational moments. It is a walk which keeps the person continuously immersed in breathtaking panoramas of light and shade, weak and vibrant colours.

The Trekking trail travels the ancient paths which connect the places of Valtournenche since the dawn of time:

the hamlet of Antey-Saint-André, with its 15th century Bell Tower,

the town of La Magdeleine, with its ancient mills,

the town of Chamois, pearl of the Alps, totally devoid of motorcars,

the village of Cheneil, where important pages of mountaineering history have been written,

the village of Breuil-Cervinia with its thousand contradictions, resting in an enchanting basin at the foot of the Gran Becca,

the town of Torgnon with a great history of rural life and its immense pastures.

The Great Balcony is not a particularly difficult trail, it is suffice to know the basic mountain safety rules and be in possession of the suitable equipment; it is actually an itinerary suited to all hiking enthusiasts.

The trekking trail has twelve access points from which it is possible to embark on the route in one of the two directions of travel to discover the more striking areas of the Matterhorn Valley; it is recommended from June to September.

It stretches for a length of 73 km (total altitude range of 2300 m, average altitude 1800 m); the travel time is 25 hours and 4 stages are recommended, with the possibility to overnight in hotels and shelters.

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