



# Bella Tola & Barrhorn

## 3 days from Val d'Annivers to Turtmantal

### Saturday 30 July – Monday 01 Aug 2022

#### difficult (T3/T3+)

For this year's edition of the Swiss National Day hike, we will hike in 3 days across the language border from Val d'Annivers to the Turtmantal. We will stay in two beautifully located mountain huts, enjoy the stunning scenery of glaciers and hike across two 3000m peaks. These are three long days with significant elevation gain and distance and require good fitness.

→ [Map of itinerary](#)

### Day 1 – Saturday 30 July 2022

We take an early train+bus (~6:30) to **Zinal** and hike the spectacular trail that leads us to the famous **Hotel Weisshorn** (if time permits you can try their legendary “tarte myrtille”) and continue to the newly renovated **Cabane Bella Tola (2347m)** where we will spend the night.

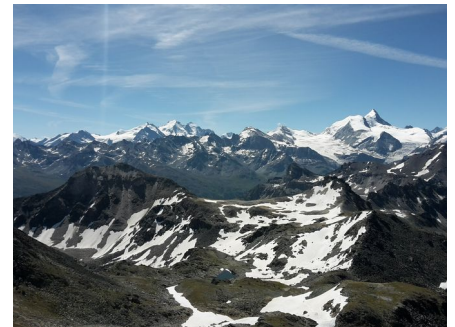
↗ 1000m ↘ 300m ↔ 17 km (~7 hours)



### Day 2 – Sunday 31 July 2022

After breakfast we start hiking from our hut to the summit of the same name, **Bella Tola (3025m)**, that will provide us with spectacular 360 degree views of the entire mountain range in the Valais. We then descend via the Pas de Boef and Borterpas to the Turtmantal and to the **Turtmannhütte (2524m)**.

↗ 1300m ↘ 1100m ↔ 18 km (~8 hours)



### Day 3 – Monday 1 Aug 2022

On Swiss national day you have the chance to stand on top of the highest “hiking mountain” in Europe, the **Barrhorn (3610m)**. The hike is rated T3+ but the only difficulty is a slightly exposed section secured with chains. It will take us about 5h from the hut to the summit and back. After a short break at the hut, we will then descend the valley to **Gruben** and take a bus and cable car to Turtmann and the train back to Geneva.

↗ 1100m ↘ 1900m ↔ 18 km (~8 hours)



# Logistics

## Equipment

- Usual hiking equipment including rain gear and good hiking shoes/boots
- Warm layer including gloves and hat
- Hut sleeping bag (“sac à viande”) and toiletries
- Minimum one picnic for the first day + snacks (extra picnics can also be bought in huts)
- Sandals or flip-flops for the train ride can be comfy (otherwise huts provide slippers)
- Demi-tarif and alpine club membership card if available
- Buy your train ticket to Zinal before departure

## Costs

- Trains and cable car: ~80 CHF with demi-tarif
- Huts (demi-pension): Cabane Bella Tola CHF 88, Turtmanhütte CHF 83 (70 CAS)
- Ski Club tax: 15 CHF (45 CHF non-members)

## Signup

**Hike leader:** Frank Winklmeier (**Assistant:** Maica Trabanco)

**Email:** [scig@winklmeier.name](mailto:scig@winklmeier.name)

**The exact itinerary of this hike may have to be adjusted (e.g. some days shortened) in case of bad weather but it will not be canceled. Please only sign-up if you are OK with this!**

Sign-up via email with the following information:

- Full name
- Mobile phone number
- Are you a Ski Club (SCIG) member of the current 2022/23 season?
- Are you a CAS (or other alpine club) member?
- Do you have any dietary constraints for dinner at the huts?
- If available, do you want a bed in a small room (3-4 person) in Bella Tola? (+10 CHF)
- If I don't know you personally, what comparable hikes have you done?

To secure your spot a **deposit of CHF 150** (used towards the hut payment) is required by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Payment details will be given on sign-up.

## Meeting point / Transport

Saturday early morning at Geneva train station. Exact train connection from Geneva will be communicated the week before the hike.

## Disclaimer

*The SCIG does not provide health, accident or liability insurance coverage. You must have personal (accident) insurance and mountain rescue insurance (e.g. [REGA](#)) is highly recommended. By registering to this hike you accept responsibility for making your own determination as to the suitability of the activity and for your own safety, conduct and well-being and agree to participate solely at your own risk. The hike leader is not a professional guide.*